



Installing Your Bee Package

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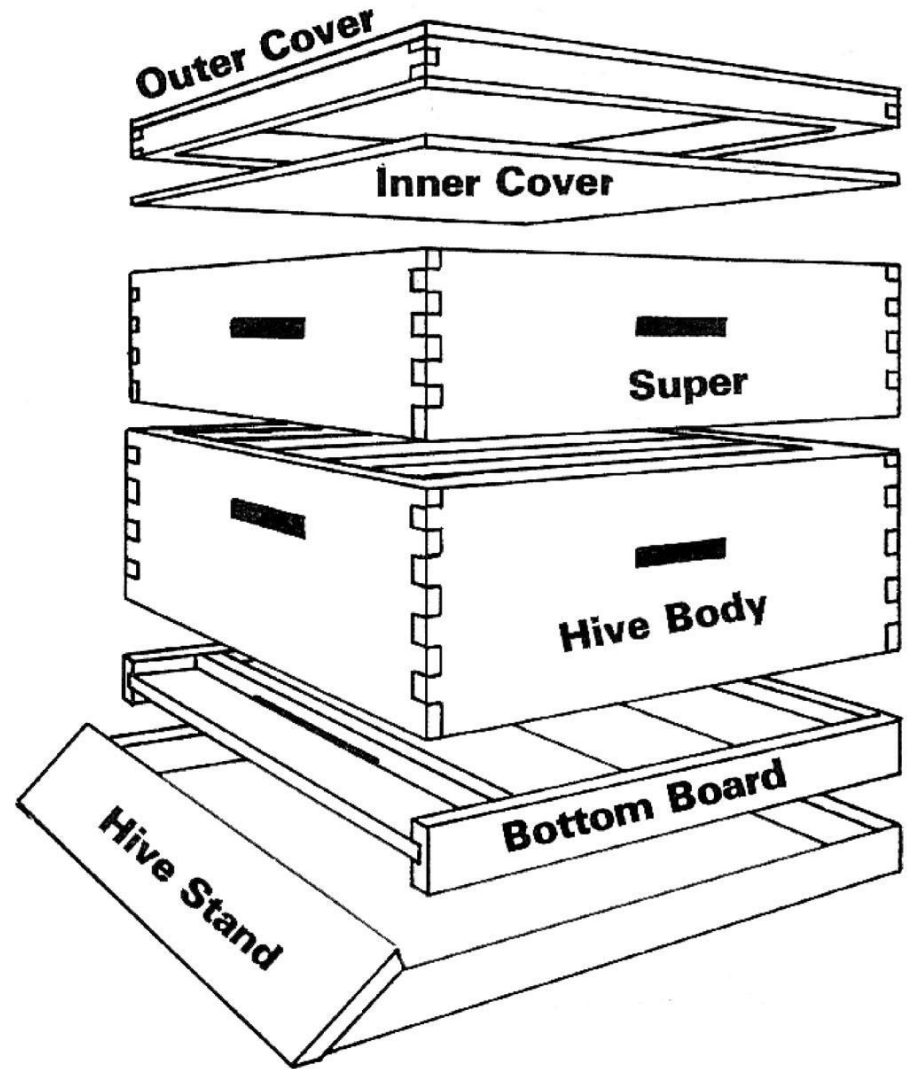
Disclaimer:

- ▶ “When you have 10 beekeepers in a room, you’re going to have 12 opinions.”
- ▶ This will be our fifth year of beekeeping and this presentation reflects our experience and additional information we have learned along the way.

