



# BOTTOM BOARD

## Instructions for Assembly

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### Materials:

- 3-4 Floorboards
- 2 Slotted Side Rails
- 1 Thick Rear Cleat
- 1 Thin Rear Cleat
- 1 Entrance Reducer (notched)
- All Nails Required for Assembly

### Assembly:

1. Position the floorboards (as a unit) into the groove of one side rail. It should be resting on your worktable with the groove side up.
2. Place the other side rail on the opposite side of the floorboards. Be certain that BOTH rails have the THICK side of the groove facing the same way.
3. Nail through the side rails using one large nail for each floorboard. It is best to start at one end and work toward you.
4. Either end of the floorboards may be selected as the REAR of the bottom board. It is at the rear where you will place the THICK cleat (without any notches in it).
5. Nail the thick cleat in place using three small nails. The cleat is made to fit between the two rails.
6. Turn the board over and place the THIN cleat (without notches) along the back edge of the opposite side of the floorboards. Nail in place using three small nails.
7. Congratulations! You are done!

NOTE: The entrance reducer is the cleat with the notches carved in it. It remains loose, and is placed in the entrance of the hive to control the size of the opening. It can be removed entirely once the night temperatures are consistently above 55 degrees F. But during cooler weather (Spring and Fall) be sure to use the reducer to minimize the opening to the hive.

