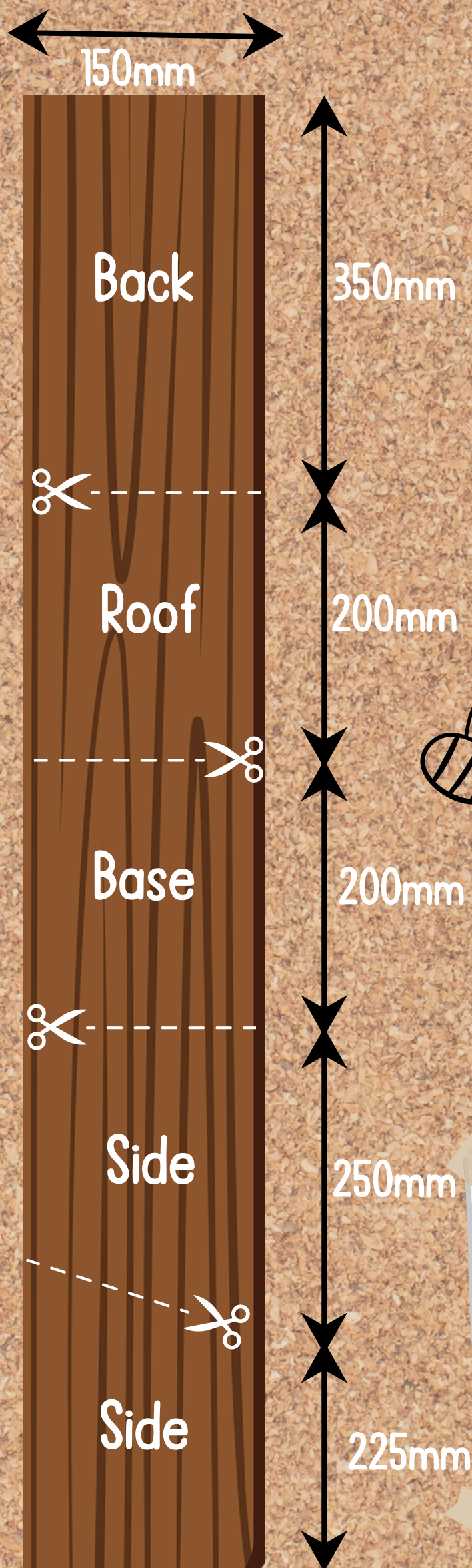


# How to build a BUG BOX

Life  
on the  
Edge



## Materials

To make best use of materials we recommend using a 22 x 150 x 2440mm board. From this size you can cut enough materials to make the outer shells for two bug boxes.

Make sure you get FSC certified wood (from sustainable sources), and ideally untreated timber. Although this won't last as long, the frame of the box itself will become a home to tiny insects as well as algae and fungi!

## Construction

We found it best to use 50mm bright nails or screws. Both will need small pilot holes drilling to prevent the wood from splitting. Start with fitting the sides to the back, then add the base and lastly the roof.

Then the interior decor! Fill the open side of the box with pine cones, holey wood, sticks, broken pot or bits of roofing slate - the choice is yours. Just make sure there are plenty of gaps for creatures to hide away.



The Finished Bug Box - Fit for a king or queen creepy crawly!  
Just find a sheltered spot on a wall, post, tree or sit upright on the ground. The bugs will thank you for their new home!!



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