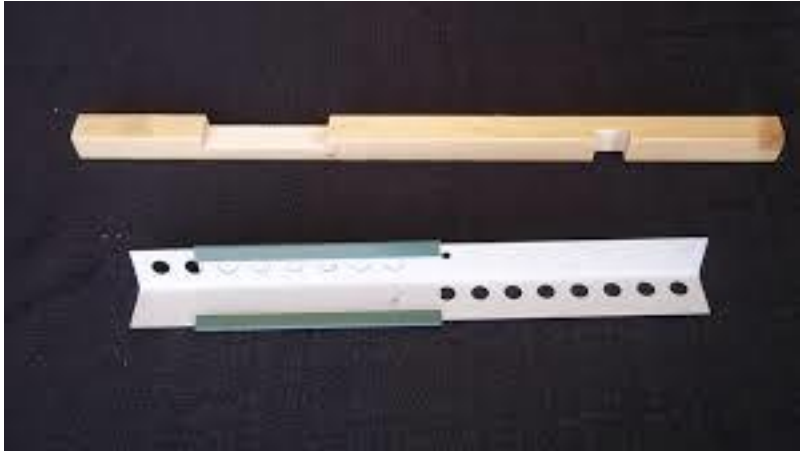




Prepping your hive



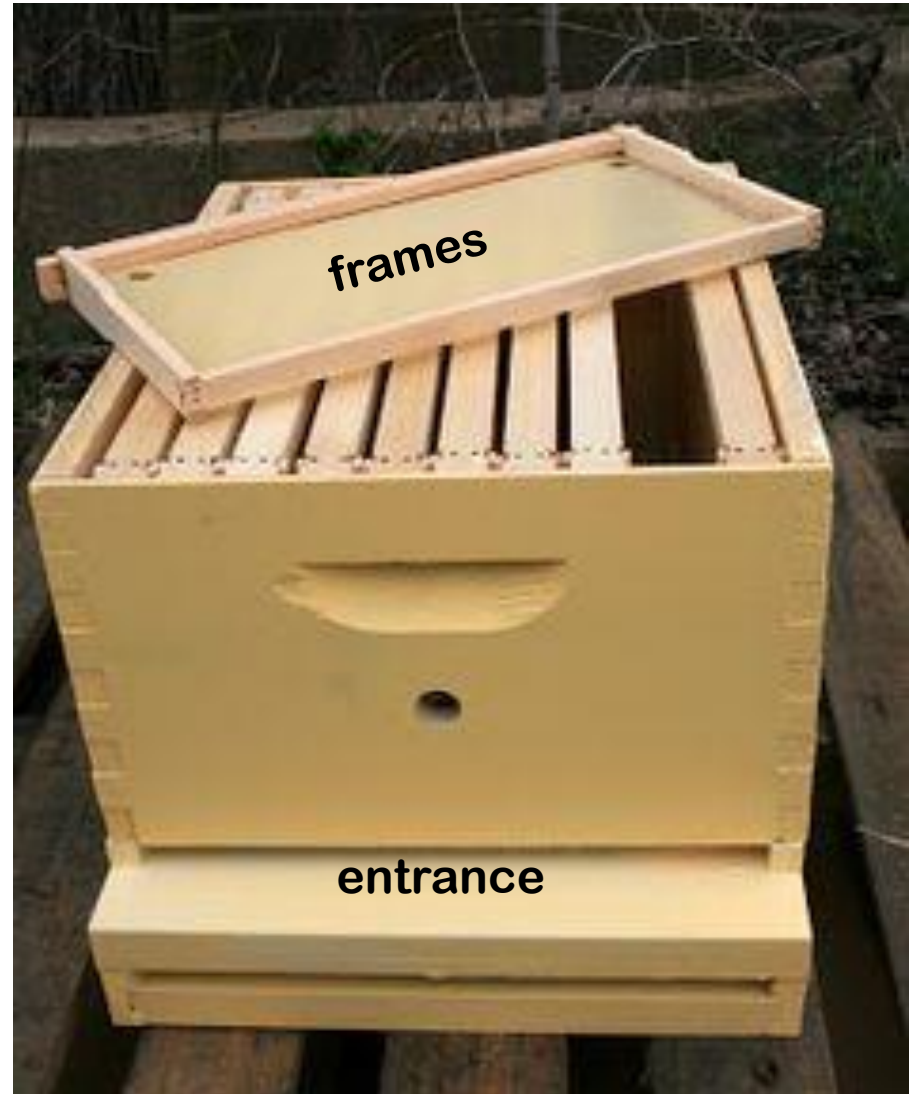
Narrow the main entrance with a reducer or grass



Close any other openings



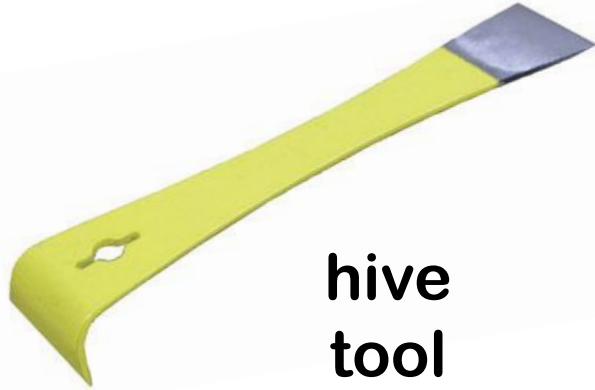
cork



What will you need?



feather
or
bee brush



hive
tool



bee
gloves

protective
clothing



Smoker



Although it is not usually used when installing package bees, it is a good habit to have it lit when you start inspecting your hives.





