

Nuc Artificial Swarm technique

(kit needed: Nuc & 6 frames of foundation)

Steps for nuc

- 1) Put nuc next to hive for frame transfer
- 2) Transfer queen on her frame into nuc
- 3) Transfer 2 other frames of SEALED brood (takes little looking after)
- 4) Transfer frames of nectar/honey /pollen
- 5) Move nuc 2 metres away
- 6) Nuc is now self sufficient (if syrup required, feed after 24 hours to avoid leaving foragers coming back to rob it out)

Main hive:-

- > Stays in same place
- > Leave 1 "open" queen cell
- > All foragers here
- > Brood and nurse bees
- > Stores of honey / pollen

Transfer frames to nuc

Frames with:-

- > Queen (no QCs)
- > Sealed brood x2
- > Honey
- > Pollen
- > Nurse bees

Foragers fly home

Steps in Hive

- 6) Reduce queen cells to 1 "open" one (mark frame)
- 7) Add foundation to replace transferred frames
- 8) In 1 week, check no more queen cells in hive
- 9) Feed syrup if required