

# The OUTSIDE Page

## EXPLORING YOUR OWN ENVIRONMENT

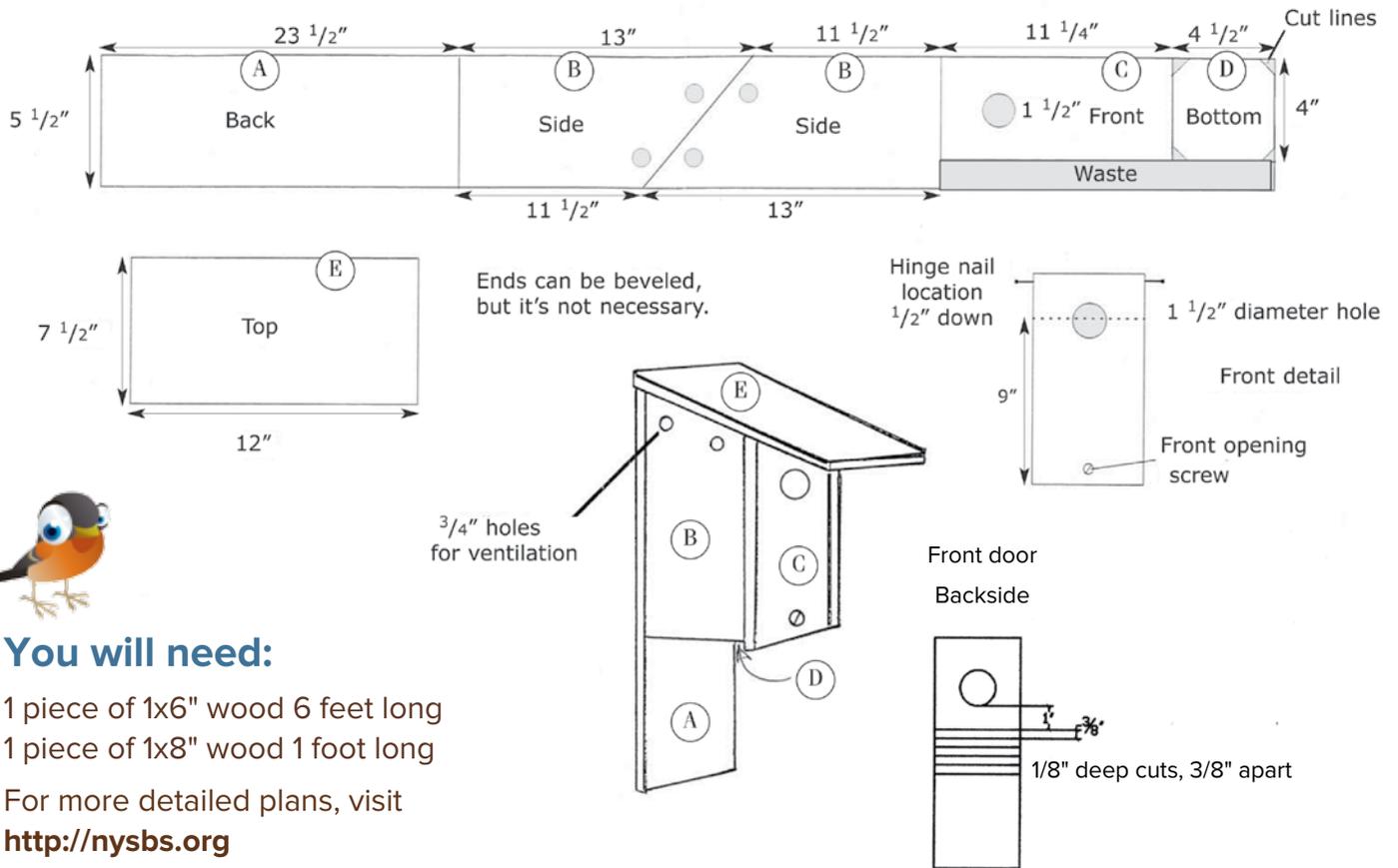


You can do simple things to help birds no matter where you live. If you have a flower garden, make sure you plant native species that offer food and shelter to the birds found in your neighborhood. Adding a small bird bath will make your yard even more bird-friendly.

Providing a home for cavity-nesting birds is another simple thing that can help. Ask your parents or a scout leader to help you build a bluebird nest box by using the plans below. Bluebirds will often nest in boxes near mowed meadows, orchards, cemeteries, and other areas with short grass and sparse tree cover. Nest boxes should be placed on a pole, 4-6 feet off the ground in open areas, away from trees and shrubs.



### Build Your Own Bluebird Nest Box



### You will need:

- 1 piece of 1x6" wood 6 feet long
- 1 piece of 1x8" wood 1 foot long

For more detailed plans, visit <http://nysbs.org>

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