

Top Bar Hive

Assembly instructions

NB. Assembly of this TBH will be a relatively simple task for two people. Assembly by one person will be quite difficult without adequate supports. 25mm pins are for the body and floor, 32mm for the roof.

1. Glue and pin shaped ends into the rebates of the long walls, ensuring the cut out for the entrance is on a lower edge. Note that the top and bottom edges of the long sides are chamfered.
2. Check the hive is square.
3. When the glue has set, turn the hive over and pin and glue the floor parts. The longer piece with the rounded edges is the alighting board and should be pinned opposite the entrance cut-out in the long side entrance. Ensure the edges with plastic runner attached are opposite each other in the centre, with the flat edge of each runner uppermost.
4. Turn the hive over and pin and glue the 2 frame stop laths to the top edge of each end.
5. Using the drawing pins provided fix the galvanised mesh over the central space and slide in the plastic insert on the runners.
6. Lay the roof laths 16mm in from each edge of the plywood roof, glue and pin in place.
7. When the top bars have been waxed place them on the top edge of the hive, they should fit snugly along the total length so there is no space at all between them.
8. Place roof on the hive.
9. We recommend the outside of the hive, especially the edges are treated with clear Cuprinol or our special beehive paint.

You are now ready to start beekeeping in your Top Bar Hive!

A donation of £10 will be made by ourselves for every hive purchased.