# **General Instructions**

#### 0619RANE3503FGSD3TW-V1

19MM LOG CABIN, REVERSE APEX, NO EXTRAS, 3.5X3M, FULLY GLAZED SINGLE DOOR, THREE TALL WINDOWS.

#### **BEFORE YOU START PLEASE READ INSTRUCTIONS CAREFULLY**

- Check the pack and make sure you have all the parts listed.

- When you are ready to start, make sure you have the right tools at hand (not supplied) including a Phillips screwdriver, Stanley knife, wood saw, step ladder and drill with 2mm bit.

- Ensure there is plenty of space and a clean dry area for assembly.

### TIMBER

As with all natural materials, timber can be affected during various weather conditions. For the duration of heavy or extended periods of rain, swelling of the wood panels may occur. Warping of the wood may also occur during excessive dry spells due to an interior moisture loss. Unfortunately, these processes cannot be avoided but can be helped. It is suggested that the outdoor building is sprayed with water during extended periods of warm sunshine and sheltered as much as possible during rain or snow.

Once your garden building has been installed it will need to be treated as soon as possible and annually to prevent the timber from deteriorating and to waterproof it. This is required to maintain the anti-rot guarantee.

Log Cabins - Are supplied untreated and require a preservative and waterproofing treatment.

#### **BUILDING A BASE**

When thinking about where the building and base are going to be constructed: Ensure that there will be access (60cm) to all sides for maintenance work and annual treatment.

Ensure the base is level and is built on firm ground, to prevent distortion. Refer to diagrams for the base dimensions. The base should be slightly smaller than the external measurement of the building, i.e. The cladding should overlap the base, creating a run off for water. It is also recommended that the floor be at least 25mm above the surrounding ground level to avoid flooding.

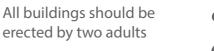
#### **TYPES OF BASE**

- Concrete 75mm laid on top of 75mm hard-core.
- Slabs laid on 50mm of sharp sand.

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Refer to the instructions pages for your specific product code





2mm Drill bit

For ease of assembly, you MUST pilot drill all screw holes and ensure all screw heads are countersunk.





For ease of assembly use a rubber mallet to fit the log boards. Do **NOT** use a heavy hammer.





Measure

overall

length

It is advisable to use a hand saw when cutting roof and floor boards.

Screws & Nails

Bolts

Measure

under the

head

To identify the fixings required for each step use a

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Winter = High Moisture = Expansion Summer = Low Moisture = Contraction



## CAUTION

Every effort has been made during the manufacturing process to eliminate the prospect of splinters on rough surfaces of the timber. You are strongly advised to wear gloves when working with or handling rough sawn timber.



Ensure to measure and check before cutting boards.

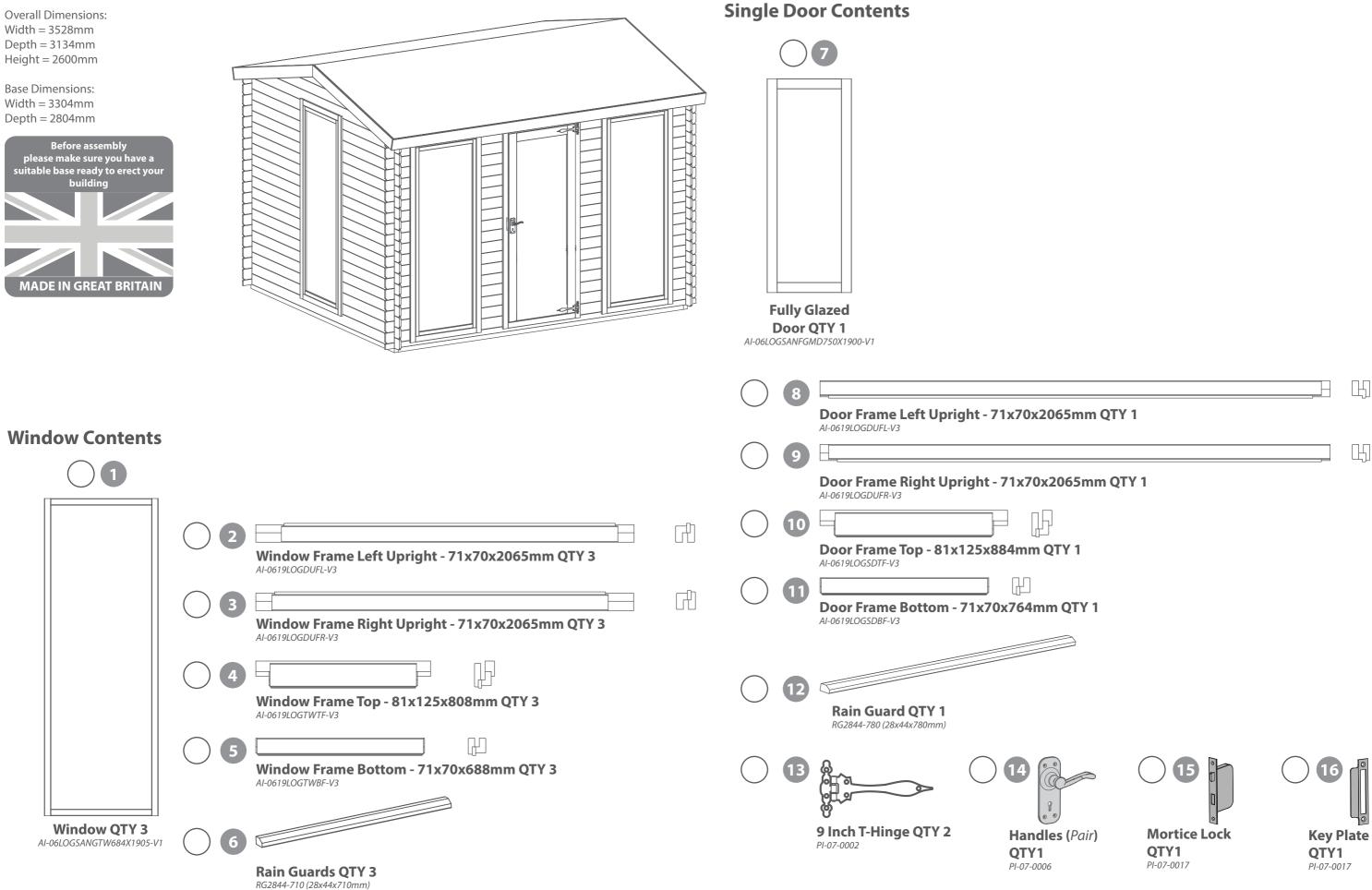


To ensure log boards are even, use a spirit level to check each layer has been installed correctly.

measuring tape.

