



HOW TO MAKE A CANDY BOARD FOR BEES

Pictures Included For Reference

Steps to Making a Candy Board for Your Bees

What is a candy board? 4 lbs of sugar mixed with about 1 cup of water. The water makes it just moist enough to stick together and spread onto a frame built to put into the hive. Depending on how big you built your frame will determine how much sugar you put into the hive.

What are the benefits of a candy board?

1. It is a food source through the winter months and in the spring if they run short of honey.
2. Because the sugar dries hard once it is spread onto the frame, it also will help wick up the excess moisture in the hive

Steps to making a candy board:

1. **Measure two boards, cutting them small enough to fit onto the top of a deep body *and* for a medium super to be able to fit over them. (The boards can be about .5"x 1.5")**
2. **Measure the wire to fit to the edges of the deep super.**
3. **Use a staple gun to fix the wire to the boards.**
4. **Lay down parchment paper under the wire**
5. **Mix up the sugar and water and spread out flat on the wire**
6. **Let dry overnight**
7. ***Note (I was worried that the sugar wouldn't attach well to the wire and would fall off when I removed the parchment paper. But I transported it out to the bees with the parchment paper and then peeled that back and laid it on the frames and it worked great! Only a few edge crumbles fell off into the hive.)**

