



SHALLOW HIVE SUPER

Instructions for Assembly

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Materials:

- 2 Short End Pieces (with Rabbeted rim) – “section cut out of entire length”). These ledges will serve as supports for the frames.
- 2 Long Side Pieces
- 2 Metal Frame Spacers (These go on the rabbeted rim of the 2 short end pieces).
- Long and short Nails Required for Assembly

Assembly:

1. Using the shortest nails, attach the metal frame spacers along the rabbeted rims of the two short end pieces. These will help support the weight of the frames and protect the wood when you are prying loose the frames for inspection. They also allow for the even spacing of NINE frames in the shallow super. This arrangement encourages the bees to build extra deep honeycomb that will hold more honey. Note that a brad driver is a great tool for this job. (*Brad drivers are available from www.bee-commerce.com*)
2. Assemble the 2 short ends and the 2 long sidepieces so that all handholds are facing in the same direction, and are the outside.
3. Lock the dovetail corners in place by hammering one long nail half way in at each corner. (Hammer these in all the way once you are certain the box is square).
4. Square-up the box, and hammer the remaining nails in all the pre-drilled holes. Make sure the box stays square as you do this, because there's no opportunity for correction once all the nails are driven home!
5. You may wish to use an all-weather wood glue in ADDITION to the nails. It helps make the hive body as strong as possible. (*A good quality Hive Glue is available from www.bee-commerce.com*).
6. Check all the corners to make certain that all the nails are in place.
7. Paint the outside of the hive body with a good quality outdoor paint (latex or oil). You can use any color you wish, but light pastels or white is best. Do NOT paint the inside of the hive.
8. Congratulations! You're all done. Happy beekeeping!

