

Wooden Bottom Board with Wooden Blocks: Fitting 1 or 2 HiveGates

Step 1



fig. 1

Step 2



fig. 2

Step 3

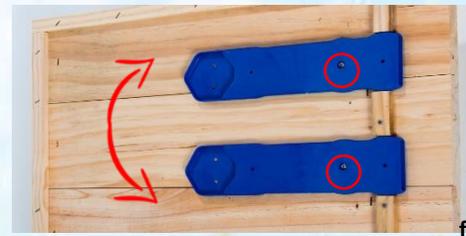


fig. 3

Step 4



fig. 4

If using one HiveGate:

If using Two HiveGates:

Riser height: minimum 10 mm but under 12 mm high. This ensures there won't be gaps above the HiveGate/s that bees could use as an alternative entrance to the hive.

Decide on the position for the internal entrance/exit based on the position of your winter cluster. Place the HiveGate in the desired position.

Measure the distance from each edge of the slotted end of the HiveGate to the edge of the riser. Cut two wooden blocks to size.

Best practice is to predrill a pilot hole where you would like to screw in the base. This prevents the build up of excess wood and the HiveGate sits flush with the bottom board.

Screw each block in place on the hive bottom board using stainless steel, flat head counter sunk self tapping screws.

Decide on the position for the internal entrance/exit based on the position of your winter cluster.

Lay the HiveGates in the desired position.

Measure the distances from each edge of the slotted end of the HiveGate to the edge of the riser. And the distance between the two HiveGates.

Cut three wooden blocks to size.

Screw each block in place.

Slot the HiveGate/s in place and angle it/them so the internal hexagonal entrance/exit sits below the winter cluster.

Predrill the pilot hole.

Use a stainless-steel pan head self-tapping screw, 15- 20mm long. DO NOT USE a counter sunk screw or this may damage the HiveGate if over tightened.

Screw it/them into position through the middle and largest hole of the tunnel portion of the HiveGate. (see red circles in fig. 3)

Ensure there are not gaps around the slot entrance/s.

**If your bottom board has a MESH FLOOR:
Refer to the Installation instructions for Wooden Bottom Boards with Mesh Floor.**