# Install a Swift Box

Installing a swift box is easier than you think!
Below are our tips on how to successfully install a box on your building.

If you don't feel confident doing it yourself, see if your area has a local swift group who could recommend a contractor

# Is your house high enough?

Swift boxes need to be located high enough for swifts to do their signature 'drop and fly!' so bungalows are often not suitable.

A two storey house is perfect, and the swift box should be placed as close to the eves as possible to emulate their natural nesting location



### What tools do I need?

Measurements may change slightly depending on your wall, but generally you will need a drill and a 5mm masonry drill bit, 2 rawlplugs of the same size, and 2 screws the same length as the rawlplug.

You will also need a ladder or platform high enough.



#### Safety tips

Always have a second person standing at the foot of the ladder.

Ensure you don't install your box close to any wires.



## Look at your walls

Bare brick walls are ideal for fitting swift boxes as you can simply drill a couple of holes into the mortar.

If your house is rendered or some other material it may be a bit more tricky (but not impossible!) so maybe do some research



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# Installing the box

If the box doesn't have holes, drill pilot holes into the back of the swift box. Then use those holes to guide where you drill into the wall. Push in the rawlplugs and then screw the box onto the wall into the plugs.

Then secure the lid to the manufacturers instructions.

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