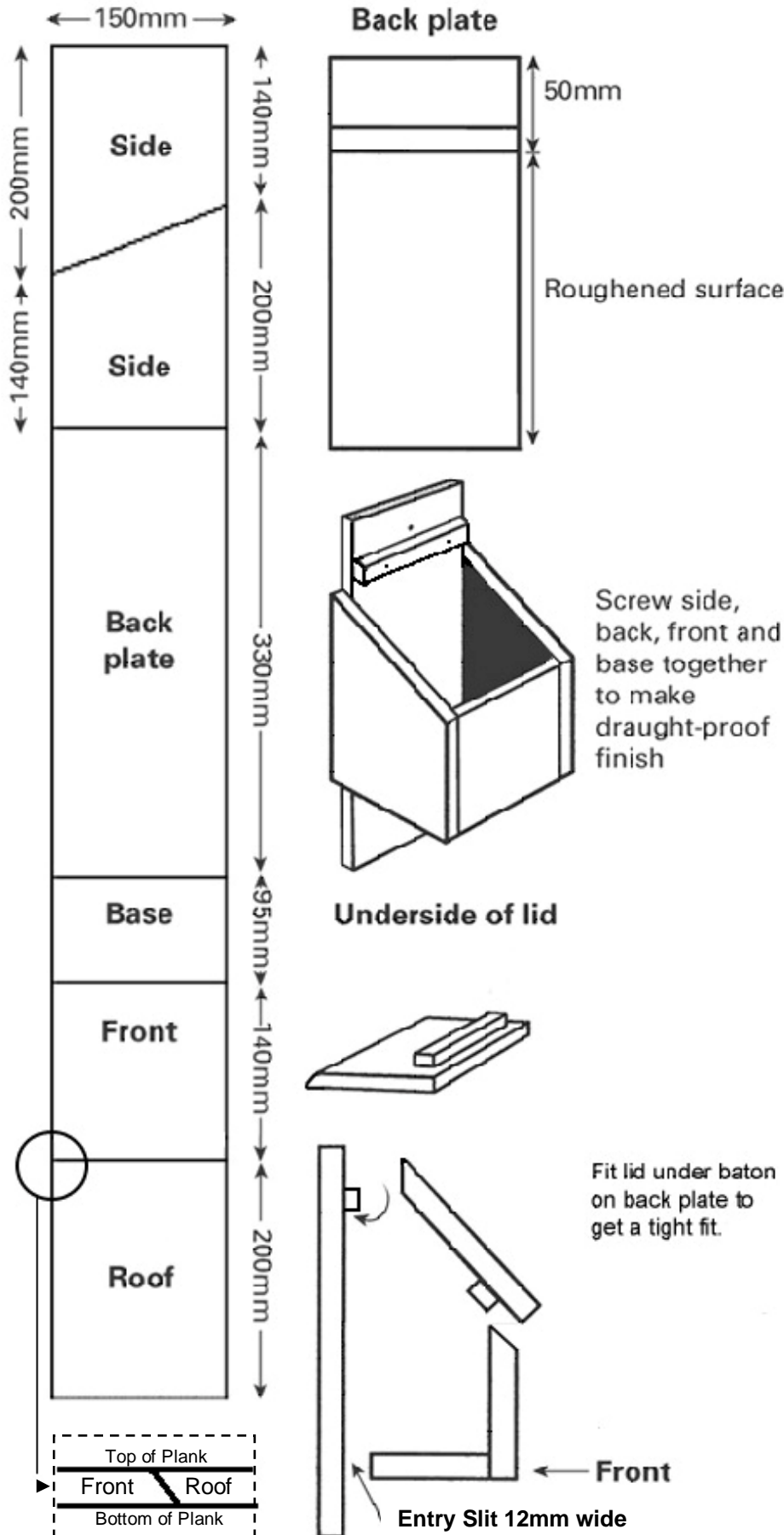


Build a Bat Box



Note diagonal cut through plank here.

1. Attach Front to Base.
2. Attach Sides to Front & Base.
3. Roughen Back Plate by cutting grooves across with saw.
4. Attach assembled box to Back Plate ensuring entry slit is no more than 12mm wide.
5. Cut angle on rear corner of Lid to fit closely to Back Plate.
6. Attach Baton to Back Plate to hold lid in place.
7. Attach Baton to underside of lid, ensuring tight fit.
8. Drill holes at top and bottom of back plate for nails to hang the box in place.

Bats are fussy and don't like draughts – so make sure that all the joints fit tightly.

Ensure that the slit at the bottom is no wider than 12mm. Otherwise birds may attempt to build a nest inside and become trapped.

Place the boxes in sets of three around a tree, with one facing north, one south-east and one south-west. Place them at least 2.5 meters above the ground.

They are most likely to be used by bats in plantations of conifer trees.