

# One Board Birdhouse

- 1" x 6" x 5' cedar fence board.
  - An old, weathered board is fine, as long as it isn't rotten.
- Pencil
- Saw (hand saw is fine)
- Drill
- Yard stick or tape measure
- Hammer
- 1-1/4" 'spade' bit for the hole\*
- Drill bit to fit nails
- 1-1/2" galvanized nails + one small screw
- Sandpaper
- Wood glue

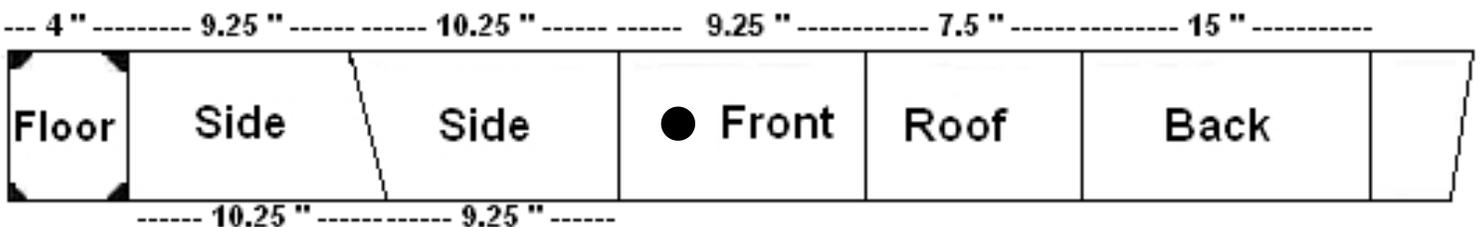
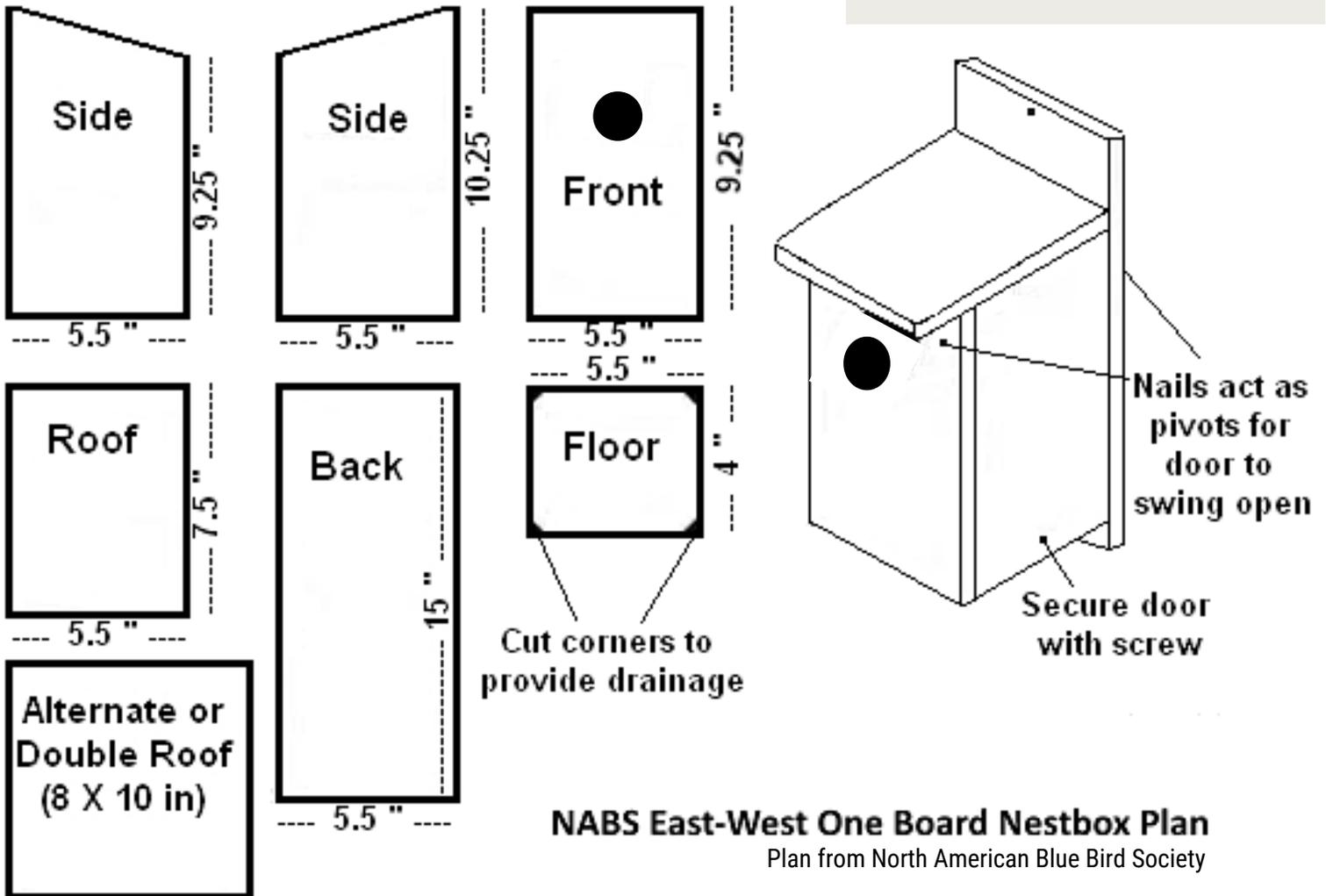


\*A house with a 1 1/4" hole may attract these local birds

- Bewick's Wrens
- Chickadees
- Nuthatches
- Downy Woodpeckers

and will keep out House Sparrows

NOTE: Do not add a perch. Birds do not need it and it helps predators get eggs and baby birds.



Please see the video for more details on how to put the house together: [Make a Basic Birdhouse](#).

More information about bird houses for our local Pacific Northwest birds can be found in the Cornell Lab of Ornithology's NestWatch birdhouse information: [Right Bird, Right House](#). Here you can learn about a variety of nest boxes to build, where to place them to best suit each type of bird, and which birds most need our help.

*"For many species of birds, there is a shortage of great places to nest. There may be birds that would love to call your habitat home, but they have a specific nesting requirement which needs to be met. Birdhouses can be placed in backyards, schoolyards, parks, orchards, farms, pastures, cemeteries, woodlots, deserts, cities...you name it. Support more nesting birds, and give a bird a home." - from Cornell's [NestWatch](#).*

### Library books to explore:

- [Audubon birdhouse book : building, placing, and maintaining great homes for great birds](#)
- [Creating birdhouses : 30 delightful projects to turn your garden into a home for birds](#)
- [Handmade birdhouses and feeders : 35 projects to attract birds into your garden](#)
- [Birdhouses & more : easy-to-build houses & feeders for birds, bats, butterflies and other backyard creatures](#)
- [Handmade bird, bee, and bat houses : 25 beautiful homes, feeders, and more to attract wildlife into your garden](#)
- [Bird-friendly nest boxes and feeders](#)
- [Bird boxes and feeders for the garden](#)

Make and hang your birdhouse in the late winter/early spring. Be patient - it can take a few years for the right bird to find it, or for you to find the right location.

