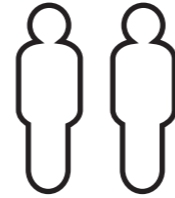


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**7X5 SHIPLAP APEX SUMMERHOUSE.**



**x2**  
 All buildings should be erected by two adults.



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, you will need a tape measure to check dimensions of components and fixings.



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.

**\*\*Protim Aquatan T5 (621)\*\***

Your building has been dip treated with Aquatan.

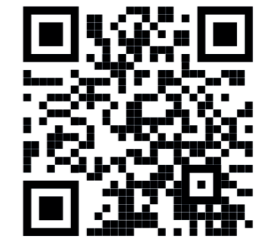
Aquatan is a water-based concentrate which is diluted with water, the building has been treated by the correct application of Aquatan solution and then allowed to dry.

Aquatan is a decorative finish to colour the wood, which is applied industrially to timber fence panels and garden buildings.

Aquatan undiluted contains: boric acid, sodium hydroxide 32% solution, aqueous mixture of sodium dioctyl sulphosuccinat and alcohols: 2, 4, 6-trichlorophenol.

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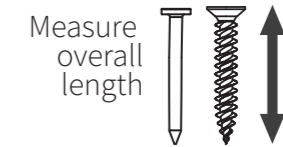
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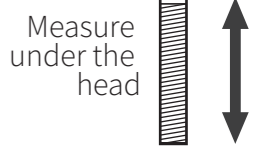
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**Screws & Nails**



Measure overall length

**Bolts**



Measure under the head

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

- Check the pack and make sure you have all the items listed in the parts list provided.
- When you are ready to start, make sure you have the right tools at hand (not supplied - see the equipment list on next page).
- Ensure there is plenty of space and a clean dry area for assembly.
- Ensure you have enough time to build the product to ensure the building is water tight.

**LOCATION FOR YOUR GARDEN BUILDING**

A minimum of 600mm should be left around the perimeter of your garden building to allow access for maintenance, annual treatment and to allow air flow around the building.

Where possible you should avoid placing your garden building underneath large trees to prevent the tree causing damage to the building.

**BUILDING A BASE**

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

Ensure the base is level and is built on firm ground, to prevent movement. Refer to the contents page 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.
- Wooden base - Levelled / on posts / ground screws.

**TREATMENT**

Once your garden building has been installed it will need to be treated within 14 days (weather permitting) and annually to prevent the timber from deteriorating and to waterproof it. This is required to maintain the anti-rot guarantee.

Dip Treated buildings - Require a preservative treatment to protect against rot and decay and a waterproof treatment to prevent water ingress

Pressure Treated buildings - Require a waterproof treatment to prevent water ingress

Log Cabins/Insulated Garden Rooms - Are supplied untreated and require a preservative and waterproofing treatment.

**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.



## TO DO LIST

- Find a suitable location to build (*see front cover for further information*).
- Build a base (*see front cover for further information*).
- Check the base is flat, level, clear of debris and has 60cm clearance on all sides.
- Check you have the required equipment / tools.
- Check you have all the product items listed (*if you have missing or damaged parts please scan the QR code below to visit our online customer portal*).
- Install the product as per the step by step instructions within this pack.
- Prepare the product ready for treatment (this may include sanding).
- Apply a preserving and a waterproofing treatment within 14 days (*weather permitting*) of installation (*pressure treated products do not require a preserver*).
- Register for your anti rot guarantee (*scan the QR below*).
- Tidy the build area and dispose of any remaining parts responsibly.
- Maintain your building (*see the manufacturers recommendations at the back of this pack*).

## EQUIPMENT LIST

- Hammer
- Flat Head Screwdriver
- Drill
- Drill Bit Set
- Phillips and Slotted Bit Sets
- Tape Measure
- Hand Saw
- Spirit Level
- Ladders/Steps
- Stanley Knife/Cutting Tool
- Sand Paper
- Gloves
- Silicone (For Windows Only)
- Sealant Application Gun
- Wood Filler (Optional)
- Timber Preservative Treatment (*not pressure treated products*)
- Timber Water Proofing Treatment
- Treatment Mixing Stick
- Paint Brush/Sprayer/Roller

## NEED EXTRA SUPPORT

If you are unsure that your base preparation will be suitable, please contact us via our customer portal to discuss this further.

Alternatively, you can visit our website or MGP Logistics Online Portal for some further shededucation.

**Website:**

<https://www.merciagardenproducts.co.uk/sheducation>

**MGP Logistics Online Portal:**

<https://www.mgplogistics.co.uk/>

Here you will find plenty of useful information that'll help with most pre-installation and maintenance queries.

**ANY QUESTIONS?**

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## NOTES

## ACCESSING VIDEO GUIDES...

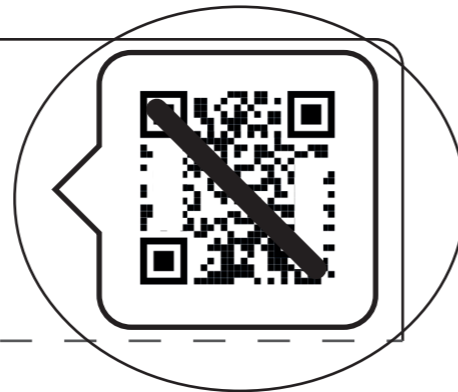
Some steps within this set of instructions come with an added video guide for your convenience. These can be accessed via the QR code and used to aid you in constructing that step. See below for how to use.

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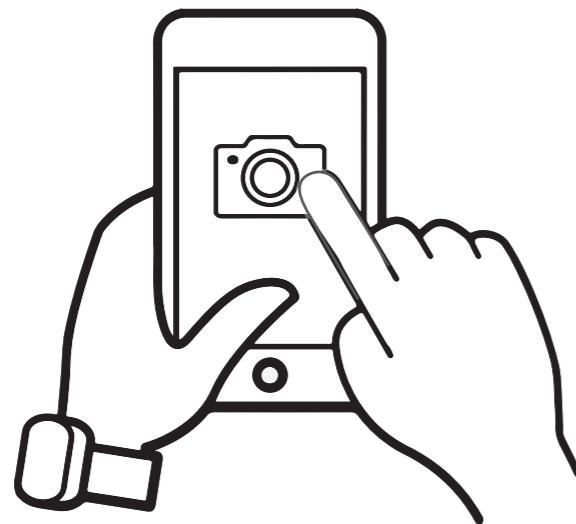
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No. QTY 1



Within the instruction step, there will be an icon in the top right that has a QR code in. This is where the video can be accessed from.

*Please note: not every step has a video guide.*

### 2. Open camera app...



On your personal smart device (phone, tablet etc), open your camera app or QR code scanner app.

## ACCESSING VIDEO GUIDES...

### 3. Scan QR code...



To scan the QR code, hold the camera over the QR code so that it can be seen on the screen. Once the QR code has been registered, follow the prompts on your device to open the video. (This will vary depending on your device.)

*Please note: Ensure to use the back camera of your smart device as this will scan the QR code more accurately.*

### 4. Watch the video...



The video guide will now be displayed on your smart device.

**Disclaimer:** The garden building constructed in the video guides may be constructed differently to your building. Please ensure to read your instructions carefully to avoid error.

