

Manual for installing tit nesting boxes

Items needed:

- ladder
- (electric) screwdriver
- 3mm polypropylene rope
- pen to number the boxes
- lighter
- knife/scissors
- nesting boxes

It is better to 'prepare' all the nesting boxes before hanging. By preparation, we mean:

- Measure the rope by winding twice around the trunk and adding a bit so it can be tightened/loosened over the years.
- Burn the ends of the rope with a lighter to prevent it from fraying.
- Unscrew the nesting boxes and push the rope through the holes.
- Tie a knot at one end of the rope, with an adjustable loop (see film)
- Then close the nesting box again.
- Number the nesting box (see photo, e.g. WO = first two letters of the municipality, 05 = number of location, 10 = number of the nesting box).



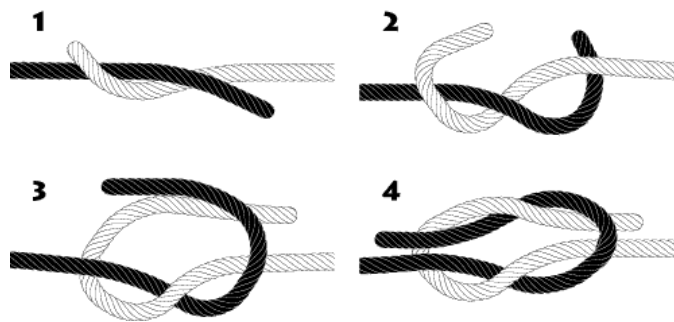
This will take 2 people around **40 minutes** for **15 nesting boxes** (without an electric screwdriver).



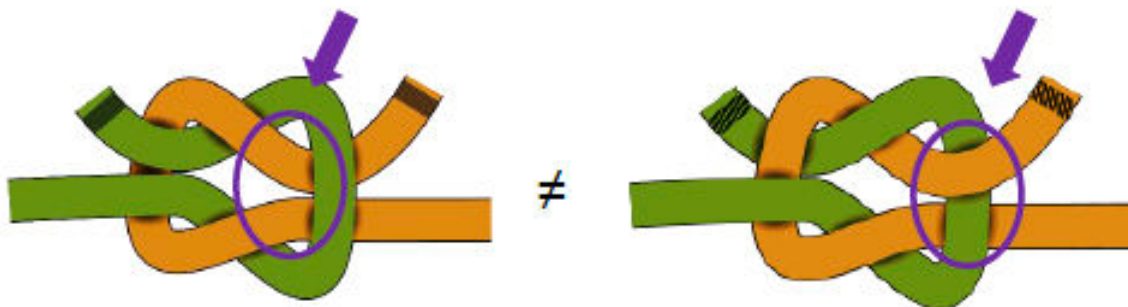


To hang the boxes:

- Place the nesting box at a height of 2.5 to 3 metres on the NE side of the tree. If this means the entrance opening is facing a (busy) road, turn the nesting box towards the N or E.
- Wind the rope around the tree and pull the end through the loop.
- Pull tight against the tree.
- Wind the long end around the tree again.
- Tie a flat knot (see photo) with both ends of the rope.



Flat knot – step-by-step



Flat knot (solid)

Double knot (loosens under tension)

This will take around **60 minutes** for **15 nesting boxes**. You may be quicker if you have two stable ladders instead of one.

