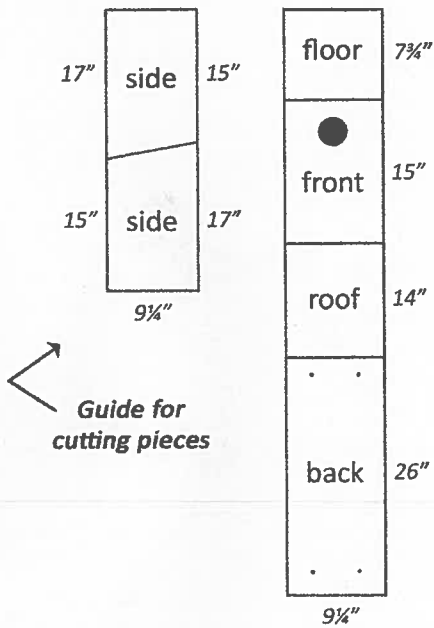




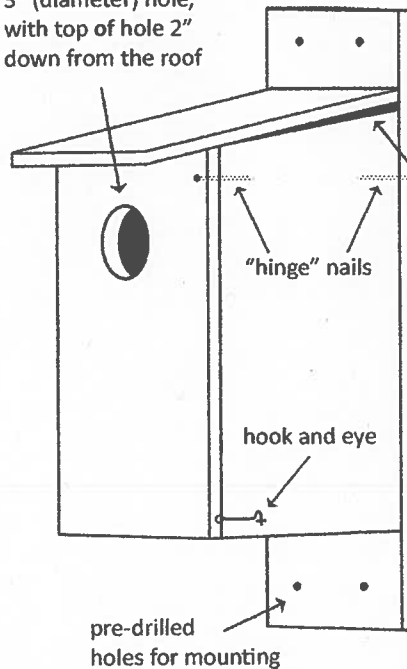
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Build an American Kestrel Nest Box



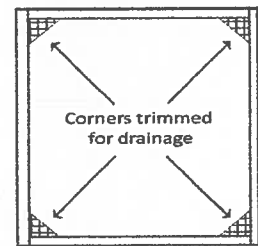
3" (diameter) hole,
with top of hole 2"
down from the roof



*bevel hinge-side of
roof to fit at an angle.

ventilation: 3/8" between
roof and side of box

bottom view



*attach floor 1" up from box
bottom to protect it from
dampness and rotting.

You will need:

- 1" x 10" x 8' untreated cedar or white pine (1" x 10" boards from the store actually measure 3/4" x 9 1/4").
- Two 6d or 8d nails.
- 20-30 1 1/2" wood screws.
- 2" hook and eye closure.
- Coarse wood shavings (not sawdust).
- Four 3" wood screws or lag bolts for mounting.

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Instructions

- Cut lumber using a table saw and entrance hole using a hole saw or jig saw. Pre-drill holes in back if using 3" screws to mount box.
- Assemble box as shown, with wood screws. Nail two 6d or 8d nails parallel at top of opening side, so that it swings open. Attach hook and eye at bottom of hinged side to keep it closed.
- Do not use paint or preservatives.
- Place 2" of wood shavings in the bottom of the box for bedding.
- Mount box at least 6 feet off the ground. Try to space boxes at least 1/2 mile apart.
- Install nest box by late February, before the breeding season.