## 7x5 Summerhouse

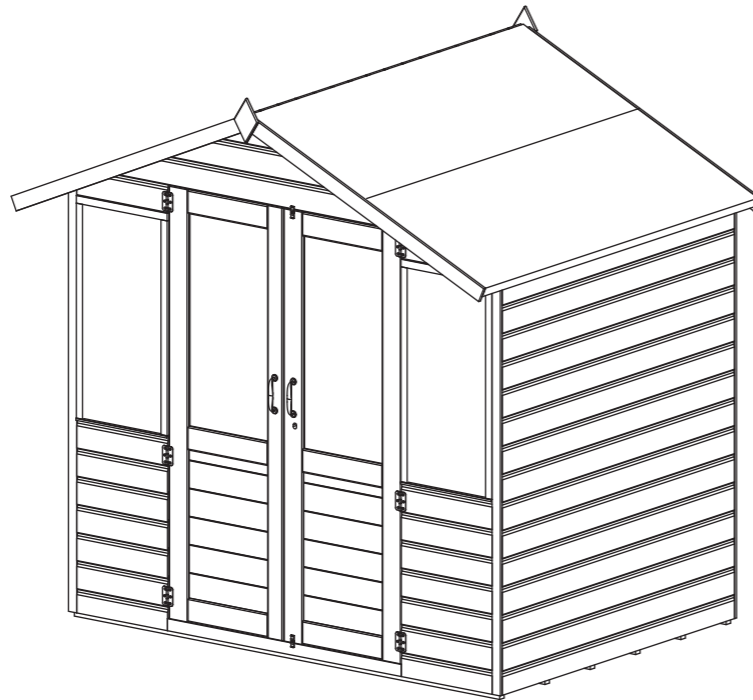
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### Overall Dimensions:

Width = 2293mm  
Depth = 1768mm  
Height = 2279mm

### Base Dimensions:

Width = 2066mm  
Depth = 1456mm

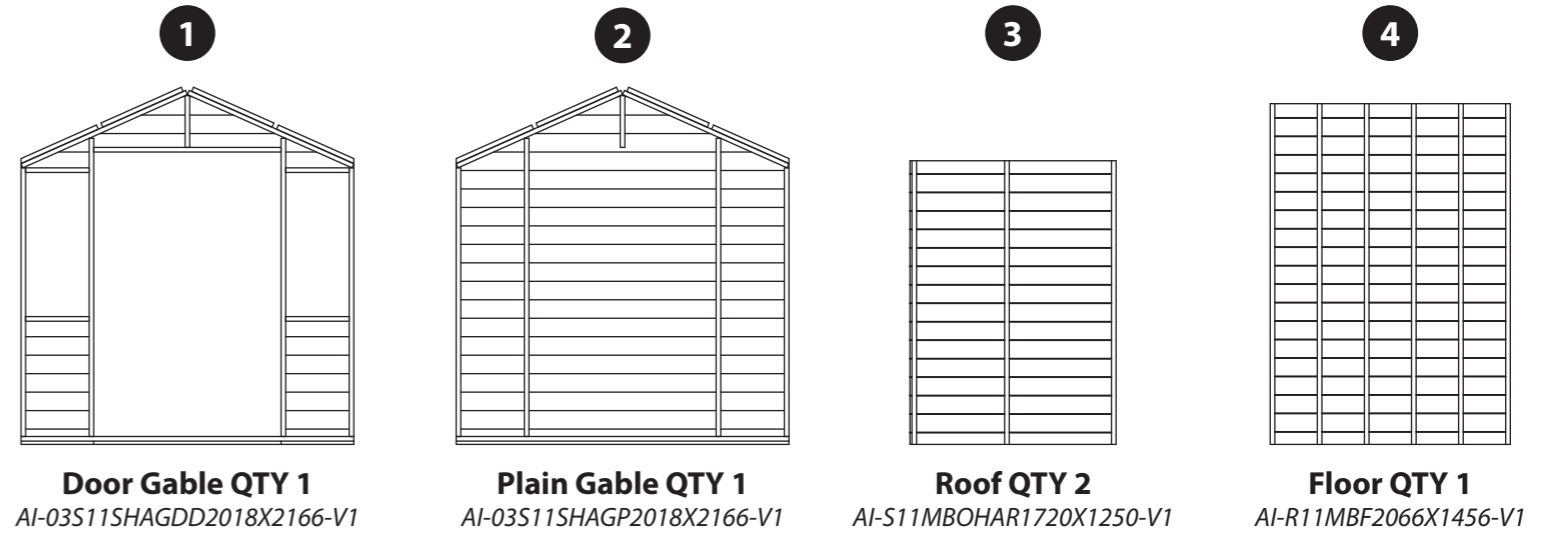


## Building Contents:

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Tip: Labelling your parts, using a pencil and masking tape, may help you to identify them easier when you need them.

