

Recipe for making 5 frame Nuc's - April – May

- Pull 2 frames of brood, all stages, but including capped brood
- Pull 2 frames of honey. 1 frame pf pollen (or comb of honey, pollen or brood)
- Gently remove bees, place above a Queen excluder in a box above the brood chamber
- Close up and wait a few hours or the next day - Nurse / house bees will have covered the frames
- Remove frames of brood, honey and pollen and place in a Nuc – add frame of foundation or drawn wax
- Add a caged Queen or graft a capped Queen cell. Close off for 3 days or move 2 miles.
- After 2 days check for emergency Queen cells (and remove them).

Modified Recipe for making 5 frame Nuc's - After May (or main nectar flow)

- Pull 2 frames of brood, all stages, but including capped brood
- Pull 2 frames of honey. 1 frame pf pollen (or comb of honey, pollen or brood)
- Gently remove bees, place above a Queen excluder in a box above the brood chamber
- Leave the brood above the Queen excluder for 5 days – all viable eggs will be unacceptable for making an emergency Queen cell. Bees are more likely to accept the introduced Queen or Queen cell.
- Remove frames of brood, and pollen and place in a Nuc box, add frame of foundation or drawn comb.
- Add caged Queen or capped Queen cell.

To learn more about making Nuc's, go to:

<https://www.uoutube.com> NWNJ Beekeepers – “Nucleus Colonies” by Landi Simone and take a look at Bill Bundy on Viemo – “A Practical Guide to Requeening”
<https://viemo.com/22004601>