

Materials:

Rough, 1" thick **cypress, redwood, or cedar**, cut as follows:

Back: 11½" x 30"

Front: 11½" x 21"

Sides: 9½" x 22"

Top: 11½" x 12"

(grain should run front to back)

Bottom: 11½" x 9½"

Cleat: 1" x 2" x 11½"

One 3" x 12" piece ¼"- or ⅜"-mesh

hardware cloth

1¾" to 2¼" **nails**

(galvanized or aluminum)

One 1¼" round head wood **screw**
(rust resistant)

Instructions:

1. On front piece, measure down 2" from the top and mark. Centering the opening left to right, cut a 3" x 4" oval below the mark, as shown at left.
2. On the inside of the front piece, attach the mesh hardware cloth, beginning just beneath the hole.
3. On side pieces, mark a line 1¼" from the top edge. Just below the line, drill ⅜" vent holes in the upper right and lefthand corners.
4. In bottom piece, drill ⅜" drain holes in each corner.
5. On back piece, measure 4" from the bottom and mark. Nail the bottom piece to the back.
6. Attach sides to back and bottom.
7. Attach front to sides and bottom.
8. Attach cleat to box back, as shown, leaving a 1" space for top to slide between cleat and box body.
8. Slide top into place, and attach to front using the wood screw. The cleat and screw will hold the lid in place, but the top can be removed to clean the box.