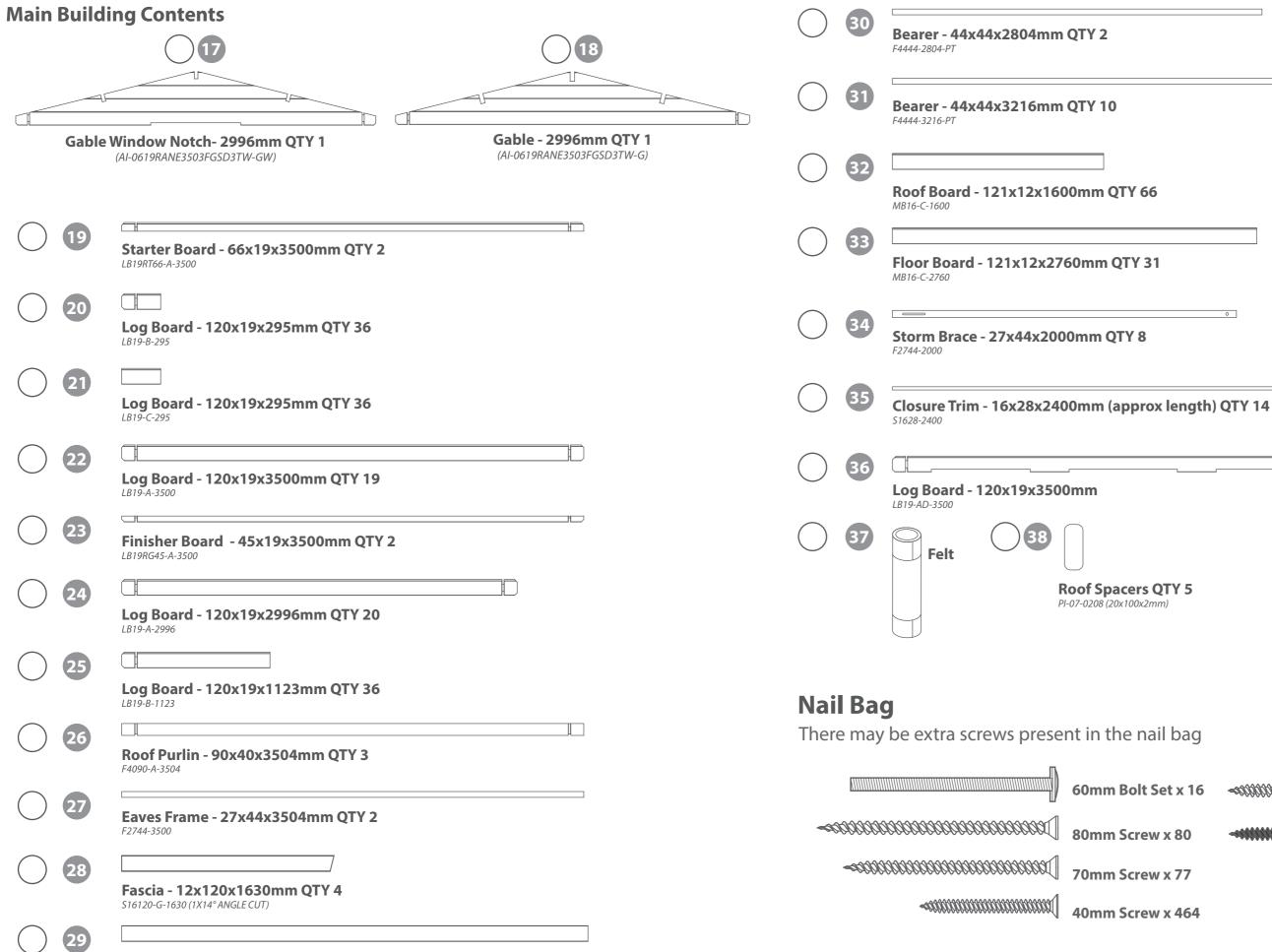


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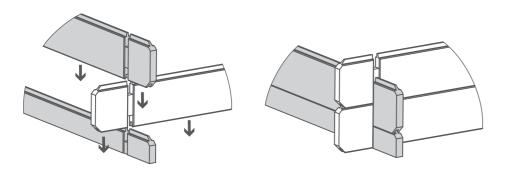
-00000000000 30mm Screw x 118 30mm Black Screw x 26 Felt Tacks x 200 

# **Pre-assembly**

# \*Please note:

Each board interlocks at either end in a staggered pattern.

Before securing ensure that the boards are fitted properly in their respective tongues and grooves.



#### Step 2 Parts Needed - No. 31 QTY 8

Following the same method arrange the remaining bearers (*No.31*) inside the assembled frame.

\*Ensure there is an equal amount of space between each frame.

Secure each of the frames in place using 2x70mm screws for each side of the bearer, ensuring the bearers remain level.

#### 32x70mm Screws



### Step 1 Parts Needed - No. 31 QTY 2 No. 30 QTY 2

Lay the bearers (*No's. 31 & 30*) onto a firm and level surface (*free from areas where standing water can collect*) as shown in the illustration.

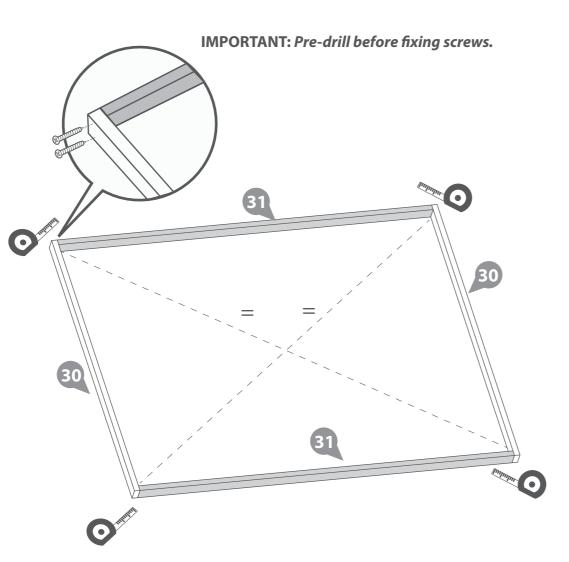
Fix the bearers together at each corner screwing 2 screws per corner using 8x70mm screws, ensuring the bearer is flush.

