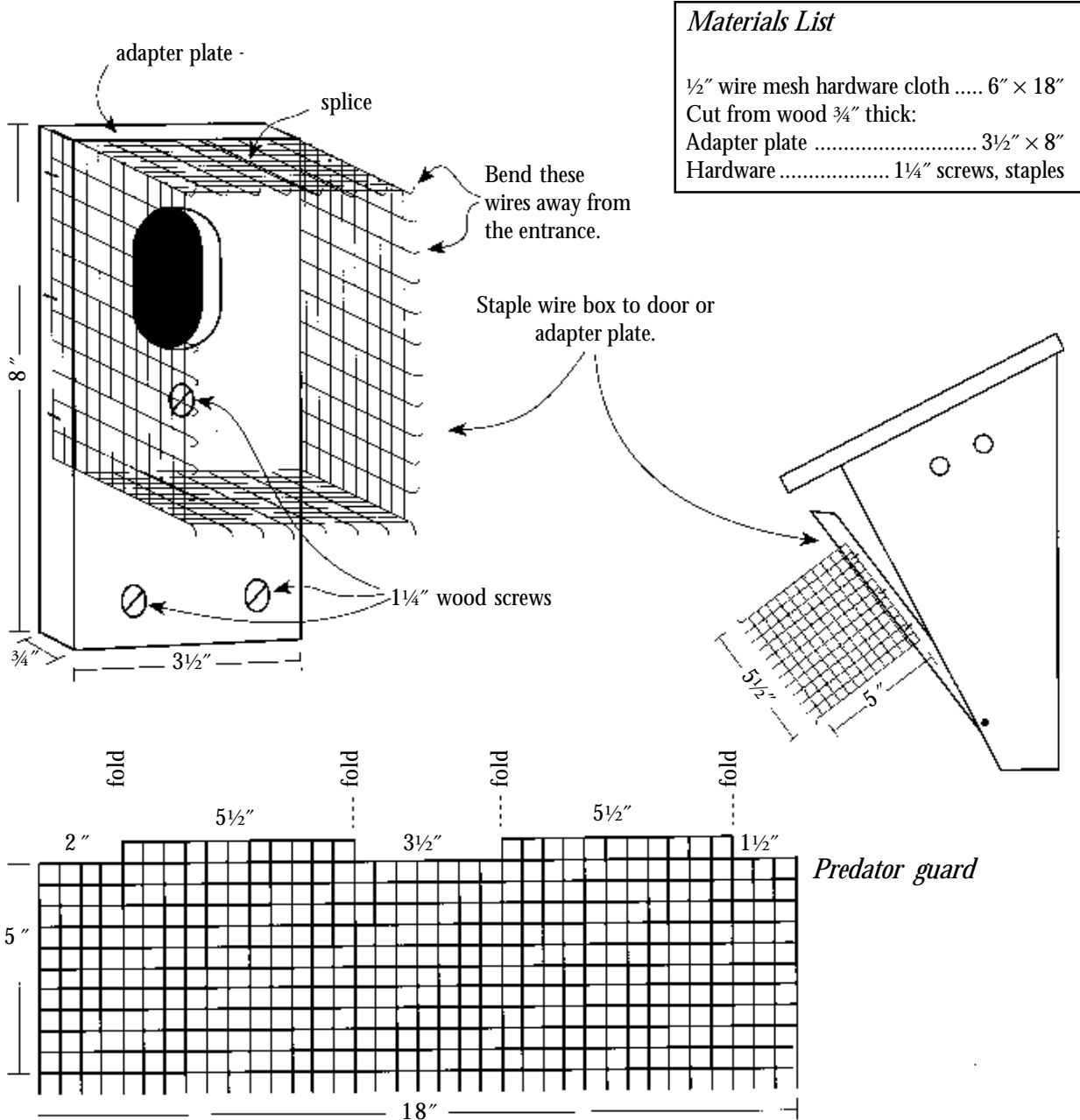


A Plan for a Noel Predator Guard



The wire mesh guard may be attached directly to the box front by stapling along the edges of the door. (Edges may need to be planed to allow for the thickness of the wire.) To make the guard more versatile, staple the wire mesh to an adapter plate with an entrance hole that matches your nest boxes. The adapter can be screwed onto box fronts as needed. To further impede predators, you can string a piece of wire across the guard. Connect the wire to each side of the guard and position it across the entrance hole and about three inches away from the hole. Noel guards are most effective when installed after the first egg is laid.

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