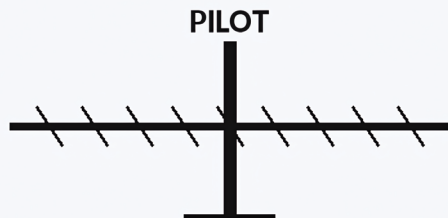


DRILL BIT CHART FOR SCREWS

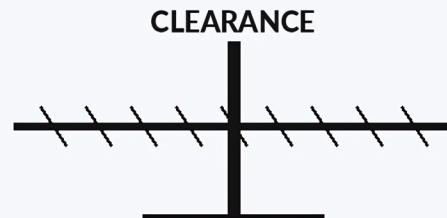
General starting sizes for wood-screw pilot and clearance holes.

Screw	Softwood Pilot	Hardwood Pilot	Clearance Hole
#4	1/16	5/64	1/8
#6	5/64	3/32	9/64
#8	3/32	7/64	11/64
#10	7/64	1/8	13/64
#12	1/8	9/64	7/32
#14	9/64	5/32	1/4

PILOT HOLE VS. CLEARANCE HOLE



Threads bite into the receiving piece



Screw body passes through the first piece

IMPORTANT

- Use the fastener manufacturer's recommendation whenever available.
- Hardwoods often need a larger pilot than softwoods.
- Wall anchors require the exact bit printed on the package.
- Test in scrap material before drilling the finished piece.

Reference only. Verify the required drill size and follow the relevant tool, fastener, tap, and manufacturer instructions before drilling.