NO.1 FLOOR PANEL



## 7x7 Summerhouse with Veranda

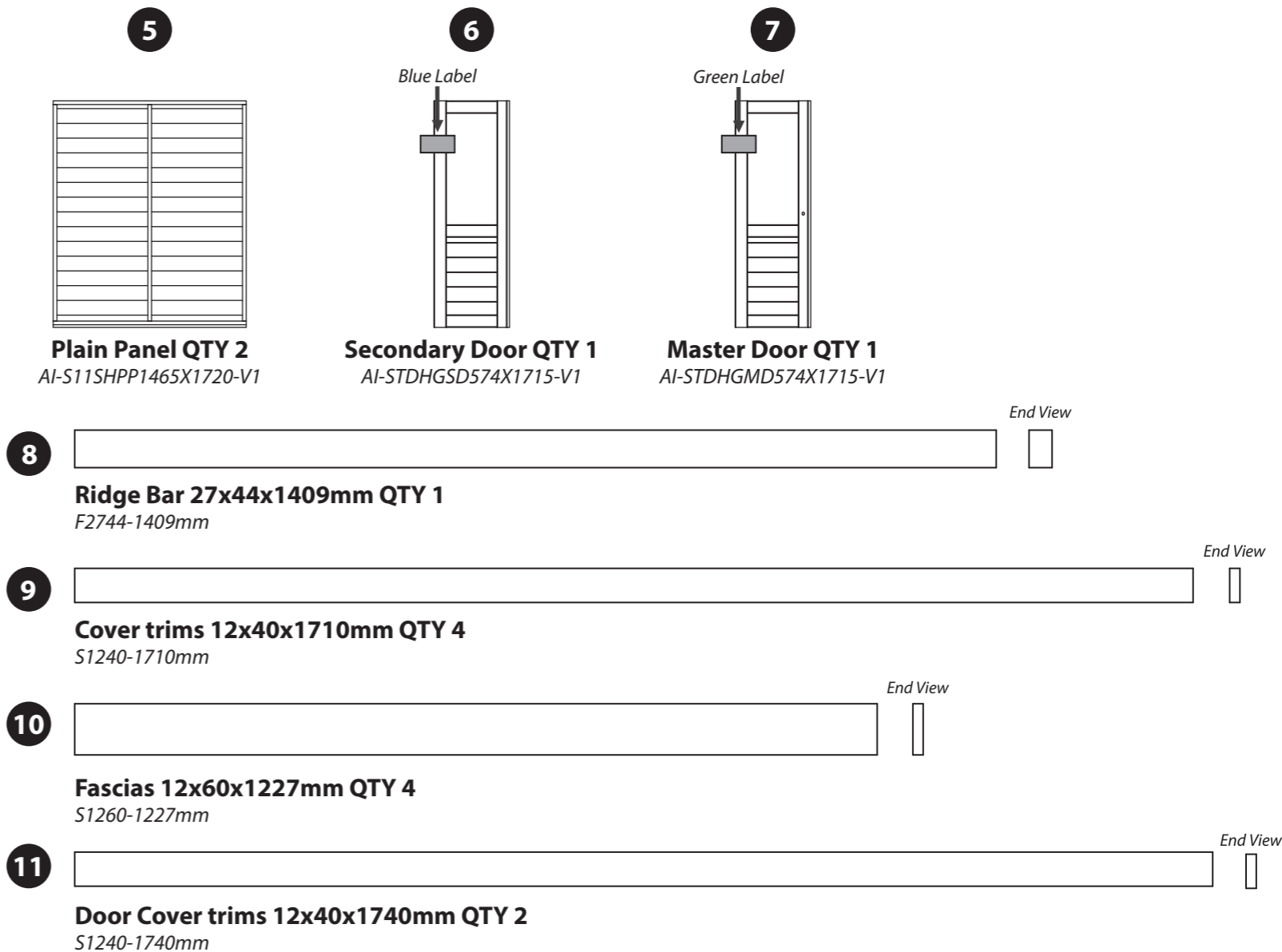
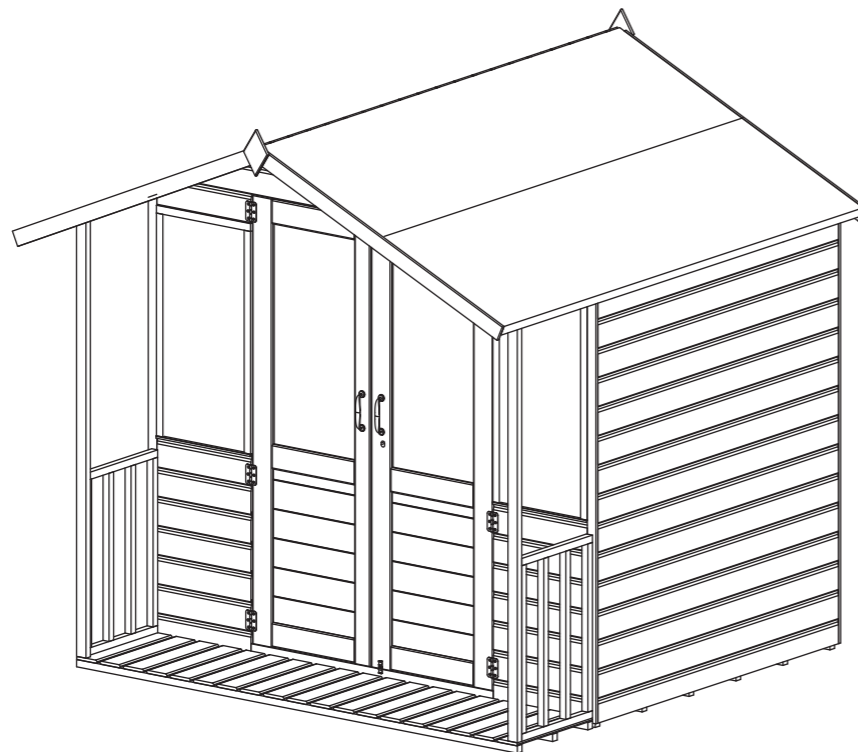
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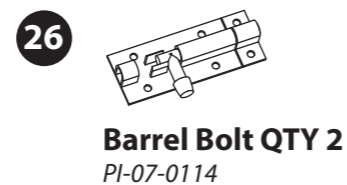
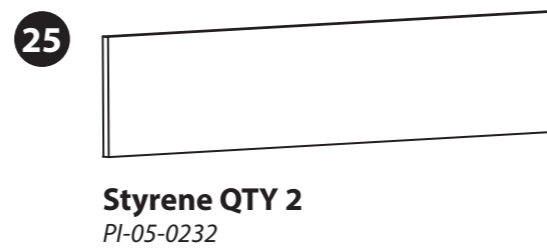
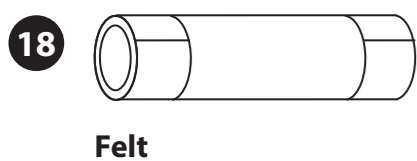
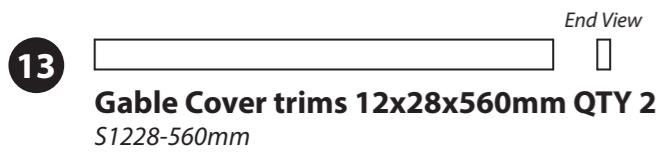
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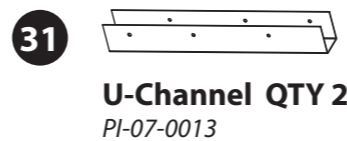
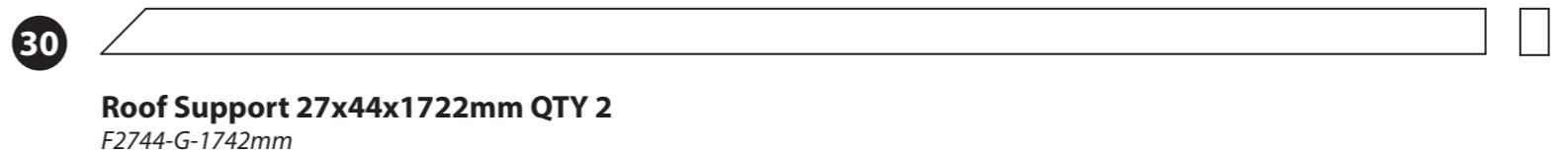
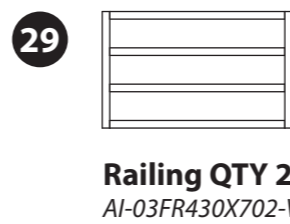
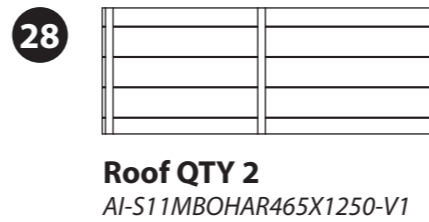
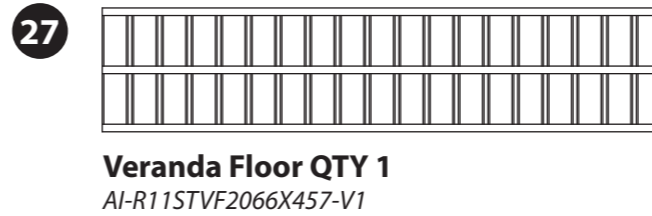
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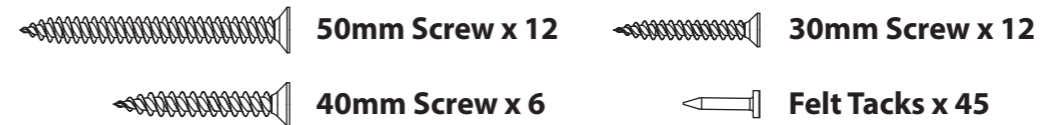
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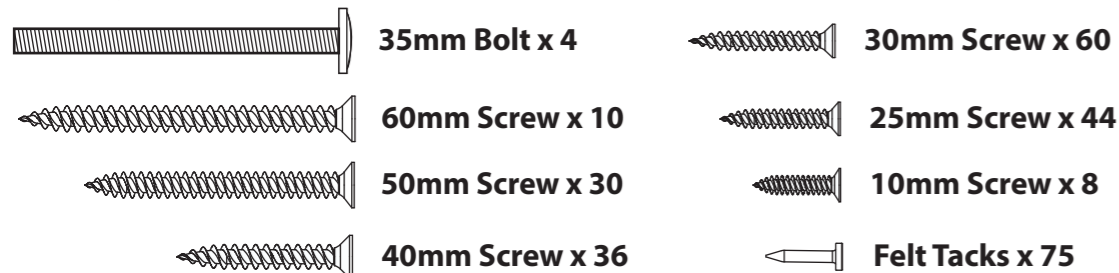
### Screw Pack

