

Bee Candy (by cheating)

Pie Tins work great. You can also use cans such as cat food, tuna... Tins are easy to break pieces off.

Pour a very small amount of Bee Tea into tin/can and then pour cane sugar on tea and take a device (bottle, jar, tenderizer, baseball bat...) and push down on sugar & tea in tin/can to make it a hardish substance, do this a few times until the tin/can is full. Now the can (not pie tin) can be turned upside down and the fake candy will not come out. (Bee Tea recipe can be found at HoneybeeLives.org web site)

Final result will be a fudge / thick cake like substance that does not drip or run but not hard as a rock.

It is a good idea to put the candy directly on top on the top bars of the frames on sheets of newspaper big enough to be under the pieces of candy (not a sheet of newspaper covering the whole top). It depends on how strong the colony is. Remember to still put a suitable shim on super/deep box that has the candy and inner cover then insulation and paper to wick moisture (or straw filled box) then outer cover above shim.

Note: After you mash your tea/sugar into cans or tins let it sit for awhile and see if you need to sprinkle a little more sugar on top of the liquid that wicks up so when you turn the can upside down it does not pour out and/or the candy in the pie tin doesn't run.

Bee sure to insulate properly and not let valuable heat out during this critical brood period. Duct tape is a good thing to have w/you to cover any gaps and not cause drafts inside around the brood.