

Crown Work Box Instructions

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Congratulations on the purchase of your new Crown Work Box from Royalty Hives!! We are so pleased that you have chosen to add us to your beekeeping journey. This instruction booklet will give you an overview of how to install your new box, check the hive, feed, introduce a new queen, ventilate or create a second entrance to your hive and tool storage. The Crown Work Box is designed to replace the inner cover and is made to stay on your hive year round. If you should have any further questions beyond what this booklet provides, there will be a contact form at the end that will provide all the ways to contact us at Royalty Hives. Good luck with your new purchase, we know you will love it and as always, Happy Beekeeping!!

How to Install

Installing your Crown Work Box onto your existing hive is a very simple process. The Work Box is installed underneath your weather proof covering on top of your box. First, you will want to remove your top off the hive and set it aside. Next, you will simply place the Crown Work box on top of your hive making sure that the edges of the work box align with the edges of your hive. Once you have secured the work box onto the top of your hive you will simply place your weather proof covering back on top of your newly installed Crown Work Box.



Checking The Hive

Checking on your hive periodically is essential to the health and maintenance of your colony. Your Crown Work Box will allow you to do so without having to completely remove layers of the hive. Your first step will be to remove your weather proof covering from the top of the Crown Work Box. Set it aside. Secondly, you will want to grab the center handle located in the middle of the Crown Work Box and gently pull upwards removing the center door (there are screws located near handle for leverage if needed) You now have access for observation of the colony without removing the entire top. Once you have completed your routine check, simply place the door back into the middle slot and replace your weather proof covering.



Feeding Your Hive

Feeding using the Crown Work Box can be done in multiple ways. We are showing a cheap DIY feeder made with common household materials that we use in the Crown Work Box. When you want to feed your hive you will remove your weather proof covering and set it aside. You can either place your DIY feeder in the top of the Crown Work Box and allow your bees to feed as they choose or you can lift the center door (the same door you use when checking your colony) and place a feeding patty directly onto the frames . Then replace door. Once you have decided on your method of feeding, simply replace your weather proof covering directly back on top of your Crown Work Box.



Introduction of a New Queen

Sometimes things happen and a colony might need a new queen. Age, sickness and other elements sometimes lead to needing to introduce a new queen to an existing colony. This can be a very confusing process by previous methods, but with the Crown Work Box we have taken away much of the stress. Once you remove your weather proof covering from your hive, you will notice in the Crown Work Box there is a small rectangle frame . This will aid in creating a chamber when introducing your new queen to your existing colony. Previously when you checked your hive and fed your colony, you would have used the center lid. Located on the center lid there will be a small rectangular hatch. Remove that rectangular hatch and place the small rectangular frame around the hatch hole. Place your queen cage into the rectangular opening screen side up directly on top of frame. All this after removal of cork etc. (allowing exposure to candy) . You will then place the hatch lid atop the small rectangular frame creating a sealed chamber . This method allows the existing colony to “get to know” their new queen and decide if they are willing to accept her . After 3 to 5 days revisit your hive if the cage is empty, congratulations! You have successfully introduced your new queen to the colony. A previous confusing task simplified by The Crown Work Box.



Second Entrance

Located on the Crown Work Box is a second entrance to your colony. When you remove your weather proof covering from your Crown Work Box, you will notice a small hole directly in the side of the box. Inside you will see a square block as well as a small square mesh screen. These will be the utensils that you will be using for the second entrance or vent . Drilled into the square block will be two holes that match the hole in the side and bottom of the Crown Work Box. To allow your bees to enter and exit the Crown Work Box, you will rotate the square block to match the holes in the bottom and side of the Crown Work Box. If you would like to ventilate your hive without allowing them to enter or exit, simply place the mesh screen over the bottom hole and replace the block matching the bottom and top holes. This will allow air to enter your hive without allowing your bees to exit the hive. To close your second entrance to your hive you will rotate your square block to the solid sides on both the bottom and the side. This will completely close your second entrance. Once you have decided to close or open your second entrance, you will replace your weather proof covering onto the Crown Work Box.



Tool Storage

When beekeeping, tools are always a necessity. The problem that we sometimes ran into was that we would misplace our tools or would not have enough hands to hold all the tools that we needed to efficiently maintain our hives. With the Crown Work Box, we eliminated some of the issues with tool storage. The Crown Work Box provides ample storage space without hindering the process of maintaining your hive. You have the ability to store your tools in the space inside the lid and leave them at the hive so that you will always know where your tools are. This eliminates the misplacement of necessary tools. Once you have decided on what tools you would like to leave you can then replace your weather proof covering back onto your Crown Work Box.



Contact Us

If you should have any questions or concerns regarding your Crown Work Box, feel free to contact us at Royalty Hives. We would be glad to assist you. As always, Happy Beekeeping!!!

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