There may be extra screws in the pack



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### Missing parts?

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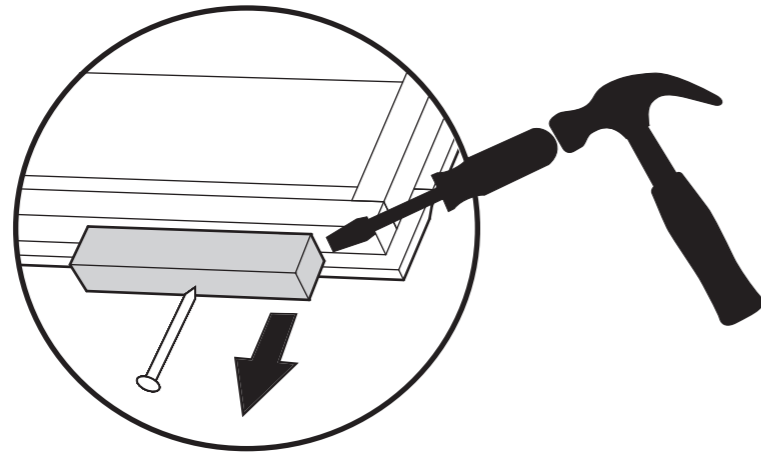


## Pre Assembly

Before assembling remove the transportation blocks from the bottom of each panel.

Take care removing the blocks as to not damage the panels. Tap with a flat headed screwdriver and hammer.

Dispose of the blocks once removed.



## Step 2

Parts needed - No. 1 QTY 1  
No. 21 QTY 2  
No. 25 QTY 2

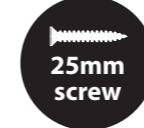
Lay the Door Gable onto a flat surface with the framing facing down.

Place one plastic window cill (No. 21) onto the external lip of the Door Gable (No. 1). Fix the Cill to the door gable framing using 2x25mm screws per cill.

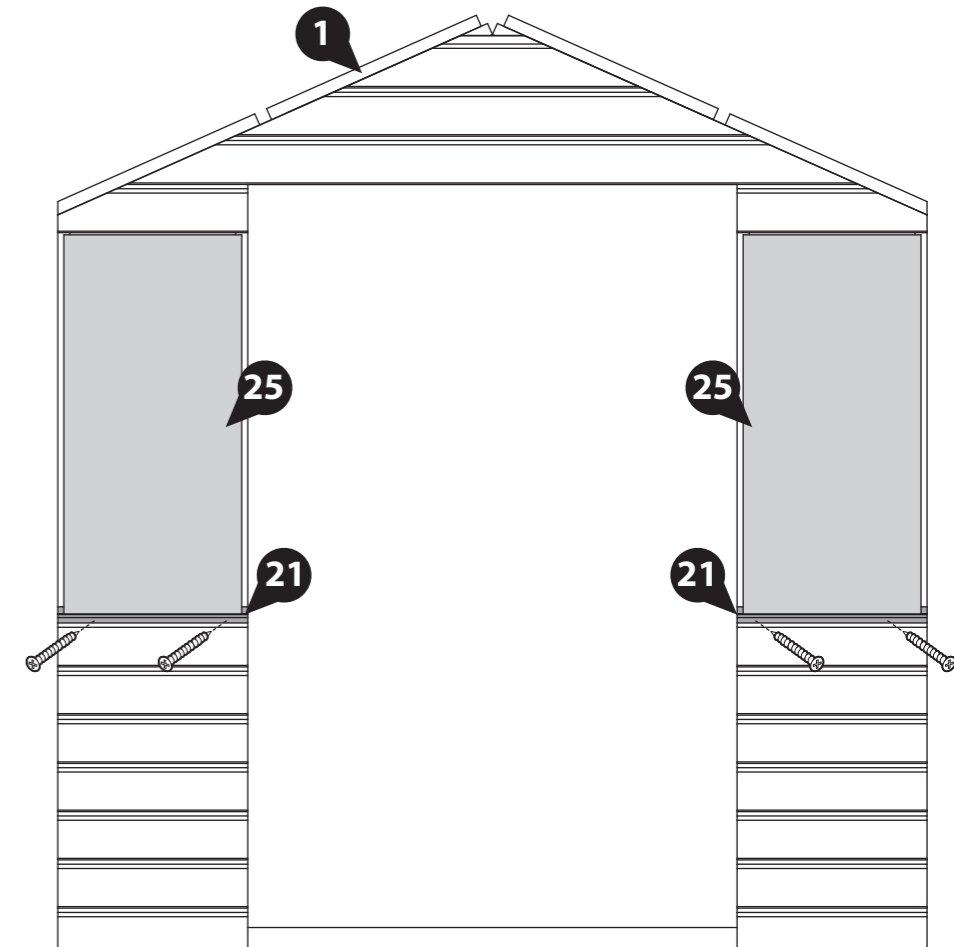
Lay one sheet of Styrene (No. 25) onto the window opening so that it sits flush on the cill and overlaps the surrounding framing equally on both sides, as shown.

Repeat for both sides of the Door Gable.