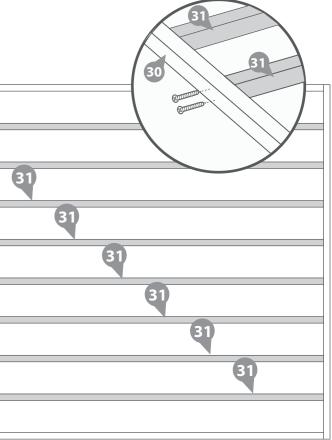
Once fully assembled, ensure the bearers are square by measuring from corner to corner as illustrated, making sure the measurements are equal.

If the bearers are not aligned equally, unscrew, adjust and re-align accordingly.

#### 8x70mm Screws







#### Step 3 Parts Needed - No. 19 QTY 2 No. 24 QTY 2

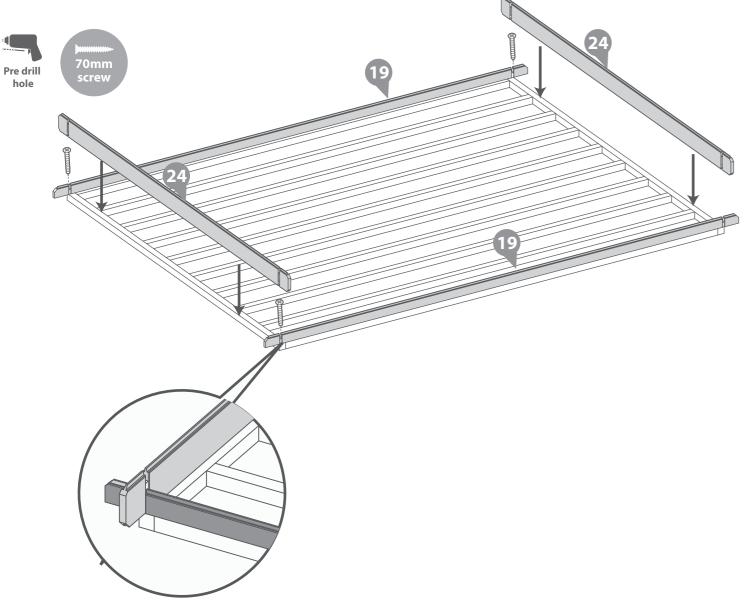
Place the starter boards (No's. 19) on to assembled base frame along the longest sides and place the first two log boards (No. 24) in the notch as shown.

Ensure the boards sit square on the base using the same method used in Step 1. Measure corner to corner, making sure the measurements are equal.

Once the boards are square, lift up the log board (No. 24) and fix the starterboards in place.

Fix each of the starter boards to the frame by screwing through the notch into the frame as shown in the illustration.

#### 4x70mm Screws



Step 4 Parts Needed - No. 20 QTY 6 No. 22 QTY 6 No. 24 QTY 6 No. 25 QTY 6

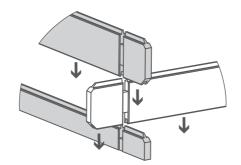
Following the method shown in the illustration, lay the first 6 boards (No. 20, 22, 24 & 25) on the back, side, back corner and one front corner as shown in the illustration

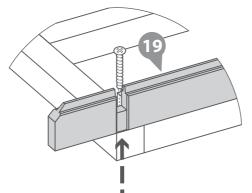
Start by placing the front and back boards, interlocking them with the side boards. Then place the next side boards, interlocking with the front and back boards. Continue this method until you have placed **6 boards off of the starter** boards on each side, as shown in the illustration.

This will create your first level.

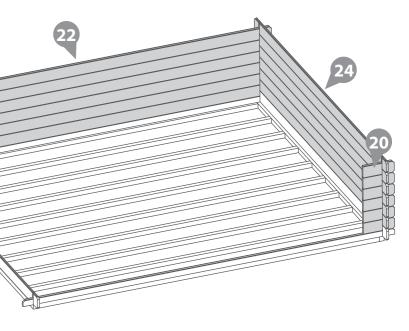
#### \*Ensure that the boards are level and flush with each other as you lay each one.

**\*\*Please Note:** The short boards at the front/ side of the building (either side of the door and window opening's) can be placed either side depending on your needs.





**IMPORTANT:** *Pre-drill before fixing screws.* 



#### Step 5 Parts Needed - No. 2 QTY 3 No. 3 QTY 3 No. 4 QTY 3 No. 5 QTY 3

Arrange the left, right, top & bottom window frames (No's. 2, 3, 4,& 5) onto a firm and level surface. Secure the top and bottom frames to the uprights using 2x80mm screw per corner, ensuring the screws do **NOT** protrude through

three window frames.

