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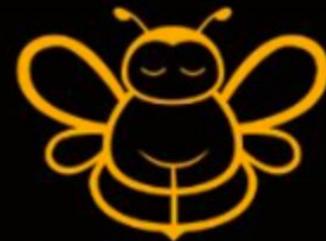
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BASIC DESIGN: Single Bee Mindful Top-Bar Hive™

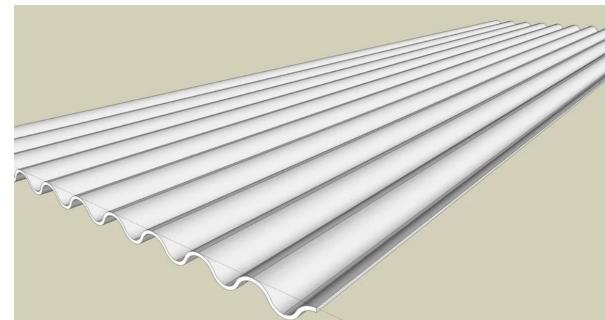


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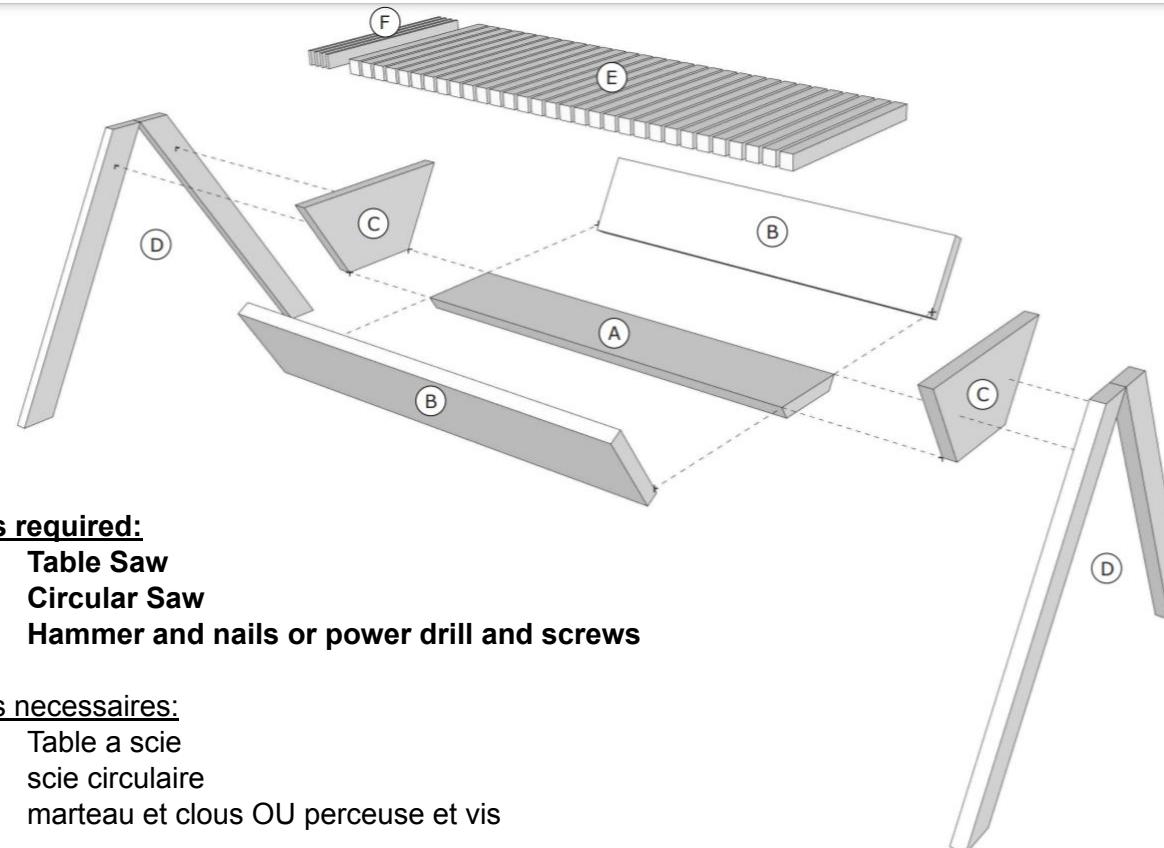


