

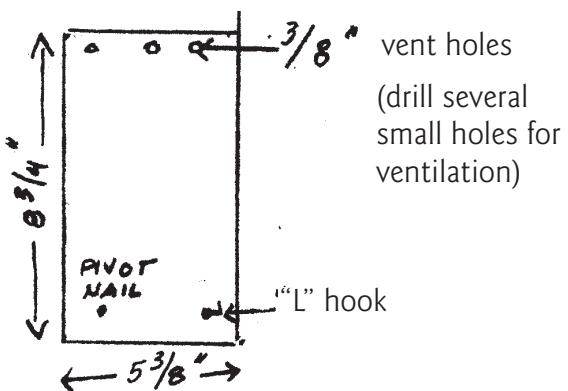
# Green-Roof Birdhouse plans

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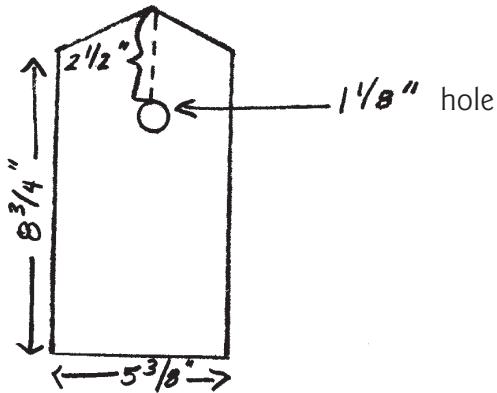
## Materials

- 5 3/8" wide x 5/8" deep x 6 feet long cedar fence board
- galvanized nails (small)
- exterior glue
- 2 "L" hooks
- 1 sheet light-grade tar paper to place on the roof decking before planting (optional)
- Reinforce the roof panels to the sides with galvanized screws or other fasteners

2 BOX SIDES

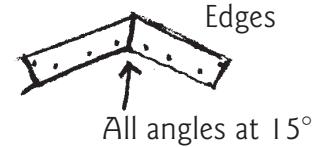


2 BOX FRONTS



ROOF

2 pieces of roof decking  $5\frac{3}{8}'' \times 10\frac{3}{4}''$   
2 sides  $2\frac{3}{8}'' \times 10\frac{3}{4}''$   
4 edges  $2\frac{3}{8}'' \times \_\_\_*$



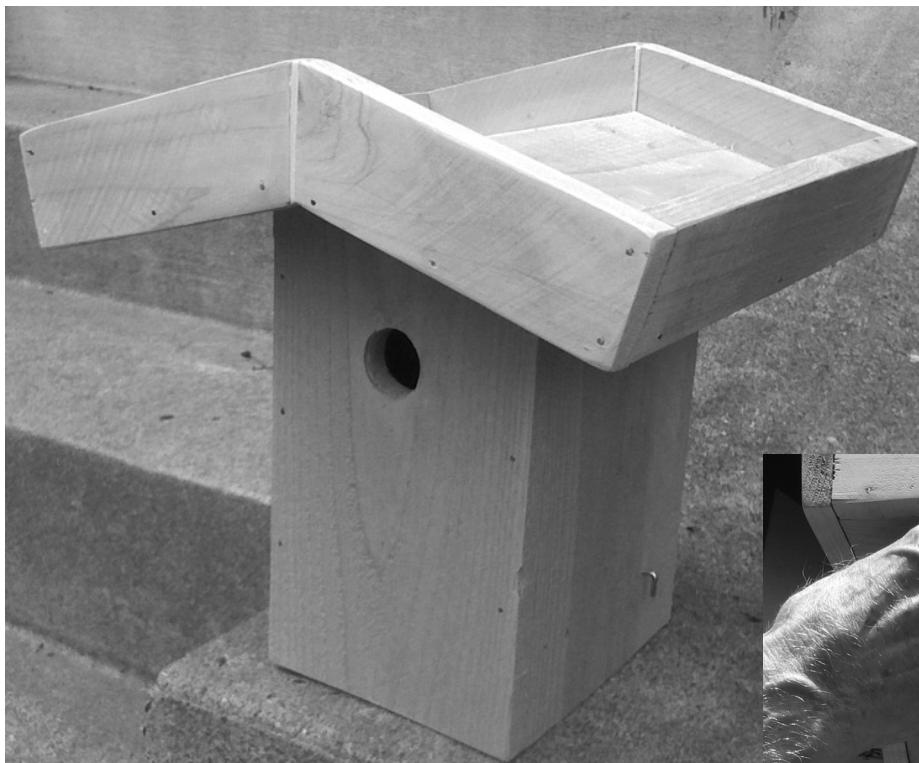
\* Measure edges to correct dimension after the  
2 sides are attached to the roof decking

## Siting the birdhouse for chickadees or wrens:

This house's box dimensions, entrance hole size and lack of a perch are specific for wrens or chickadees. Wrens and chickadees prefer a location with trees and shrubs, and rarely go into open country.

The house opening should face east or southeast, away from prevailing winds, receiving 40–60% sunlight. Houses can be placed on poles or metal pipes; they can be mounted on 1/2" electrical conduit slipped over a piece of re-bar pounded into the ground.

Do not use thick wooden posts; these are predator highways. Clear any underbrush around the pole. The house may also be hung. In any case, the height from the ground should be 6–10' for wrens or 5–15' for chickadees. If desired, 1" of sawdust can be placed in the bottom of the box for chickadees.



The bottom of the house can be opened for cleaning by turning the L hooks on both sides and rotating the bottom on the pivot nail.