4x25mm Screws



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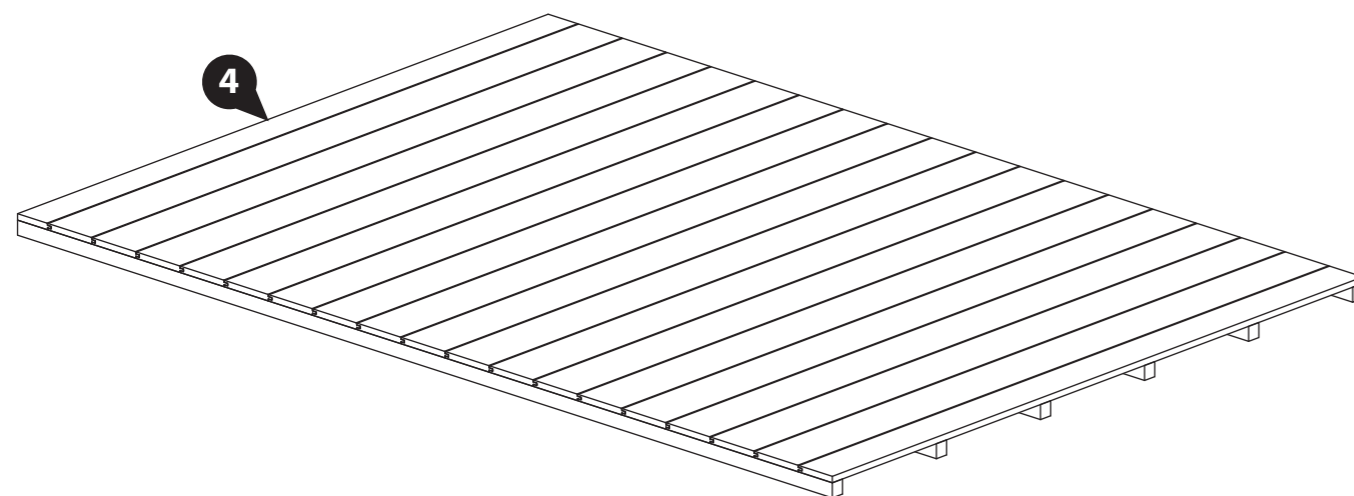


**Before assembly, please make sure you have a suitable base ready to install your building onto.**

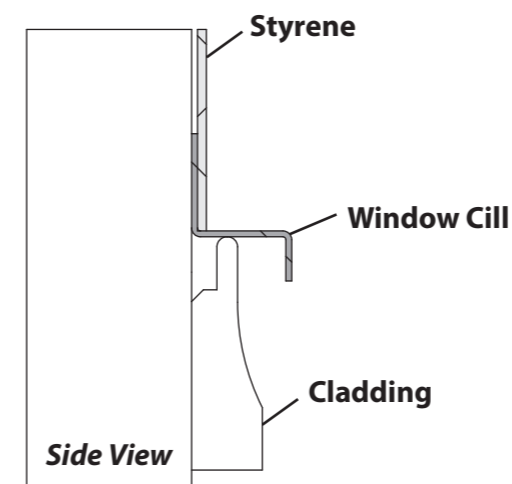
## Step 1

Parts needed - No 4 QTY 1

Place the floor (No. 4) onto a firm and level base. Ensure the base has suitable drainage and is free from areas where standing water can collect.



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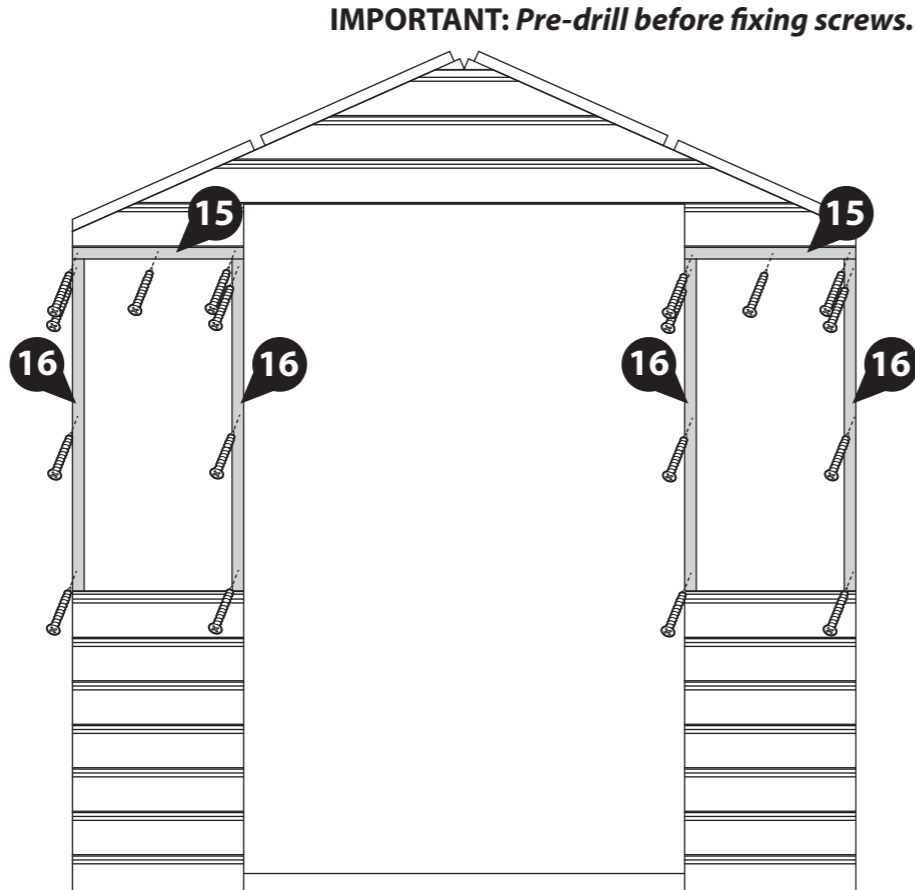
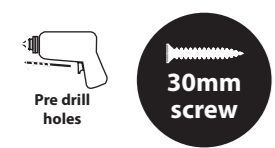
### Step 3

Parts needed - No. 15 QTY 2  
No. 16 QTY 4

Position the Window Strips (No. 15) at the top of each window opening, and the Window Strips (No. 16) either side of the window openings, trapping the styrene in place, as shown. Ensure the strips do not protrude the width of the window frame.

Secure in place using 3x30mm screws per strip, ensuring to screw through the strip into the panel framing behind, not into the styrene.

