

# Beginner Beekeeper-What You Need to Get Started

Whether you start with the Langstroth Hive (traditional 10-frame wooden box) or a Top Bar Hive, you will need some basic equipment. This list is the bare minimum required to work your bees. Of course, you can spend gazillions of dollars on the latest this or that, but the bees won't really notice. The most inexpensive way to buy woodenware is unassembled. You put it together and paint it.



## Langstroth Hive

- 2 brood boxes with frames
- 2 honey supers with frames
- 1 bottom board
- 1 inner cover
- 1 telescopic lid

**150.00**



## Smoker

Used to calm bees .

**20.00**



## Hive Tool-for Langstroth Hive

Must have to pull frames and separate boxes.

**4.00**

## Top Bar Hive



## Veil

Simple vel to protect face

**17.00**



## Bread Knife-for Top Bar Hive

Find at the thrift store.

**1.00**

The bare minimum cost to build your own Top Bar Hive is about \$95.00, if you did it yourself from new raw lumber and materials. Do not use pressure treated or glued lumber like plywood or particle board.

**95.00**

**Plans 1**

**Plans 2**

**Plans 3**



## Gloves

Many beekeepers do not use gloves. Others use Nitrile gloves or leather gloves.

**16.00**



## Coveralls

Instead of pants and a long sleeve shirt, you can find coveralls at Home Depot or Honks.

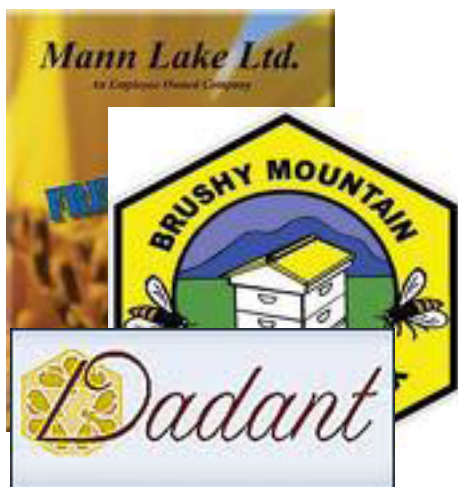
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### Entrance Feeder- for Langstroth Hive

To feed sugar water in the spring and fall to supplement bees food storage.

**3.00**



### Catalogs

Get online and order free beekeeping catalogs.

**Free**



### Bees

Langstroth Hives-Get Nucs locally if possible.

**80.00**

Top Bar Hives- Buy package bees.

**80.00**

See the Beekeepers Services page on the idabees.org website for information on ordering bees.

### Community Resources

Mike Morrison sells wooden ware locally at better prices than the internet.

**888-9531 or 863-6983 c**

Golden Bee and Treasure Valley Queen Co. - Sell queens, nuc, and packages

**208-896-4552**

The Honey Store- Sell queens, nuc, and packages

**208-452-7035**



### Beekeepers Books

Go to the Library and take out books on beekeeping or purchase for reference.

Here's a short list:

Beekeeping for Dummies

Natural Beekeeping: Organic Approaches to Modern Apiculture

The Backyard Beekeeper

A Book of Bees

**10.00-25.00**

## Beekeepers Best Friends

- Treasure Valley Beekeepers Club
- The internet
- Your library