This hive requires a rain cover,
such as corrugated metal

Cette ruche nécessite une
protection contre la pluie, comme
par exemple de la tôle ondulée

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Tools required:

- Table Saw
- Circular Saw
- Hammer and nails or power drill and screws

Outils nécessaires:

- Table à scie
- scie circulaire
- marteau et clous OU perceuse et vis



Unless otherwise specified, all angled cuts are at 30°

Tous les angles non droits sont coupés à 30°



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Cutting List (liste de coupe)

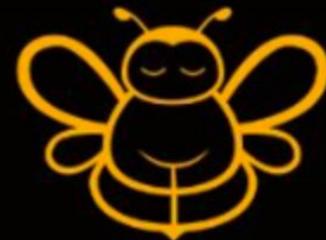
Based on US dimensional lumber of 2in x 10in (actual size = 1-1/2in x 9-1/4in)

Base sur les dimensions de planches américaines de 3.8cm x 23.5cm

ITEM	NAME	QUANTITY	DIMENSIONS	THICKNESS (variable)
A	Bottom board	1	centimeters: 23.5 x 119.4 inches: 9-1/4 x 47-1/64	centimeters: 3.8 inches: 1.5
B	Wall	2	centimeters: 23.5 x 119.4 inches: 9-1/4 x 47-1/64	
C	End piece	2*	centimeters: 50.6 x 23.5 inches: 19-15/16 x 9-1/4	
D	Leg	4	centimeters: 10.3 x 100 inches: 4-1/16 x 39-3/8	
E	Bar	31	centimeters: 3.5** x 48.3 inches: 1-3/8** x 19-1/64	
F	Spacer	4	centimeters: 1 x 48.3 inches: 3/8 x 19-1/64	

* make more end pieces and use as partitions for additional colonies - En couper d'avantage et les utiliser comme partitions pour davantage de colonies

** bee space may vary depending on your bee sub-species - adapt accordingly - varie en fonction de l'espace entre rayons requis pour vos abeilles



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Item = élément

Name = nom

Quantity = quantité

Thickness = épaisseur

Bottom board = plancher

Wall = paroi latérale

End piece = extrémité

Leg = jambe

Bar = barrette

Spacer = ajusteur



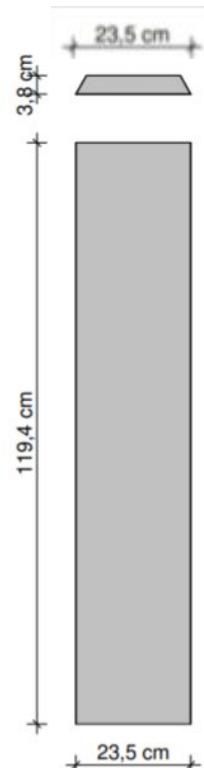
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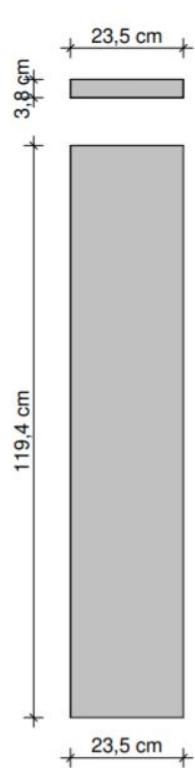
A - Bottom board - x1