1 part
sugar

+



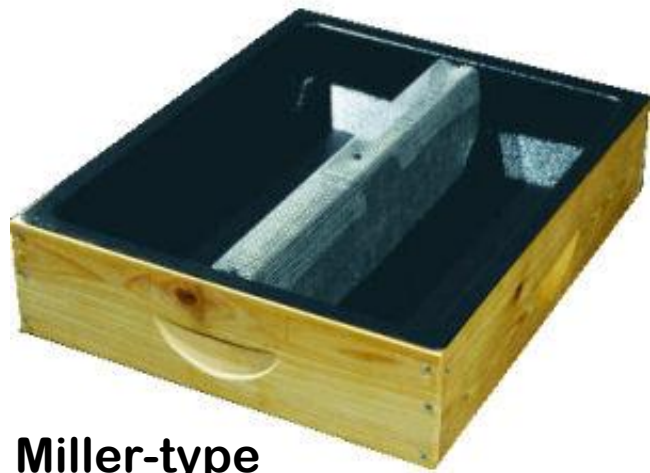
1 part water

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sugar syrup

Make sugar syrup



Miller-type
top hive
feeder



Boardman
entrance
feeder

Choose your feeder

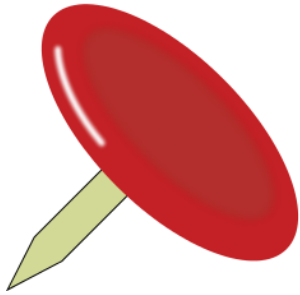


Inverted
jar

Division
board
feeder



You may also need these...



thumb tack



rubber band(s)



marshmallow



nail



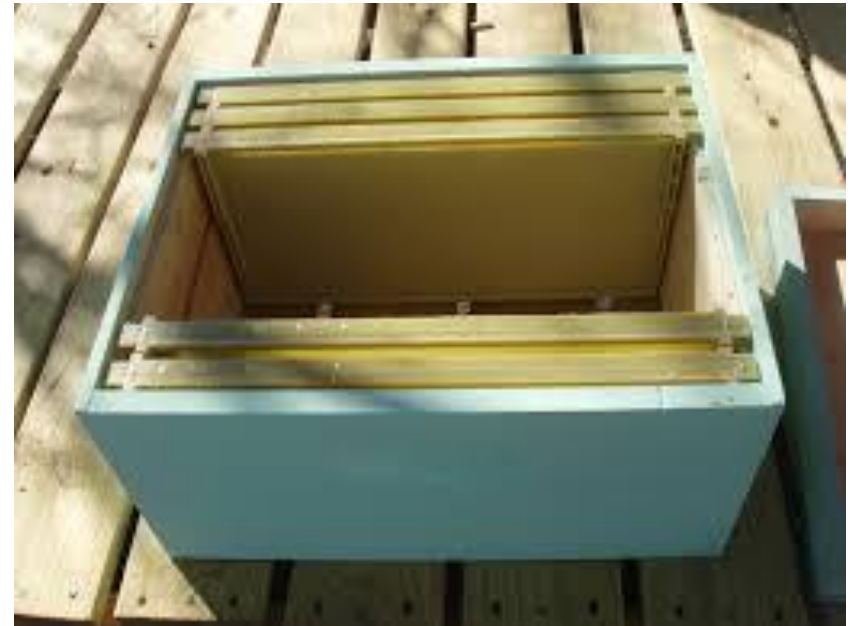
new spray bottle

**Don't
forget
your
bees!**



**Time to
get
started...**





Remove 4 – 5 frames

What's in a bee package (besides bees)?





**Remove the cover
(if there is one)**

**Pull out the can of
sugar syrup.**

**Cover the hole, with
the queen
cage still attached.**



Installing your...





**Take out
the queen
cage**



Inspect your



Got candy?



Carefully poke a hole through the candy



No candy?

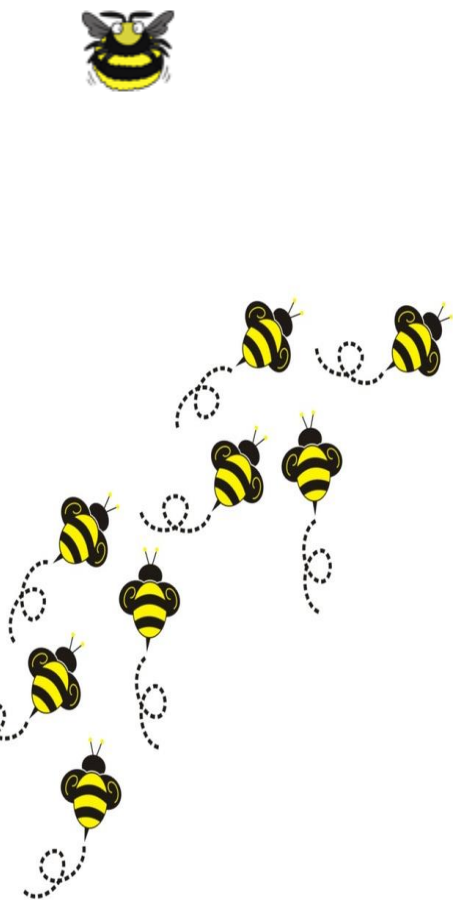


Carefully remove the cork so as not to release the queen

Plug the hole with a marshmallow



When attaching the queen cage to an inner frame:

