

BACKYARD BEEKEEPER INSTRUCTIONS



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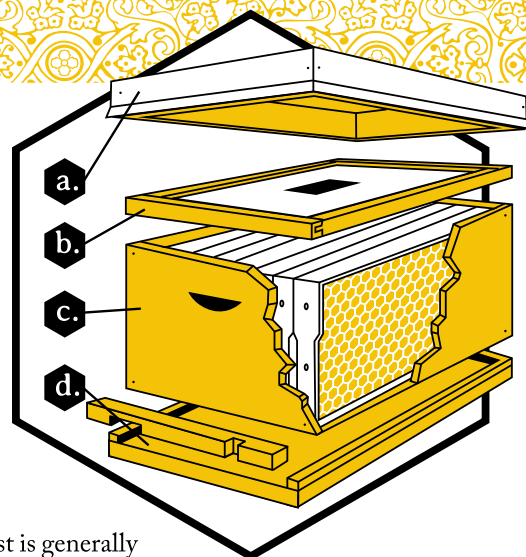
The following instructions will help you to get the most enjoyment from your Backyard Beekeeping Hive.

INCLUDED IN THIS KIT:

- a. Outer Cover (protects the hive from harsh elements)
- b. Inner Cover (rests inside of the outer cover)
- c. Deep Hive Body (food and brood chamber)
- d. Bottom Board (hive entrance for the bees)

ALSO INCLUDES:

- Entrance Reducer
- 3 x 6 Smoker
- 9.5" Steel Hive Tool
- In Hive Feeder
- 1 lb. Bag Smoker Fuel
- Bee Brush



HIVE PLACEMENT:

Find an area that is preferably protected from direct wind. Facing the hive to the South East is generally best if the flight pattern won't be directly in human active areas. Also, if you have a house-size lot or live in an apartment, you will want to face your hive away from any walkways or play areas. It is okay to face the hive towards a fence or wall to force the flight pattern up and away. Have the hive up and off the ground. We suggest using our Hive Stand for optimal placement. However, sitting the hive on cinder blocks is also acceptable. If you place the hive close to the ground make sure that the hive entrance is tilted down slightly to allow rain water to run out. Provide a water source for your bees; a bird bath or pan filled with water on top of the hive works great.

HIVE SETUP:

Your kit comes assembled and ready to go. If you need to re-assemble for any reason, here is how:

1. Take one (1) Deep Hive Body and place nine (9) of the Deep Frames and Foundations into the hive.
2. Place In-Hive Feeder against the wall (not in the center).
3. Place Inner Cover on top of the box with the Frames and Foundations.
4. Stack the Flat Hive Top on top of Inner Cover.
5. Set Box, Top, and Inner Cover on top of your Bottom Board.
6. Use the Entrance Reducer as needed to reduce or enhance bee flow through entrance.



You can add an additional Deep Brood Hive Body with Frames and Foundation later after your bees have filled the first box (usually 1 month after bee installation). Medium Honey Super Boxes with Frames and Foundation will be added after your bees have filled the two Deep Brood Hive Bodies. You can continue to add Medium Honey Super with Frames and Foundations until you are ready to extract. Extra boxes can be purchased at your local supplier or through our website.



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