



# CONVERTING WINTER ROOST TO A NEST BOX

The winter roost converts to a nest box by inverting the front panel. First, open the front from the bottom and slide the perches out through the sides of the box. Then remove a screw on each side of the box. The front can then be inverted, with the bottom aligned with the base of the house. The screws can be reinserted into the original holes on the sides. After conversion there should be a slot on the top of the front to allow for ventilation.

**1.** On the back of the house is a metal hanger at the top and a pre-drilled hole at the bottom. Put a nail or screw into the side of a tree or post, leaving the head sticking out about 1/4". Place the metal hanger over the nail or screw. Put another nail or screw through the pre-drilled hole at the bottom of the rear panel and into the tree or post in order to fasten the box securely.

**2.** Should you wish to paint or stain, it is critical to only use water-based stain or paint. Oil-based paints and stains are toxic to birds. It is also important to stay away from dark colors that may cause the nest box to become too hot for nestlings. A light, seasonal, external coating of boiled linseed oil is a highly effective non-toxic preservative.



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