

# BACK FORTY BEES PRESENTS

## Getting started in beekeeping

There are hundreds of combinations and options for a hive and personal equipment. These are our suggested setup.

### Minimalist approach

- Telescoping lid\*
- Inner cover\*
- 3 Medium, 8 frame, hive bodies\*
- Bottom board \*
- Wood frames (24) - foundationless\*
- Entrance reducer\*
- Mason jar feeder  
(make it yourself)\*
- Veil-hat jacket
- Bee brush
- Smoker
- Hive tool

### Nice to have approach

- *Minimalist list, plus:*
- Beekeeping for Dummies (or similar book)
- Leather gloves
- Frame holder
- Frame grip
- Spray bottle for syrup
- Wax foundation\*  
(24 – change wood frames to accept foundation)
- Wooden hive top feeder (2 gallon)\*
- Queen excluder\*

### Buy it all approach

- *Nice to have list, plus:*
- Commercial hive stand\*
- Coverall bee suit
- Queen catcher
- Queen muff
- Smoker fuel
- Subscription to Bee Culture magazine
- Extracting equipment

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\*This is for one hive. New beekeepers should start with two hives, so double everything. Remember to add bees!