#### **IMPORTANT** : *Pre-drill before fixing screws*.

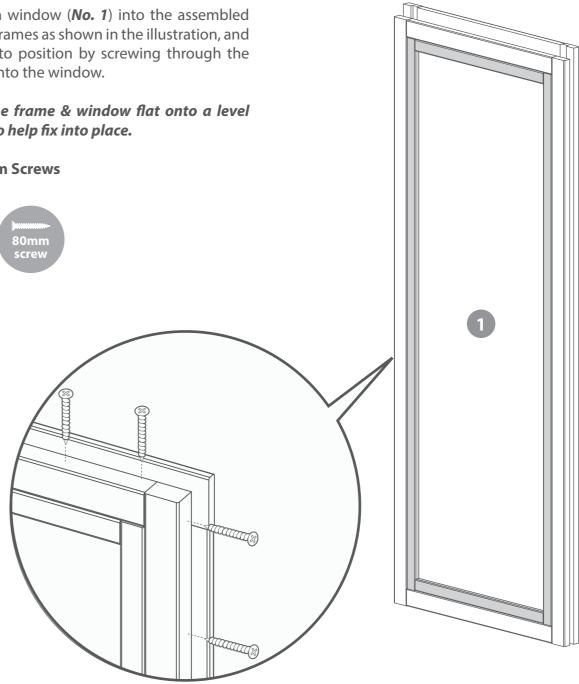
#### Step 6 Parts Needed - No. 1 QTY 3

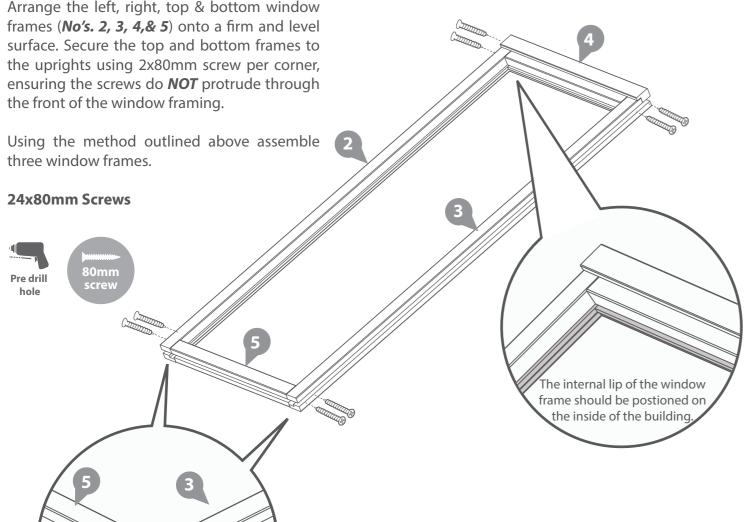
Rest each window (No. 1) into the assembled window frames as shown in the illustration, and secure into position by screwing through the framing into the window.

#### \*Place the frame & window flat onto a level surface to help fix into place.

#### 48x80mm Screws







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#### Step 7 Parts Needed - No. 8 QTY 1 No. 9 QTY 1 No. 10 QTY 1 No. 11 QTY 1

Arrange the left, right, top & bottom door frames (No's. 8, 9, 10, & 11) onto a firm and level surface. Secure the top and bottom frames to the uprights using 2x80mm screw per corner, ensuring the screws do NOT protrude through the front of the door framing.

#### 8x80mm Screws

screw



**IMPORTANT** : *Pre-drill before fixing screws*.

The internal lip of the window frame should be postioned on

the inside of the building.

# Step 8

# Parts Needed - No. 21 QTY 18

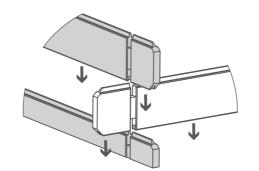
a Once you have laid 6 boards (off of the starter) on the front corner, locate one of the assembled window frames onto the log cabin as shown in the illustration.

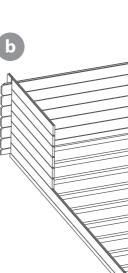
Ensure the window frame is resting on top of the starter board and the log boards (No.20) are locted flush into one side of the window frame.

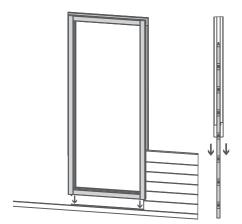
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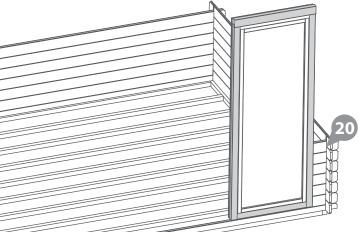
b Once the window frame is in position, place the log boards (No.21) flush into the other side of the window frame, securing it in place.

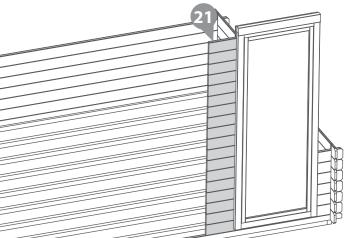
\*Ensure that the boards are level and flush with each other as you lay each one.











#### Step 9 Parts Needed - No. 21 QTY 18

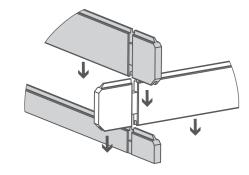
a Once you have positioned the first window and boards, locate the assembled door frame onto the log cabin as shown in the illustration.

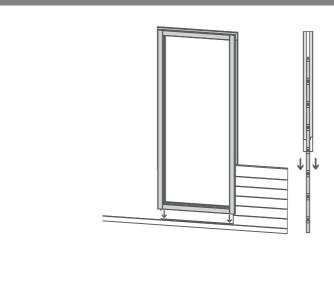
Ensure the door frame is resting on top of the starter board and the log boards (No.21) are locted flush into one side of the door frame.

\*\*If you have not yet assembled your door frames please refer to step 7.

b Once the door frame is in position, place the remaining log boards (No.21) flush into the other side of the window frame, securing it in place.

\*Ensure that the boards are level and flush with each other as you lay each one.





#### Step 10 Parts Needed - No. 20 QTY 6 No. 25 QTY 6

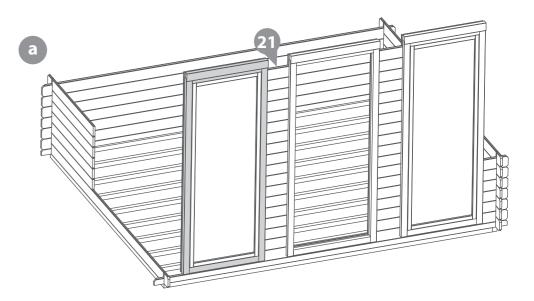
( a ) Once you have positioned the door frame and boards, locate one of the assembled window frames onto the log cabin as shown in the illustration.

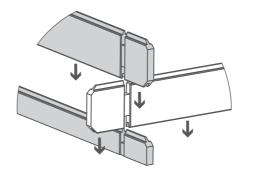
Ensure the window frame is resting on top of the starter board and the log boards (No.21) are locted flush into one side of the window frame.

