

# MAKING UP A FRAME! CAN YOU DO IT?

Making up frames is something EVERY beekeeper has to do, and lots of times, too! At first it seems really difficult and puzzling, especially if you have no-one to show you what to do but here are step by step instructions and remember, it gets A LOT easier the more you do!

Helpful hint: you will make up the frame upside down!



## Step 1

This is what you need to begin:

- Sheet of foundation (wired or unwired).
- Frame parts: top bar, 2 side bars (these have grooves for fitting the foundation), 2 bottom bars.
- Hammer, pliers (just in case you need them!)
- Gimp pins (special thin nails)



## Step 2

Move everything except the top bar to one side. Remove the loose wedge from the top bar.



## Step 3

Turn the top bar upside down and fit the 2 side bars into the slots at each end of the top bar. Push hard, they need to fit tightly.



## Step 4

Take one of the bottom bars, fit it into its groove at each end of the side bar.

Make sure you fit it so that it lines up with the back edge of the top bar (see photo).





### Step 5

Take the sheet of foundation; if it is wired, hold it so that that 3 wire loops are at the lower edge. Bend these forward so they look like little feet! Slide the sheet of foundation into the side bar grooves. Make sure it is in place without leaving a gap at the sides or bulging.



### Step 6

Push the second bottom bar into place, trapping the sheet of foundation.



### Step 7

Lay the frame down, push the wedge of the top bar you removed in step 2 into place, again trapping the foundation.

### Step 8

Hammer three gimp pins, each one into one of the little trapped 'feet'. This will trap the wires, if your foundation is wired.



### Step 9

Hammer 4 gimp pins, 1 in each end of the bottom bars. This will make sure the side bars don't move.

### Step 10

Take 2 more gimp pins and - final step - hammer one through the top of each side bar on the flat side.



*All done! WELL DONE!*