Beveled at 30° on the long edge

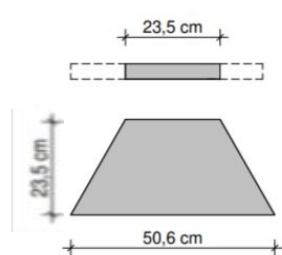
Biseauté à 30° sur la longueur



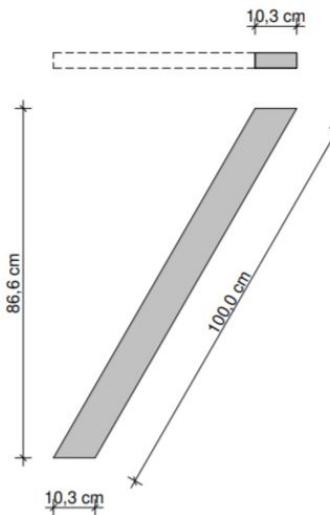
B - Wall - x2



C - End piece - x2



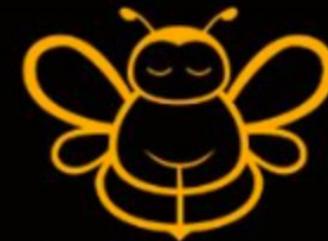
D - Leg - x4



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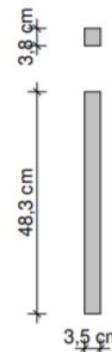
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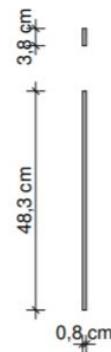


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E - Bar piece - x31

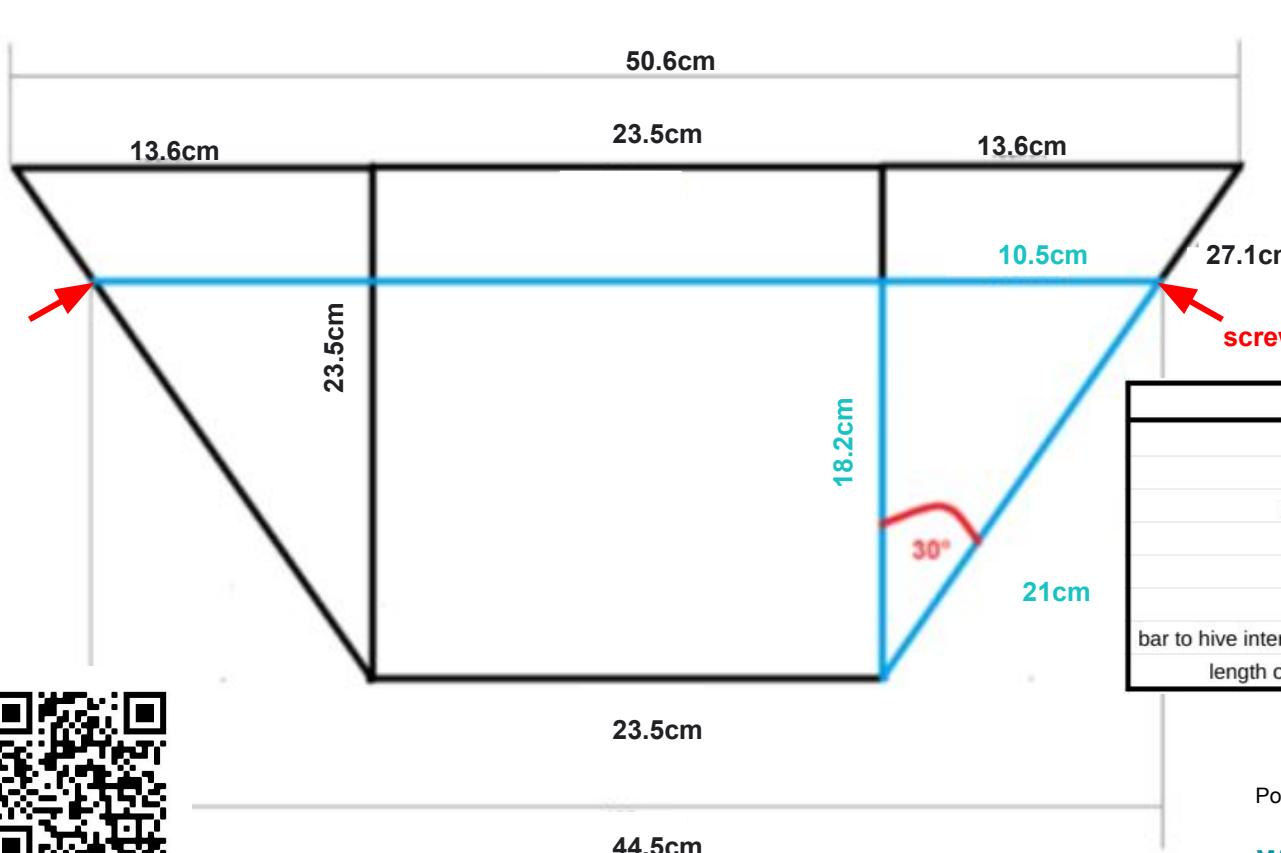
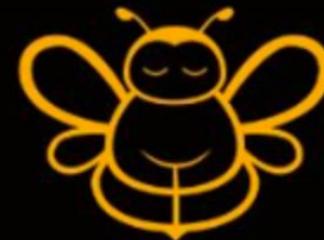