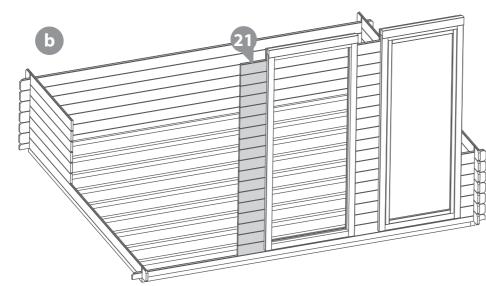
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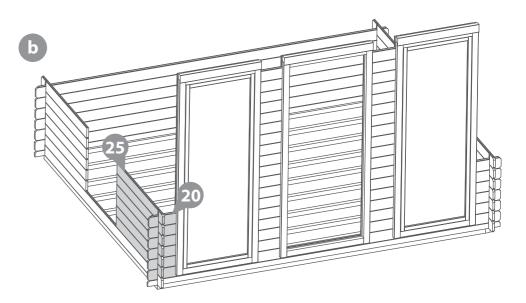
b Once the window frame is in position, lay 6 boards (No.20 & 25) as shown in the illustration to finish creating the first layer at the front corner.

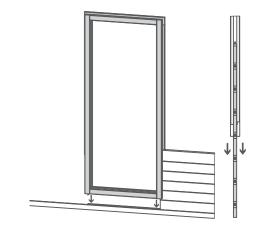
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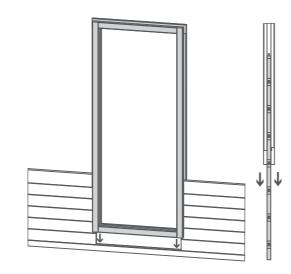


#### Step 11

Once you have laid 6 boards on each side and positioned the front windows and door frame, slide the third assembled window frame over the boards (No.25) resting the frame on top of the starter board.

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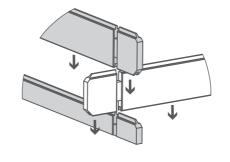
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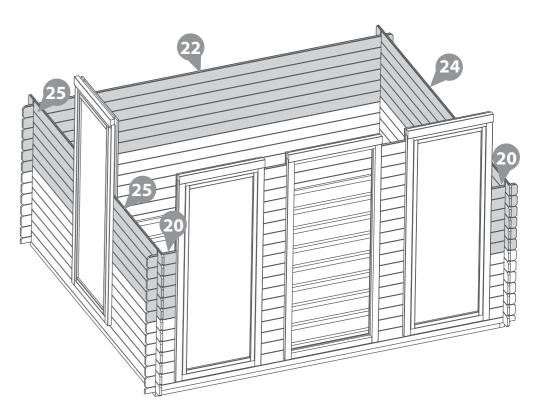


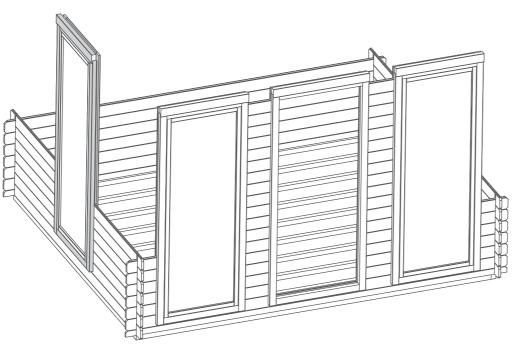
Step 12 Parts Needed - No. 20 QTY 12 No. 22 QTY 6 No. 24 QTY 6 No. 25 QTY 12

Following the method shown in the illustration, lay the next 6 boards (No's. 20, 22, 24 & 25) onto the assembly to create your second level.

\*Ensure that the boards are level and flush with each other as you lay each one.



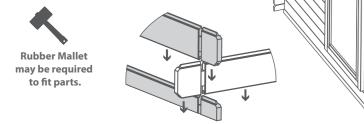




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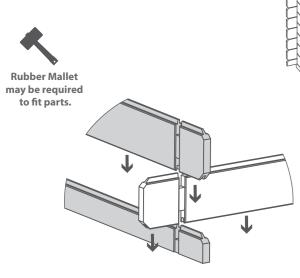
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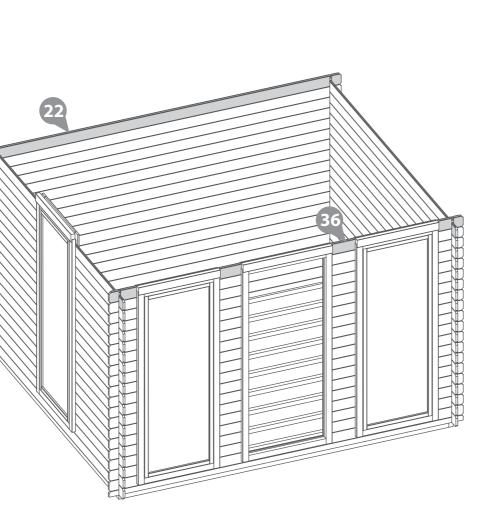


# Step 14 Parts Needed - No. 22 QTY 1 No. 36 QTY 1

Following the method shown in the illustration, remaining log boards (No.22 & 36) onto the front and back of the log cabin.

\*Ensure that the boards are level and flush with each other as you lay each one.





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Step 15 Parts Needed - No. 17 QTY 1 No. 18 QTY 1

Place the gable tops (No. 17 & 18) onto the building. Fix into position by screwing through the notches as shown in the illustration.

\*Ensure that the boards are level and flush with each other as you lay each one.

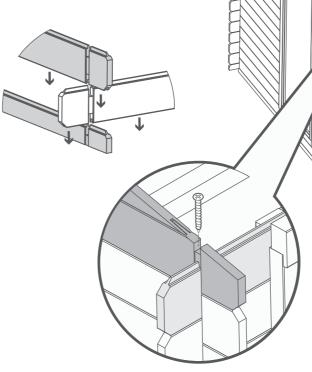
4x70mm Screws

Pre drill

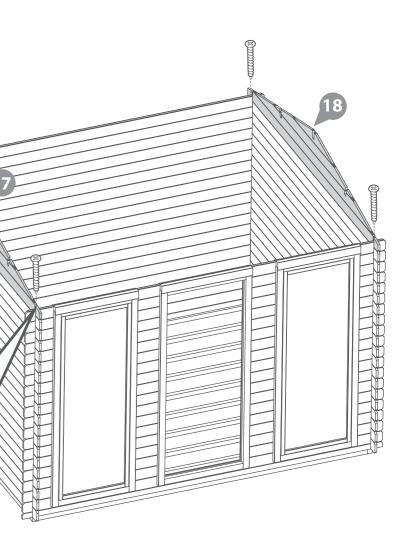
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**Rubber Mallet** may be required to fit parts.



