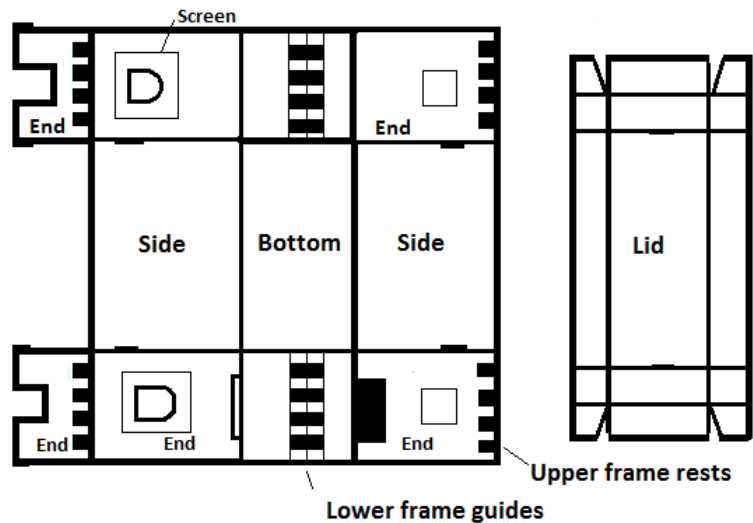


Construction of your

Nuc Box



The ON nuc box will come flat. Start by folding all the creases. The edge of a large table or counter can help. Fold across the lower frame rests at each end and through the middle of the long rectangular cutouts.

Construct the lid: Fold the sides up, fold the tabs at each end into the middle, and fold the end up and over and push the tongue into the slots at each end of the lid.

Front and back ventilation hole: Cut across the bottom and up the sides of the perforated ventilation holes at the front and back of the box. This creates flaps that are designed to be folded up under the lid when transporting bees. Install screening (not included) with tape or a glue gun behind the openings so the screening will be between two pieces of plastic. Stanley has made a dual heat glue gun which is selling for about \$15.00. They suggest using the higher setting for plastics.

Canada Post will transport bees. Take them to the post office early in the week so they will be delivered before the weekend. They require double aluminum screening so no one gets stung. Have a layer of the plastic between the screenings. Or use 1/8" hardware cloth available from Home Hardware.

To create the lower frame guides inside the bottom of the box: Lift the two tabs. Bring the loose end of the frame rest up and over and under the tabs and press it flat into the corners. This will keep the frames stable when moving the box of bees.

The lower front entrance can be cut open in a number of sizes, depending on the size of the colony. It can easily be taped closed when transporting bees.

All that's left is to install the four frames, with brood, honey and your new young laying queen or queen cell.

Enjoy your beekeeping.

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