


DIY: Simple Cheap Varroa Counting Board/Floor for a PolyNuc

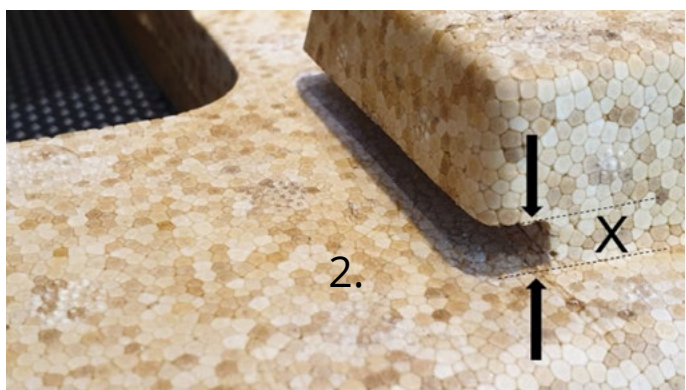
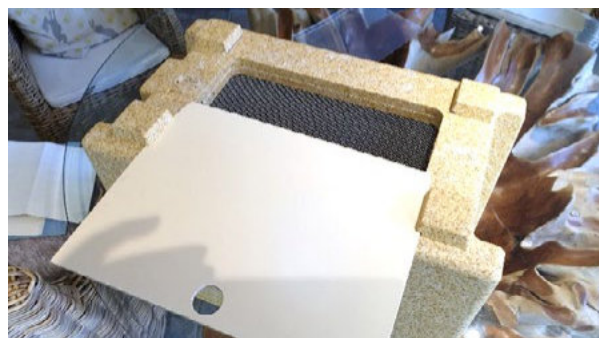
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No one appears to provide PloyNucs with a removable varroa counting board / floorso I made my own as below. Either for varroa counting or simply to keep the little darlings cosy and warm in the winter.

1. This is for a Maisemore PolyNuc, which I have swapped over to from the Paynes PolyNuc for various reason but the same idea works equally well on my Paynes PolyNucs which I have also modified.
2. In each of the 4 feet, using a sharp modelling knife cut a groove with a height 'X' equal to the thickness of the board you intend to use for the floor. This was ~5mm in my case. Dress to size with a file. If the main objective is to keep them warm, make the groove flush with the floor. If the main objective is to count varroa you may want to cut the groove so that there is a gap between the board and the base ...otherwise you might scrape all the varroa off when removing the board.
3. Cut a piece of plywood, Correx or similar to size. In this case 330mm x 250. Using a black permanent marker or similar draw grid squares in the normal manner to facilitate counting. Chamfers on the leading edges will facilitate easy insertion.
4. A finger hole, handle or similar might facilitate easier removal too. 



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