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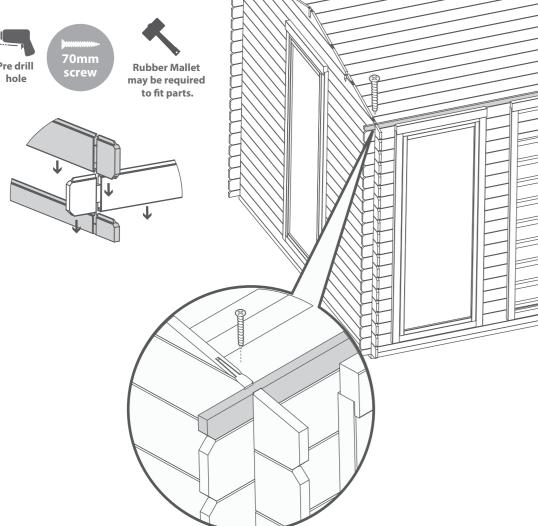


#### Step 16 Parts Needed - No. 23 QTY 2

Once the gables are in position place the Finisher Boards (No. 23) onto the front and rear of the building, fixing into position by screwing through the notches as shown in the illustration.

#### \*Ensure that the boards are level and flush with each other as you lay each one.





#### **IMPORTANT** : *Pre-drill before fixing screws*.

#### Step 17 Parts needed - No. 26 QTY 3

a Align the Roof Purlin(s) (No.26) into the cut out slots on each gable top ensuring each roof purlin interlocks the boards.

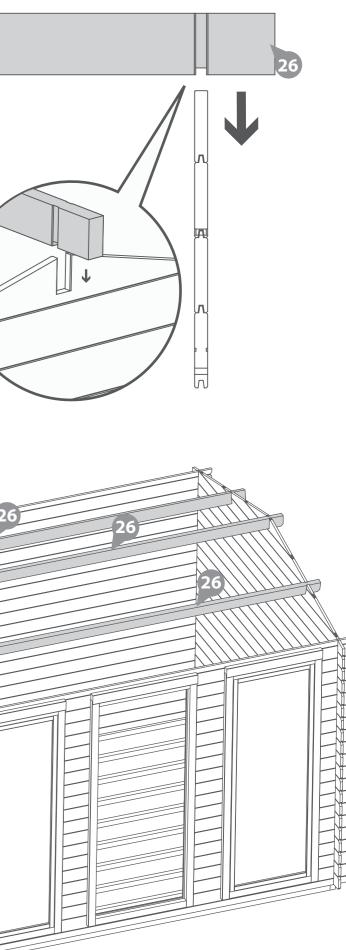
b Secure the roof purlins at each end by screwing through the bars into the boards (ensure to pre-drill to avoid the boards *splitting*) using 4x70mm screws per roof purlins.

\*Please note: The gable shown is for illustrative purposes and may differ in width from your choice in product. Nevertheless, despite any differences the process of fixing the roof purlins is the same.

#### 12x70mm Screws







#### Step 18 Parts needed - No. 32 QTY 66

( a ) Place the first two roof board's (No.32) onto either side of the log cabin, making sure the boards are flush to the end of the roof purlin. Once in position fix to each purlin using 3x40mm screws.

Ensure the roof boards are not laid too close together, use the spacers (No. 38) provided to create a 2mm gap. Adjusting the spacing between the boards allows the wood to swell in damp weather.

Continue adding the roof boards along the roof, fixing each one into position using 3x40mm screws, making sure that each board is interlocked, flush at the bottom & meet at the top of the apex.

You have been issued with 66 roof boards, but in reality you may only need to use 64.

#### \*Ensure the roof boards meet at the top of the apex and leave an overhang at the bottom.

**b** The last board on each side will overhang past the end of the roof purlin; Using a straight edge and a pencil mark out a line as a guide.

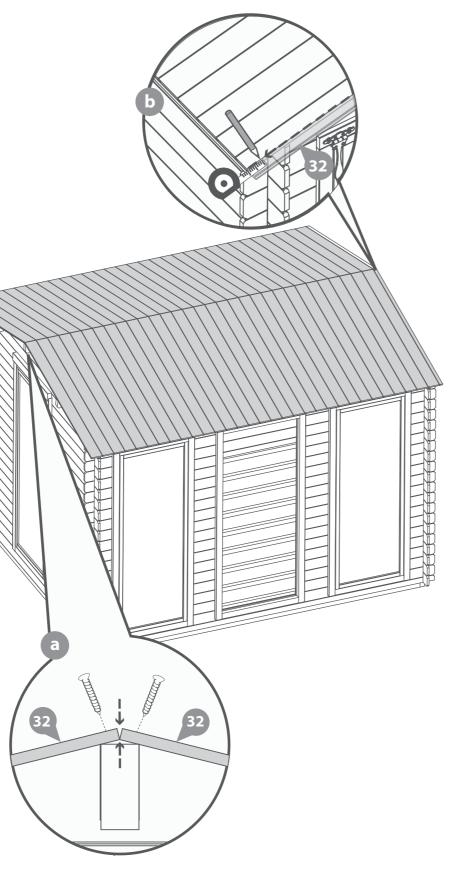
Cut along the pencil mark and remove the excess. Place the cut down board's back onto the roof and secure into place using 3x40mm screws per board.

