







## **BUILD A BIRD BOX**

## YOU WILL NEED

A plank of FSC wood 15cm x 1.4m long x 1.5-1.8cm thick and not pressure treat Pencil and tape measure A strip of waterproof rubber Saw Nails Drill Ladder Screws Waterbased paint

Optional: a hole saw/cutter for making 3.2cm holes

Remember: Adults should be in charge for all steps involving sharp tools or nails!

## **STEP BY STEP**

- 1. Find the right bird-friendly spot for your box. The box will need to be at least 3 metres from the ground, facing between north and east.
- Make sure you have the right wood. Timber approved by the Forest Stewardship Council

   look out for the FSC logo
- 3. Measure and cut your wood according to the diagram
- 4. Nail all the pieces together except the roof
- 5. Attach the roof, using screws so you can get into the box at a later stage to clean it out
- 6. Decorate your box!
- 7. Put your box up
- 8. Once your box is in place, you'll need to be patient and wait for birds to start house-hunting in Spring
- 9. Share your bird box with us on social media!

## TOP TIP!

If you can't build a bird box, why not try painting a ready-made one! It's a fun activity which everyone can do. Get out the water-based paints and make your box unique!