18x30mm Screws



### Step 4

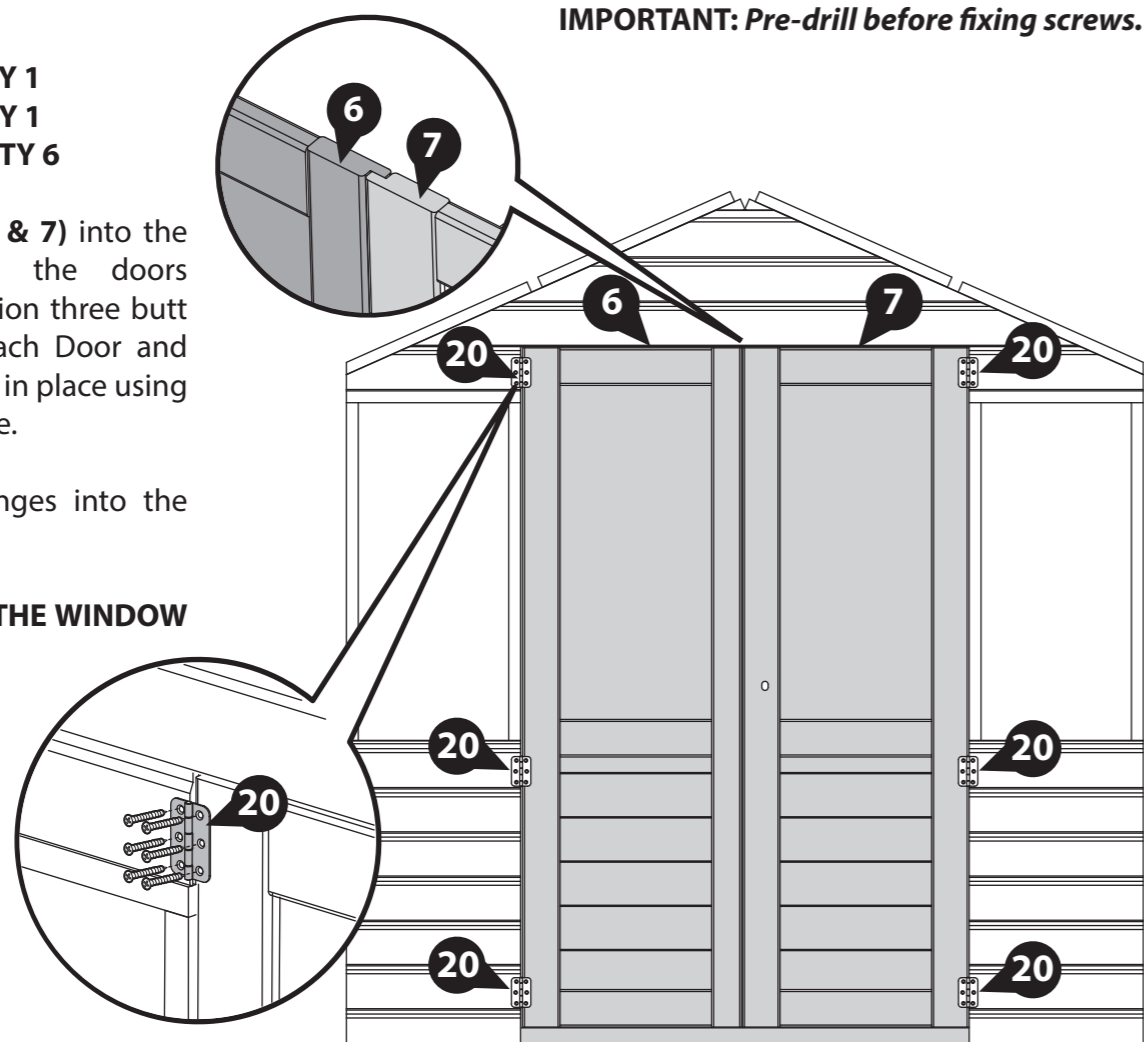
Parts needed - No. 6 QTY 1  
No. 7 QTY 1  
No. 20 QTY 6

Locate the Doors (No. 6 & 7) into the Door Gable, ensuring the doors interlock as shown. Position three butt hinges (No. 20) onto each Door and Door Panel, as shown. Fix in place using 6x25mm screws per hinge.

Ensure to screw the hinges into the door gable framing.

**\*DO NOT SCREW INTO THE WINDOW STRIPS\***

36x25mm Screws



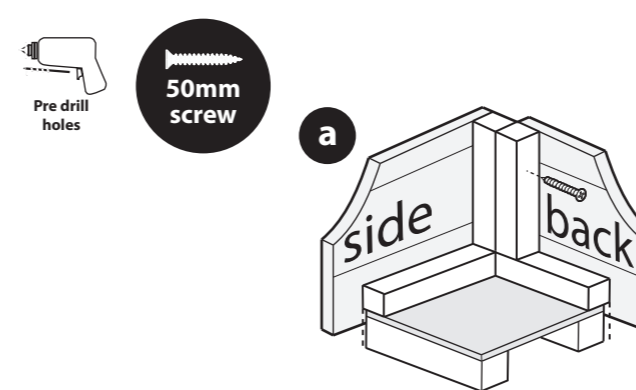
### Step 5

Parts needed - No. 2 QTY 1  
No. 5 QTY 1

Place the Plain Gable (No. 2) and the Plain panel (No. 5) on top of the floor, ensuring the Gable sits on the inside of the Plain Panel, as shown.

Fix together at the corners using 3x50mm screws.

3x50mm Screws



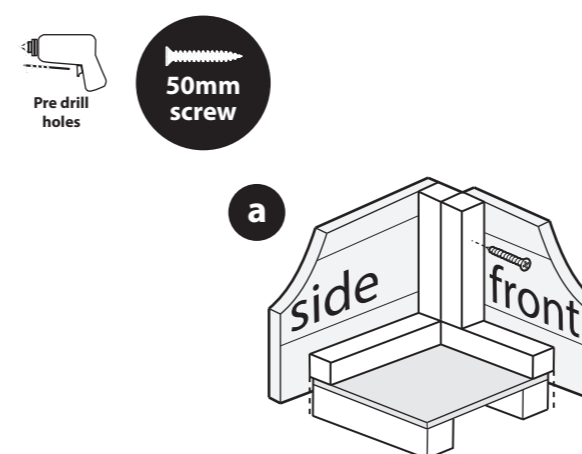
### Step 6

Parts needed - No. 1 QTY 1  
No. 5 QTY 1

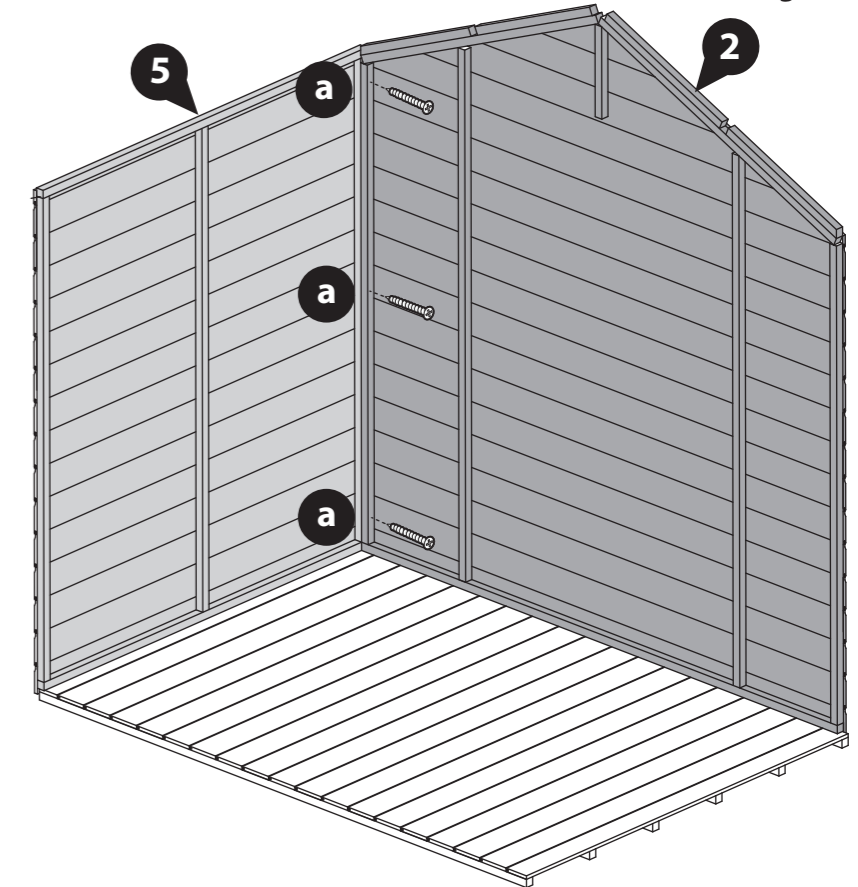
Place the Door Gable (No. 1) and the Plain panel (No. 5) on top of the floor, ensuring the Door Gable sits on the inside of the Plain Panels, as shown.