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#### 198x40mm Screws



#### IMPORTANT: Pre-drill before fixing screws.



#### Step 19 Parts Needed - No. 27 QTY 2

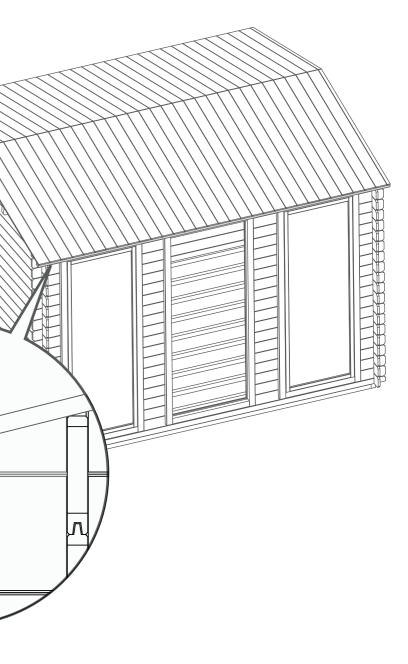
Ensuring the roof boards are flush at the overhanging side and meet at the apex, fix the eaves frames (No.27) to the underside of the roof boards using 9x30mm screws as shown in the illustration

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#### 18x30mm Screws



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#### Step 20 Parts Needed - No. 7 QTY 1 No. 13 QTY 2

Once the roof is fixed, place door (No.7) onto a flat surface and fix 2xT-hinges (No.13) to each door using 5x30mm black screws per hinge.

Locate the doors into the door frame on the cabin, ensuring there is equal spacing on each side between the door and door frame.

Secure into position by screwing through the T-hinges (No.13) using 4x30mm black screws per hinge, making sure the doors open & close freely without restriction

\*Ensure to screw into the framing and not into the channel.

18x30mm Black Screws

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screw

Pre drill hole

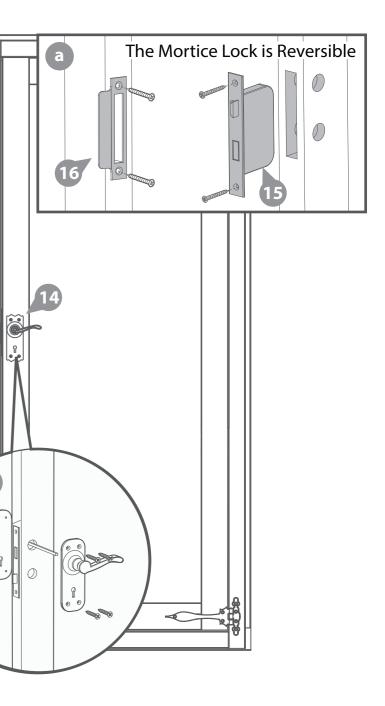
Step 21 **IMPORTANT:** *Pre-drill before fixing screws.* Parts Needed - No. 14 QTY 1 No. 15 QTY 1 No. 16 QTY 1 a Fit the Mortice Lock (No. 15) into the recess in the glazed door (No. 1) and secure using the 2x30mm screws provided. Attach the Key Plate (No. 16) to the door framing with 2x30mm screws. b Fit the door handles (No. 14) and connect with the metal bar to the mortice lock using 8x30mm screws. Ensure the lock mechanism closes correctly. If not, remove the lock and turn the catch around using the small grub screw. **\*Please note:** This image is for illustrative purposes and may differ from your choice in product (regarding ironmongery).

Nevertheless the process of fixing to the door(s) is the same.

8x30mm Black Screws 4x30mm Screws



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#### Step 22 Parts Needed - No. 33 QTY 33

Place the first floor board (No. 33) inside the building flush to the log board on one side. Continue adding the floor boards (internally) making sure to interlock each individual board.

You have been issued with 31 floor boards, but in reality you may only need to use 30.

#### \*Do NOT secure the boards until the last board has been measured and cut.

Following the same method outlined previously measure the gap between the bottom of the tongue (on the last **board placed**) and the log board.

Using a straight edge mark out the measurement onto the last floor board (No. 33) and cut along the length removing the excess.

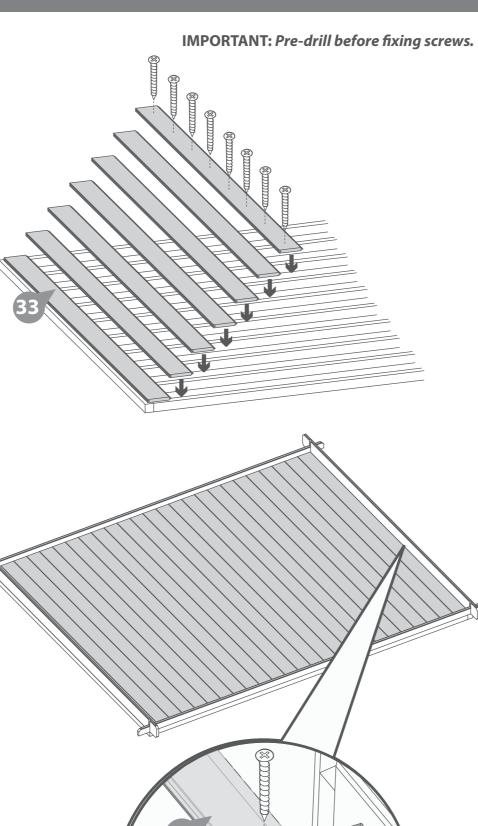
\*\*Please note: Mark the final board 2mm under the measurement; This will allow the timber to expand and contract correctly.

Once all the floor boards are in position secure each board into position using 8x40mm screws.

\*\*\*Please Note: Ensure to screw through eachof the floor boards into the floor bearers.

#### 248x40mm Screws





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# Step 23 Parts needed - No. 35 QTY 7

Inside the building place the closure trim (No. 35) against the boarding and align with the roof as shown in the illustration, ensuring the angled face follows the roof line.

#### \*Measure and cut the closure trims to fit the internal space.

Once in position fix each trim into place by pre drilling a pilot hole and using 6x30mm screws per trim, equally spacing them along the face of the board.

#### 48x30mm Screws





#### Step 24 Parts needed - No. 35 QTY 7

Once the floor has been laid arrange the closure trim (No. 35) around the outside edge of floor (internally), measure and cut down accordingly to best match the internal space.

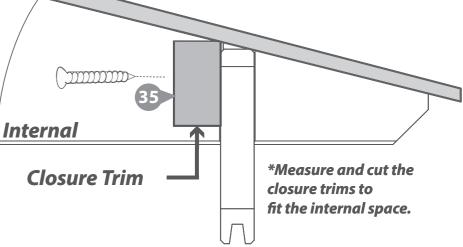
Secure each trim section into place using 6x30mm spaced equally along the board as shown in the illustration.

\*Do NOT fix the closure trim to the floorboards.

