

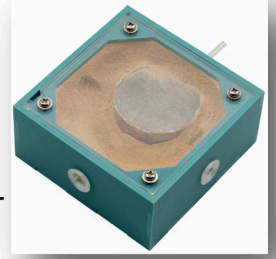
AntQuarters—Nests that Connect

Instructions



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Introducing our **AntQuarters** acrylic nests, where modularity and convenience make ant keeping a breeze! Follow these instructions carefully to ensure your ants stay healthy and comfortable in their nest.



Tools You'll Need:

1. Syringe with blunt-tipped needle (provided)
2. Phillips screwdriver
3. Mini flathead screwdriver

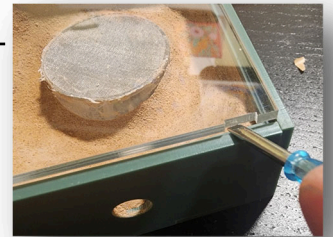


1. Removing the Lid

To access the interior of the nest, you'll need to remove the lid:

- Locate the notch in the lid.
- Using a mini flathead screwdriver, gently pry up the lid at the notch. (Refer to the provided image for guidance).

Take care not to use excessive force, as this could damage the lid or nest.



2. How to Add Water to the Reservoir

Maintaining proper humidity is crucial for your ants. Follow these steps to correctly add water:

Step-by-Step Instructions:

1. **Locate the silicone tube** on the side of the nest (as shown in the provided image with an arrow pointing to the tube).
2. **Prepare the syringe** by filling it with clean, distilled water.
3. **Insert the blunt-tipped needle** of the syringe into the silicone tube carefully.
4. **Slowly inject water** into the tube until the water reservoir is halfway full.
5. **Important:** Fill the reservoir no more than halfway or it will leak water into the nest. The reservoir allows you to track how much water is added, and the water will gradually evaporate and be absorbed by the gypsum in the nest.
6. **Refill the reservoir** only when it is nearly empty to maintain consistent humidity.



FAQ

What if I over water the nest?

You might see water getting into the top of the gypsum cement where the ants are living. You can remove water by inserting the syringe into the hole and pulling out as much water as you can.

Why have the ants moved into the outworld?

- The nest is too dry. After you add water, they will move back in.
- The nest is too wet. Try to remove the excess water with the blunt tipped syringe.

What do I do if I see mold inside of the nest?

Sometimes ants are less than ideal house guests and they don't take the trash out. Mold eventually kills colonies. Take a good look at the mold with a magnifying glass. If you see yellow mold, you need to remove it as soon as you can by opening the lid to the nest and picking the moldy pieces out with tweezers.

How do I add test tube ants to the nest?

You may want to sedate them by putting them in the fridge for no more than 2 minutes. Here are two suggestions for adding test tube ants to the nest:

- Open the clear acrylic lid and set it nearby. Open the test tube and tap them into the nest. Quickly close the lid before any escape. It's good to have an Ant Vacuum on stand-by, ready to capture any escapees.
- Open the nest lid and tap them in. Tap them into the outworld. The only downside to this is that it might take them a few days to find the nest.

How do I apply heat?

Heat helps ants grow and some species require it in order for brood to develop. The best way to heat the ants is to buy a [heat cable](#) and drape the warm part of the cable on the side of the nest opposite of the water reservoir.