Fix the panels together at the corners using 3x50mm screws per corner, as shown.

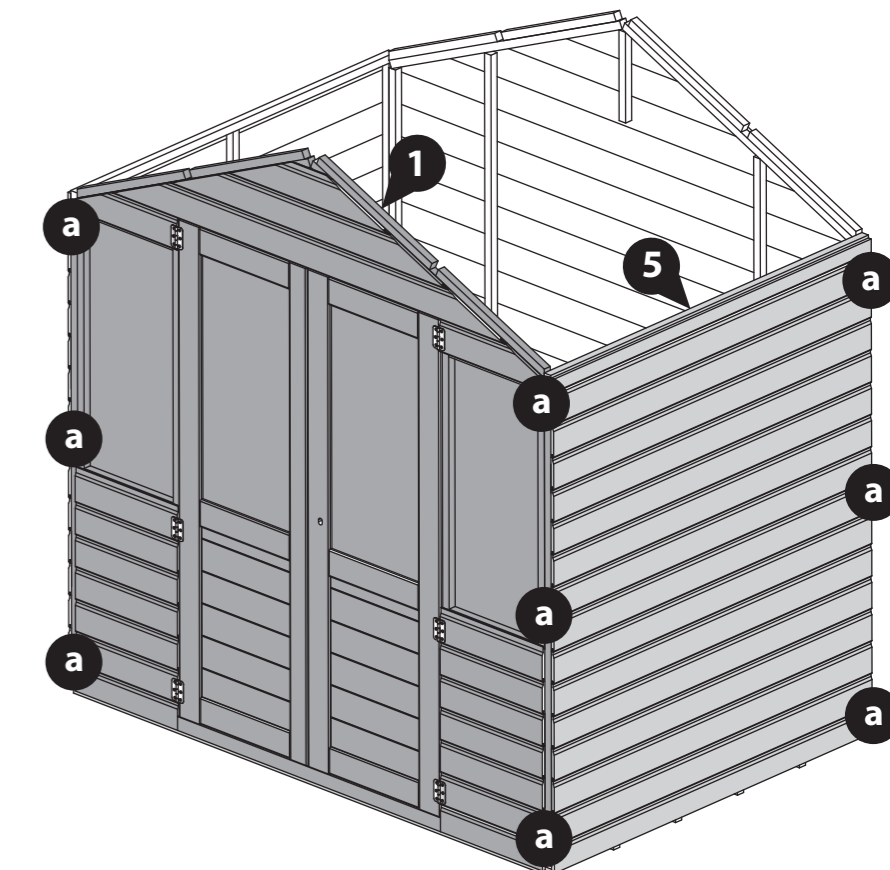
9x50mm Screws



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## Step 7

Parts needed - No. 8 QTY 1  
No. 22 QTY 2

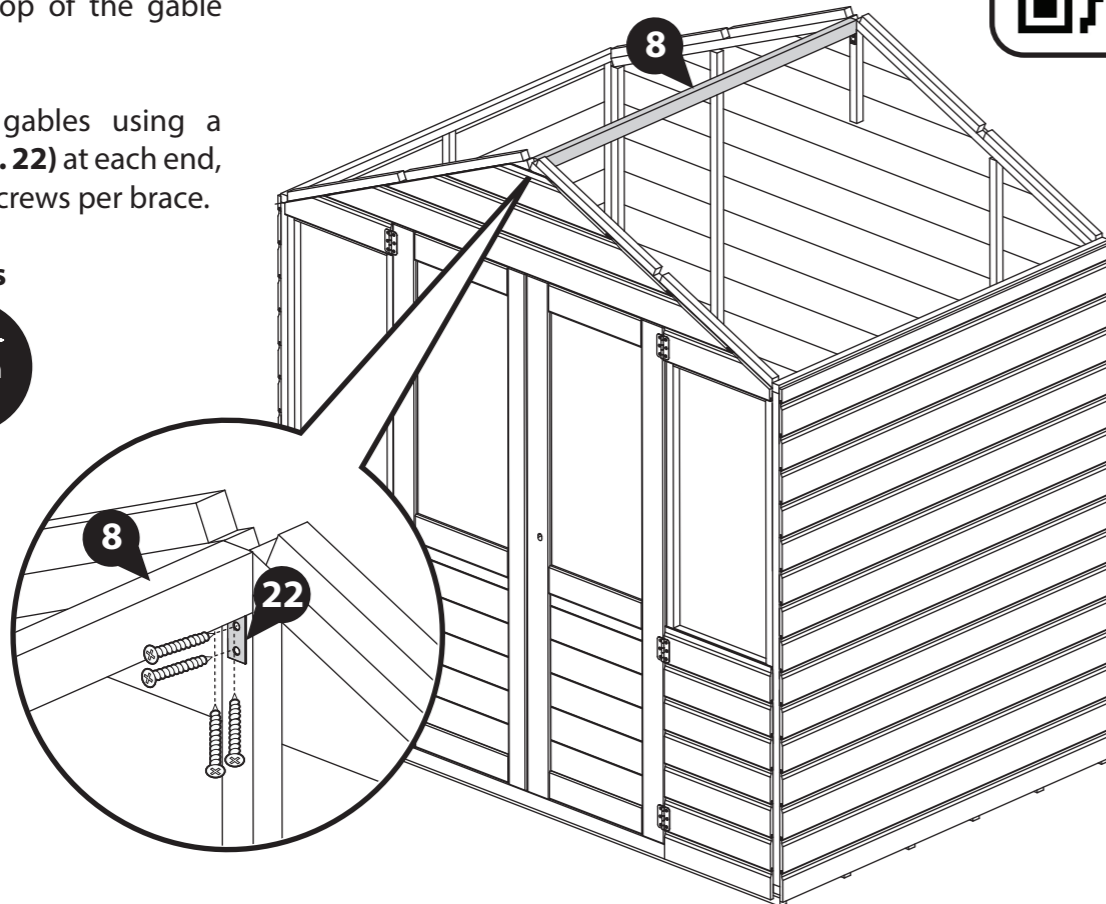
Place the Ridge Bar (No. 8) inbetween the gables, resting flush with the top of the gable framing.

Secure to the gables using a corner brace (No. 22) at each end, using 4x30mm screws per brace.

8x30mm Screws



30mm screw



IMPORTANT: Pre-drill before fixing screws.



## Step 8

Parts needed - No. 3 QTY 2

Place the Roof Panel (No. 3) on top of the building making sure the framing in the roof panels sits firmly within the Gables (No. 1 & 2) and on top of the Ridge Bar (No. 8).

