

# The Wild Bird Center "Peace Keeper" Flicker Box

The Peace Keeper can be made from one 1x8"x6' and one 1x10"x6' board. The 1x8" board is used for the back (24½"), the front (19¼"), and the bottom (8"). The 1x10" board is used for the top (10") and the sides (19¾" each). Drill the 1" vent holes before cutting the sides so you end up with matching semi-circles at the top of both sides. Use rough sawn wood if possible. The box may be treated on the outside with preservative to extend the life of the box. Painting the inside white may help reduce nesting competition from starlings. Flickers may not accept the box unless it is packed full to the top with fine wood shavings like hamster bedding. When the flickers dig out the shavings it helps them fulfill their need to make a new hole for nesting or roosting. The box may have to be packed every year to ensure flicker occupancy. For best results, mount > 12 feet above the ground and with an east or southeast exposure. Mounting the box on your house seems to encourage box use. You may modify the box style, but be sure to keep the floor size, hole size, and floor to hole distance as shown here. Good luck and enjoy your flickers!

