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Top Bar Hive – An Alternative Beekeeping Method

By Daniel Garber

The topbar beehive is not a new concept. Historical reference to the top-bar hive date back to the 1600's. Most of today's top bar bee hives are derived from work in the 1960's. It was perfected for use in Kenya, Africa, and is often referred to as the Kenya Hive. Today it is also used in many other developing countries for it's simple design and cost effective management methods. In recent years it has also become more popular in the United States.

The traditional Langstroth beehive consists of several boxes (supers) and numerous other parts that are either difficult to build or expensive to buy. In addition to the beehive, the Langstroth hive requires many other pieces of equipment to harvest honey and manage your bees. Not so with the top bar hive as you can read below.

Simple and Maintenance-Free

The top bar hive has only a few components: the hive body (box), 20 to 30 top bars (frames), and a lid. That's all you will ever need. Compare that to your Langstroth hive. Bees build their own comb which eliminates the need for costly frames. The top bars are re-used after the harvest.

Non-Invasive Design

The top bar hive is healthier for bees. To check your bees, you will not have to take the whole thing apart. Hence, your bees will be less disturbed by your presence and checking of the comb.

Easy Harvest

To harvest your honey, you simply remove the bars with honeycomb. Unlike traditional methods, you won't have to take the hive apart and disturb the bees as much. Not only is the top bar hive less stressful to harvest for you, it also does not disturb the bees as much. In addition to honey, the top bar hive has more beeswax to harvest. You also do not need a honey extractor/centrifuge or uncapping knife which saves you thousands of dollars. Smoking is completely unnecessary and many top bar hive users do not wear protective clothing either. (For the beginner I do advise to use some kind of

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protection, gloves and veil as the minimum!) Once you remove the honey comb, the bees will go about their business as usual. Try that on a Langstroth hive.

Healthier Bees

The top bar hive is designed for the bees' optimal living conditions. This makes a colony much stronger and enables it to fight off pests and diseases on their own, much better than in a Langstroth hive. Besides healthier bees this will save you hundreds of dollars in medication as well as disappointment.

Why doesn't everyone use top bar hives?

The top bar hive is not designed for maximum honey production, although there have been reports otherwise. For the hobby beekeeper a few pounds less honey are well worth the ease of management. You will harvest more beeswax with a top bar hive though. Any hobbyist should have more of an

interest in keeping healthy bees than in squeezing out a few more pounds of honey from a stressed, overworked colony. With just one top bar hive, you will still have more than enough honey for your whole family and friends.

More information about the top bar hive

http://petitepets.com/pages/bees_topbarhive.php

as well as

pictures, construction plans, forum and sources to buy one can be found on

http://petitepets.com/pages/bees_index.php

Bar Stool In Decorating The Home

By Randi Foerde

A bar stool is one that will have four legs, that will have a cushion on the top and that you can sit on. A bar stool is not always one that has a back, but it can. Some are created from leather, others are made of vinyl and some are made just of wood. A bar stool can be used in many areas of the home, from the breakfast table, to the corners of the house, to the bar in the basement, to the outdoor grilling area. Bar stools are going to add that special touch to your room, where you want to add a new fashion flair, or that you want to add more seating where there is not a lot of space to start with.

A bar stool can have legs that are cut to fit under certain shelving when pushed in. if you have a breakfast counter or a bar area that you want to be able to push the bar stool in under the counter, you can do this by measuring the legs on the bar stool. If you want to be able to sit at the bar for a few hours, you want to have backs on the bar stools, that will cushion and hold you up while you are

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enjoying the conversations. A good bar stool is one that will have bars or pieces of wood across the bottom so you can put your feet up while you are sitting at the bar or at the counter.

Bar stools can be found in just about every color of the rainbow. Even leathers that are used to cover the bar stool can be of just about any color to match the décor of your home. If you want to keep the bar area looking clean and clear of clutter all the time opt for a basic coloring of black. The black is going to hide the dirt, and it will look crisp all the time no matter how many hours you spend sitting up at that counter.

If you have an area of the home where there just seems never to be enough seating you can add seats to the area by using bar stools. Bar stools can be put in the corner, and they can be put behind other chairs that are in the living or visiting area. Bar stools are both comfortable and decorative at the same time.

If you have a living room that you decorate with music artists or racing or with a logo of a product that you collect chances are there is going to a bar stool that you can use in decorating that room as well. If you are into racing, bar stools can have the logo of the racer you love the most, or it could just state the race that you love to watch every time it is on. Bar stools are going to complete the collection you are starting while decorating any space in your home.

Randi Foerde writes about many objects concerning ordinary people. For more information about this particular subject, visit

<http://www.barstoolhome.com/>

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<http://www.bathroom-vanities-all.com/>



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