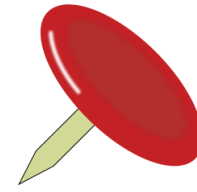


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The candy or marshmallow end should be up.

The screened side should be facing away from the frame.





You can use a tack or rubber band(s) to attach the queen cage to an inner frame.



**Here it is... the moment
you've been waiting for!**



**Installing the rest
of the bees!**



**Some
beekeepers
spray their bees
with sugar syrup
to wet the wings
and distract the
bees.**



**Use sparingly as this can
make your bees too cold or
too wet.**

Many beekeepers use this method:



'Thump' the package on the ground or hive to move the bees together and off the screen.

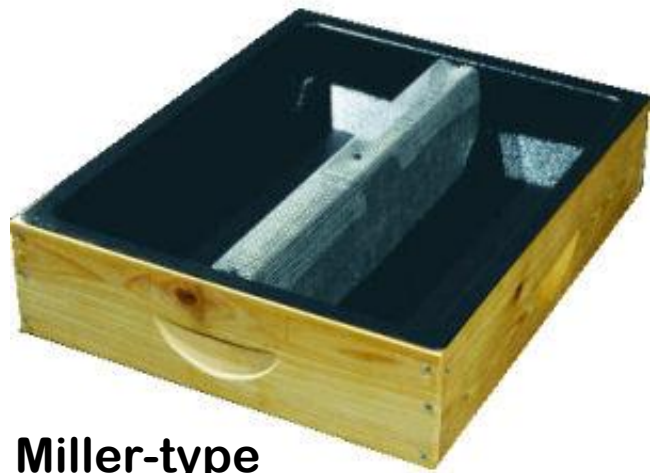
Remove the cover, turn the package over and shake the bees into the hive.

Set package near the entrance so the few remaining bees will find their way into the hive.



**Replace
the frames
carefully,
so that
you don't
crush
bees.**





Miller-type
top hive
feeder



Boardman
entrance
feeder

Time to feed your bees

Fill your feeder with sugar syrup



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jar

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Install inner and telescoping covers.



Here's the hard part...
Do not bother your bees for
2-3 days.
NO PEEKING!

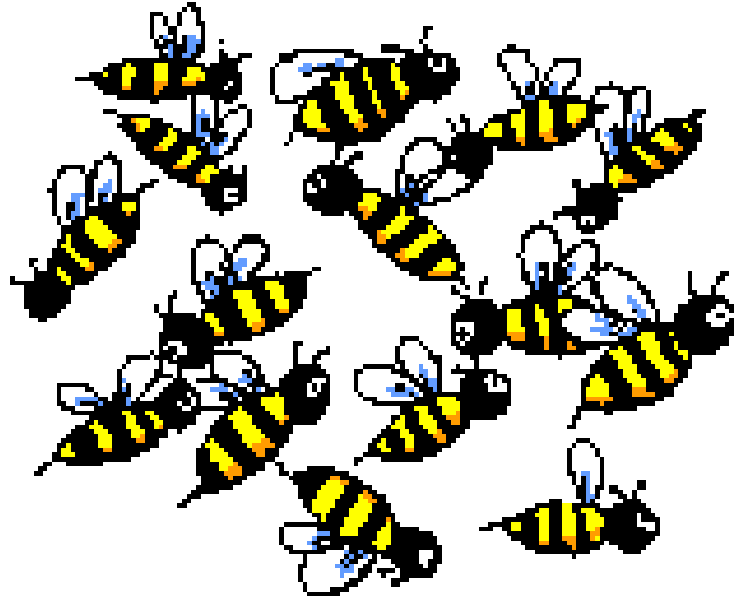
***** Keep the feeder full
without disturbing the
bees. *****



After 2-3 days...


- Check to see that the queen has left the cage
 - * If not, release her
 - * Remove the queen cage
- Open entrances





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A close-up photograph of a honeycomb pattern. The honeycomb is made of many small, hexagonal cells, each containing a drop of golden honey. The honey is dripping down from the cells, creating a white, irregular shape in the center of the image. The text "The End" is written in a bold, black, sans-serif font within this white space.

The End