

Instructions for Assembling Hive Bodies and Supers



1. Apply glue to all the surfaces of the box joint that will meet another piece of wood.

- We recommend a good waterproof glue (Like Titebond III) on all parts before attaching with nails or screws
- your hive parts will last for many years if they are built this way.



2. The box has two longer sides and two shorter ends.

- It can only go together one way but make sure you have all the handholds on the OUTSIDE of the box.



3. Tap the corners together in each direction with a rubber mallet or a hammer with a block of wood to prevent denting the joints.



4. Check the boxes for square before nailing.

- We use a carpenter's square, but you can also measure from corner to corner on the diagonal. If the two diagonals are equal, the box is square.



5. Drive a 7-D (or 1 1/2") nail through each of the pre-drilled holes.

- Be sure to drive nails in both directions on each corner.



5. Wipe off any excess glue and dampen the end grain of each corner a bit so the joint dries snugly.

If you get stuck, give us a call at the Honey Exchange.

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Most of all, have fun with it!