

Learning in the Leaves

Kent Bat Box



Materials:

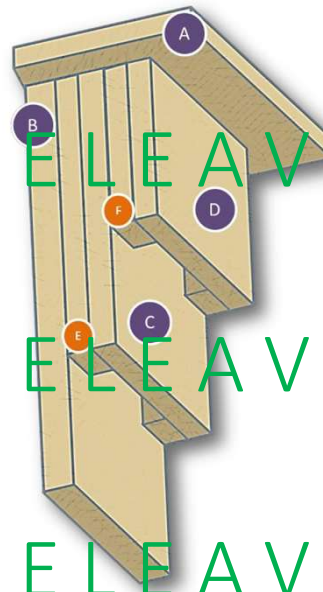
Rough wood – or deliberately roughed wood

- 1 Roof 250 x 150 x 20mm (A)
- 1 Back 450 x 200 x 20mm (B)
- 1 Centre 330 x 200 x 20mm (C)
- 1 Front 210 x 200 x 20mm (D)
- 2 Centre Rails 330 x 20 x 20mm (E)
- 2 Front Rails 210 x 15 x 15mm (F)

Drill

Screws 30mm
Screwdriver

Diagram:



Method:

1.) Ensure wood is cut accurately to size. Ensure the wood is untreated rough wood. The wood can be roughened up using a screwdriver or sawblade.

2.) Assemble as shown in the diagram above ensuring you pre drill holes before using screws.

3.) Boxes are more likely to be used if they are located where bats are known to feed. Ideally several boxes should be put up facing in different directions to provide a range of conditions. Boxes should be put as high as possible in sheltered sunny places. On buildings, boxes should be placed as close to the eaves as possible. Some bats use a tree line or hedgerow for navigation. Putting boxes near these features may help the bats find the box.

Locate boxes:

- Where bats are known to feed close to hedges and tree lines
- Ideally at least 4m above the ground (where safe installation is possible)
- Sheltered from strong winds and exposed to the sun for part of the day (usually south or south-west).