#### 48x30mm Screws



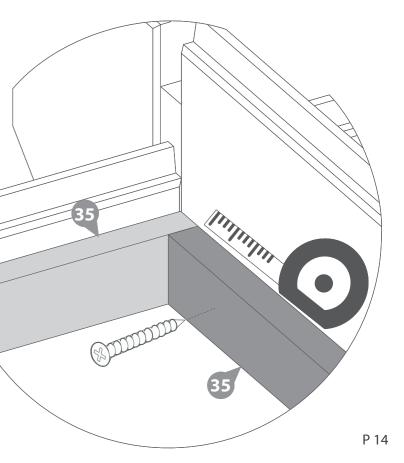




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**IMPORTANT:** *Pre-drill before fixing screws.* 





#### Step 25 Parts needed - No. 37

Cut the felt into four strips of: 3624mm (L) X 1000mm (W) and lay onto the roof in the order shown in the illustration.

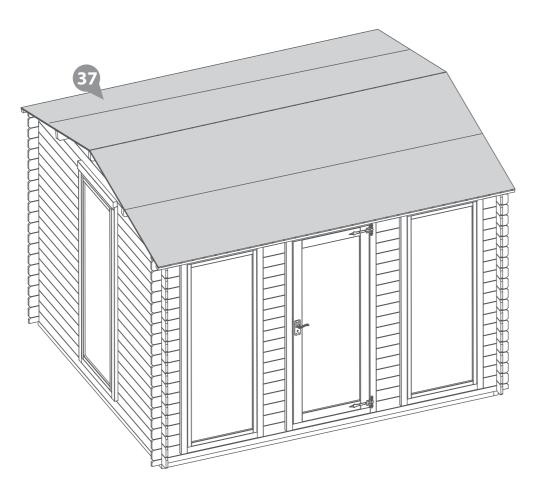
#### \*Ensure there is approximately 50mm of overhanging felt each side.

Once the felt is laid out fix to the roof using felt tacks at 100mm intervals.

\*Felt size: 3624mm X 1000mm

#### 190x Felt Tacks





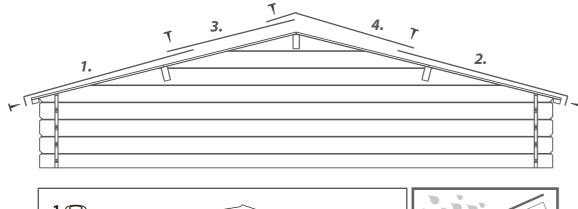


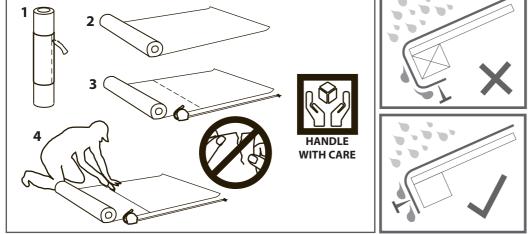
Attach the Rain Guards (No. 6) to the window frame, fixing in place onto the framing above each window using 3x70mm screws per guard.

Attach the Rain Guard (No. 12) to the door frame, fixing in place onto the framing above the Door using 4x70mm screws.

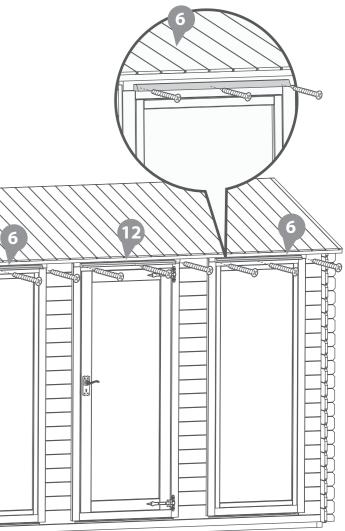
#### 13x70mm Screws.







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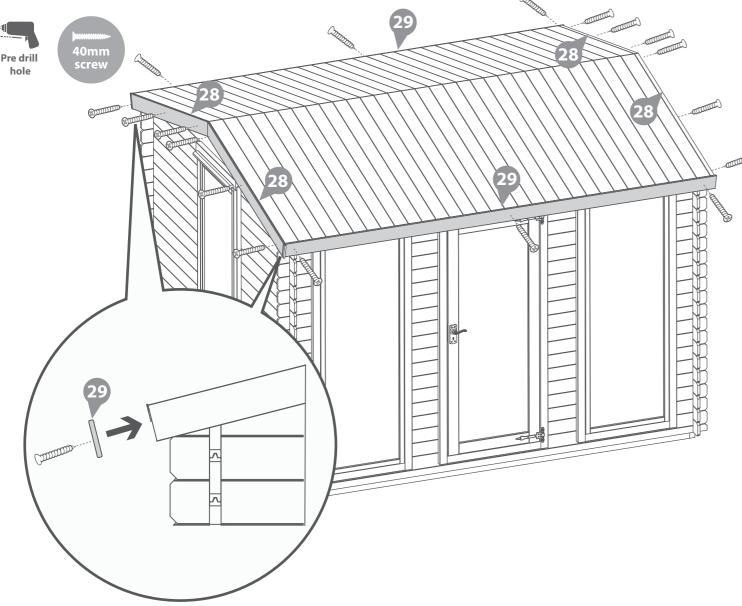


#### Step 27 Parts Needed - No. 28 QTY 4 No. 29 QTY 2

Align the fascia's (No. 28 & 29) with the roof and fix into place using 3x40mm screws per fascia, making sure to screw through the fascia into the roof purlins and eaves frame.

#### \*Ensure the angled cuts meet at the top of the apex.

#### 18x40mm Screws



#### **IMPORTANT:** *Pre-drill before fixing screws.*

#### Step 28 Parts needed - No. 34 QTY 8

Arrange the storm braces (No. 34) around the building (*internally*). Place 2x storm braces per side fixing into place using 2x 60mm bolts per brace making sure the washer & nut are tightened from the outside of the building.

#### \*Ensure the storm braces are secured at the highest pointpossible on each side.

The storm braces will need to be altered during the builings life as the moisture content within te log boards changes. The boards will expand during periods of high moisture (winter) and shrink during periods of low moisture (summer).

**\*\*Storm braces will help your building** expand and contract properly.

**\*\*\*Important: Ensure each bolt is** tightened using a washer so as not to damage the log boards.

#### 16x60mm Bolt Sets



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