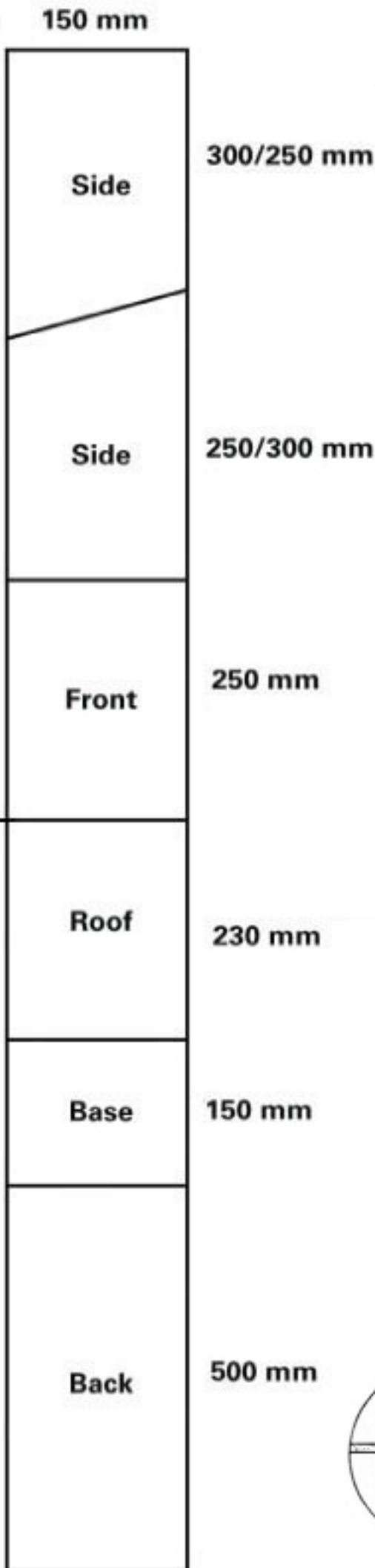




**Biggest piece of wood you will need is 1730mm**



# How to make a Bat Box?

Rafters, hollow trees and caves are favoured roosts for bats, but a bat box is a practical alternative and will help to encourage bats into your garden.

This design shows the ideal bat box. If you decide to make one bear the following in mind:

1

The Bat Hole entrance slit should be around 15-20mm wide and run the width of the box.

2

The back wall of the box should have horizontal cuts, using a saw, 1 - 2 mm deep or roughened sufficiently to allow bats to cling on. you can also do the sides and front inside the box if you wish to.

3

It should have a removable Front or Roof to make cleaning easier.

4

In summer, bats prefer southfacing boxes; hibernating bats prefer north-facing boxes.

5

The box should be sited at least 1.5m and preferably 5m above the ground, on a tree trunk or house wall.

6

A box 15cm long will hold colonies of 50 or more bats.

7

Do not use treated wood.