F - Spacer - x4



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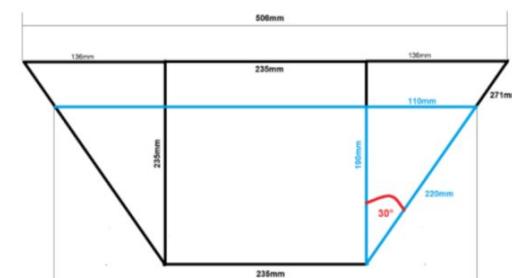
INTERNAL VOLUME CALCULATIONS

- Surface of blue trapezoid = height * (short base + long base) / 2
= 18.2cm * (23.5cm + 44.5cm) / 2
= 618.8cm²
- Volume V = surface of trapezoid * internal length of cavity (*for 48" long hives*)
= 618.8cm² * **114.3cm** = 70 729 cm³
≈ **71 litres** (*about the volume of a 10F Deep + 10F Medium*)

Important Considerations:

- The internal volume of the hive will vary in function of its length.
- To make Top-Bar Hive NUCs, follow the same instructions but use 1" lumber for lighter weight and shorter hive length (we like our NUCs to be long enough to hold about 9-10 bars so they can overwinter in them if need be and don't run out of space too quickly, but they could be longer/shorter based on your specific needs).
- To build Queen castles and/or multiple cavity Top-Bar Hives, simply add additional partitions and entrances for each - we run double or triple (sometimes quadruple) Top-Bar Hives for Ag Exemption services
- We recommend making Top Bars 19in long so you have about 3/4in overhang on each side and will fit into Lang equipment if needed - alternatively, they may be even longer if you don't plan on using them in Lang equipment

go to https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Langstroth_hive for Langstroth Hive dimensions and volumes



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ADDITIONAL SUGGESTIONS:

Easy Peasy Lang-to-Top-Bar Hive ADAPTER™

Anyone who now wants to convert a Langstroth to a Top-Bar Hive may do so with this easy method, as long as the legs or stands (cinder blocks for example) are under the hive...

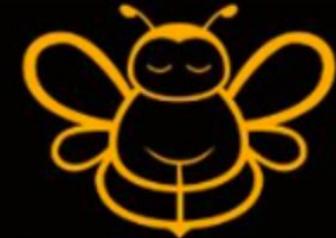
Cardboard or Corrugated NUCs are easy to work with, but you could also do that with wooden nucs or even full boxes (with a longer "table" made out of a board screwed under the bottom of the hive) ...

Langstroth frames are pushed flush against the end of the top bar hive so bee space is respected.

Once they have moved brood to the new combs in the TBH (cut a plastic queen excluder to fit inbetween to speed up the process) and they have enough resources, you can remove the Langstroth nuc and frames, screw the hive end back on, and voila!!



- 1 - Unscrew the end piece
- 2,3 - Use the end piece as a shelf, screwing it in place
- 4,5 - Put the Lang NUC on the shelf, flush with the TBH
- 6 - Open the Lang NUC to the shape of the TBH
- 7 - Push the Lang frames flush with the TBH
- 8 - Place the top-bars on the TBH, use tape if needed
- 9 - Add the TBH rain cover (this is a double Lang conversion using a double TBH))



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