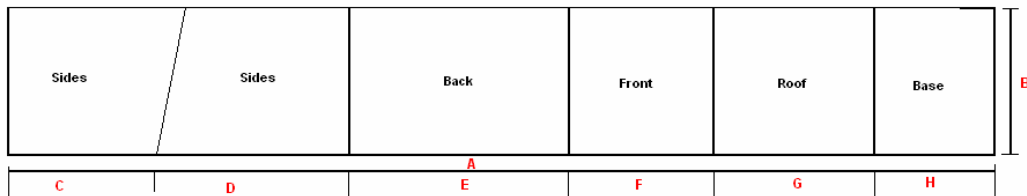
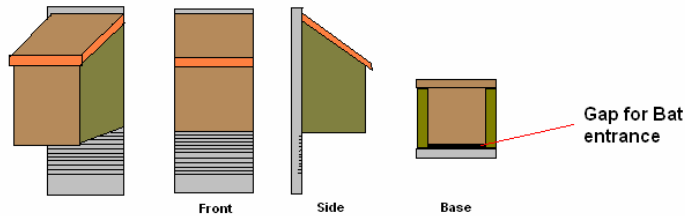


Putting together a Bat Box for your Garden.



PLANK BAT BOX DESIGN.



Dimension	A	B	C	D	E	F	G	H	Hole Dia	Height above ground
	Total	Width	cm							
Bat	112	15	15	20	30	15	17	12 - 13.5	1.5- 2cm	5m

Timber thickness 2.5cm of untreated softwood.

Nails 4cm x 25

Length of old cycle innertube usefull to secure box into trees avoiding nailing box to the tree.

One of the simplest designs is a plank box which can be cut from a single plank of untreated timber. Once the different sections are cut out the box can quite simply be nailed together. Please note the striations cut into the back board below the box. These act as a rough ladder which the bat can use to climb up into the box.

Installing your box.

Make sure the box is secure and will not be blown down in the next wind. I like to use more old inner tube as a strap to secure the boxes in to trees avoiding nailing the box directly to the tree. Bat boxes are best put up in groups facing different directions as this offers differing internal conditions which will suit bats at different times. Put Boxes at least 5m above the ground.

Make sure that the position of the box does not leave it open to predators such as cats or large birds.

. Do not be disheartened if your box or boxes are not used in the first year. It will take some time for the bats to acclimatise to the new box or another factor may be putting the bat off one that you or I did not foresee.

Further information

<http://www.lincstrust.org.uk/factsheets/batbox/index.php>

<http://www.fow.org.uk/batboxfow.htm>