**\*\*Make sure that you have got the roof panels the correct way round with the recess at the top of the apex as shown in the diagram.\*\***

From the top, fix directly through the roof panels (No. 3) into the ridge bar (No. 8) below using 5x60mm screws per roof panel.

It is essential that the ridge bar (No. 8) and roof panels (No. 3) framing pull together when fixed with 60mm screws. You may require another person pushing the ridge bar (No. 8) up from below to achieve this.

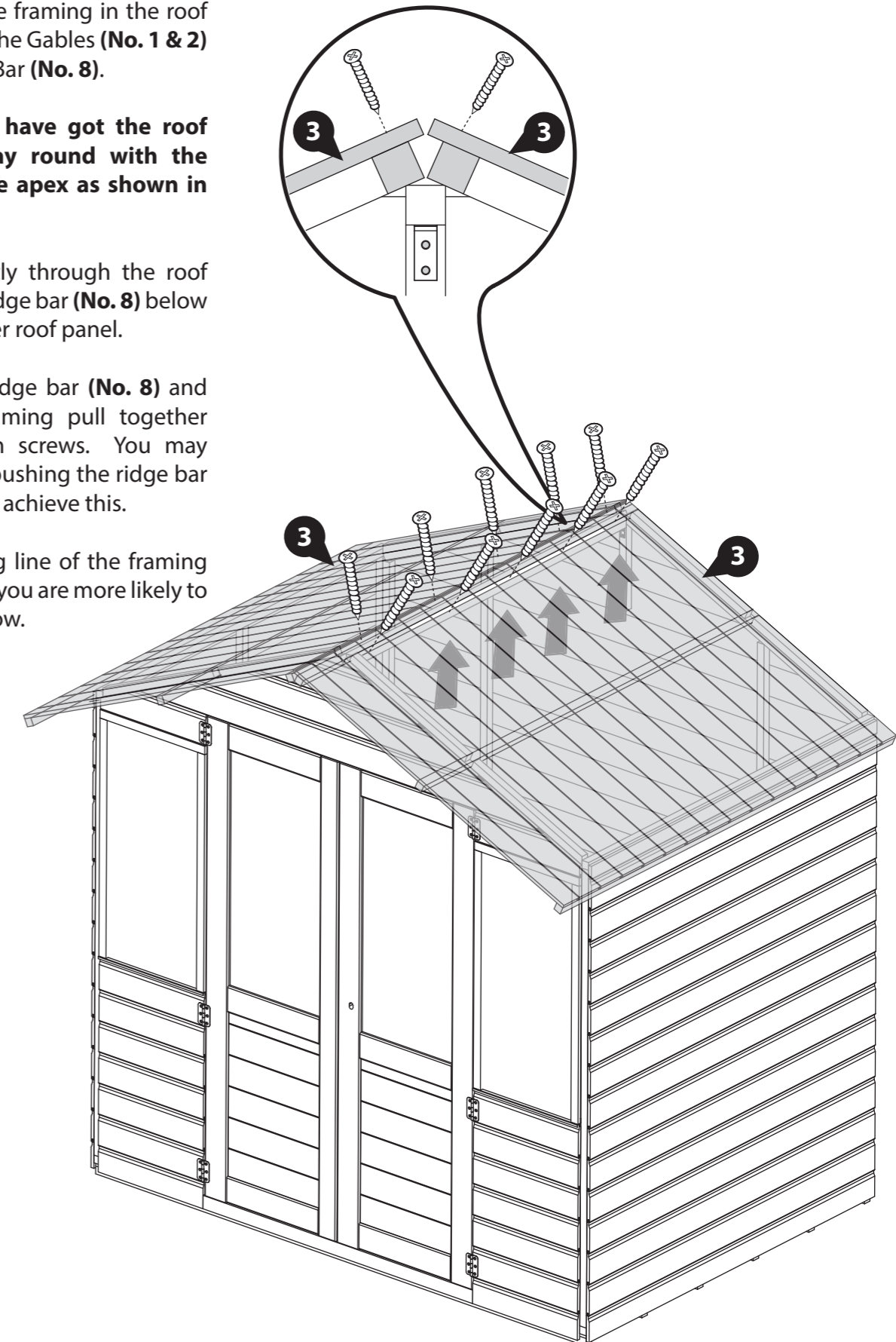
HINT - Follow the nailing line of the framing on the roof panel so that you are more likely to fix into the ridge bar below.

10x60mm Screws



60mm screw

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**\*\*If you have purchased a 7x7 Summer House with Pack B Veranda extension then please skip to Step 8a on page 12\*\***

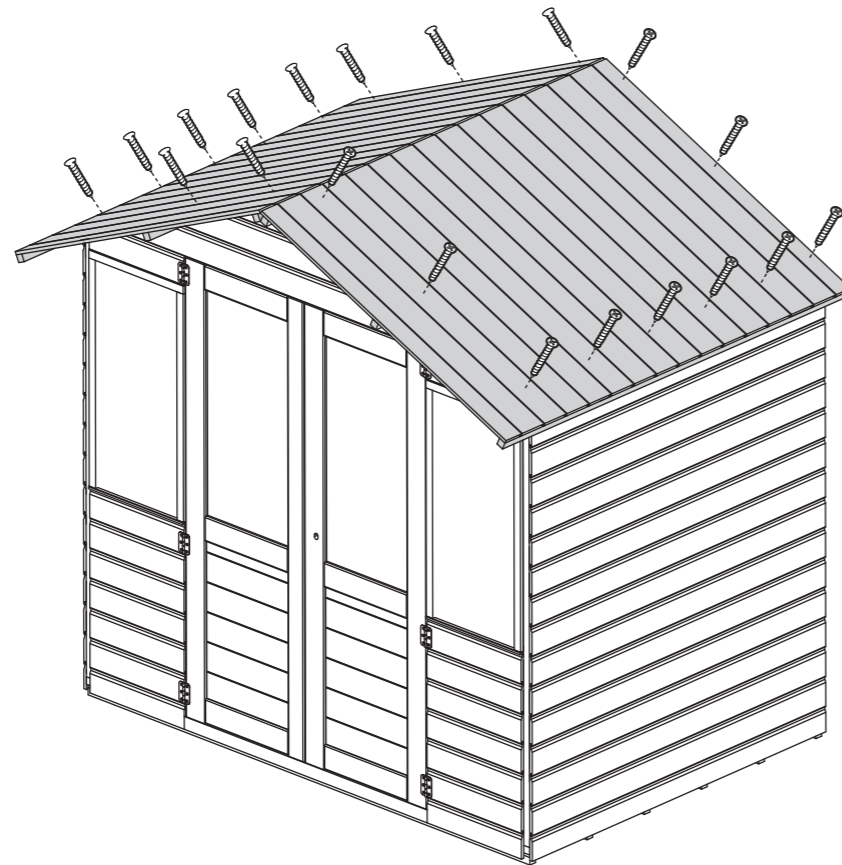
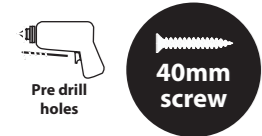


## Step 9

Secure the Roofs (No. 3) to the panels below using 10x40mm screws per Roof, as shown.

Be sure that the screws go through the Roof cladding into the panel framing below.

20x40mm Screws



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## Step 11

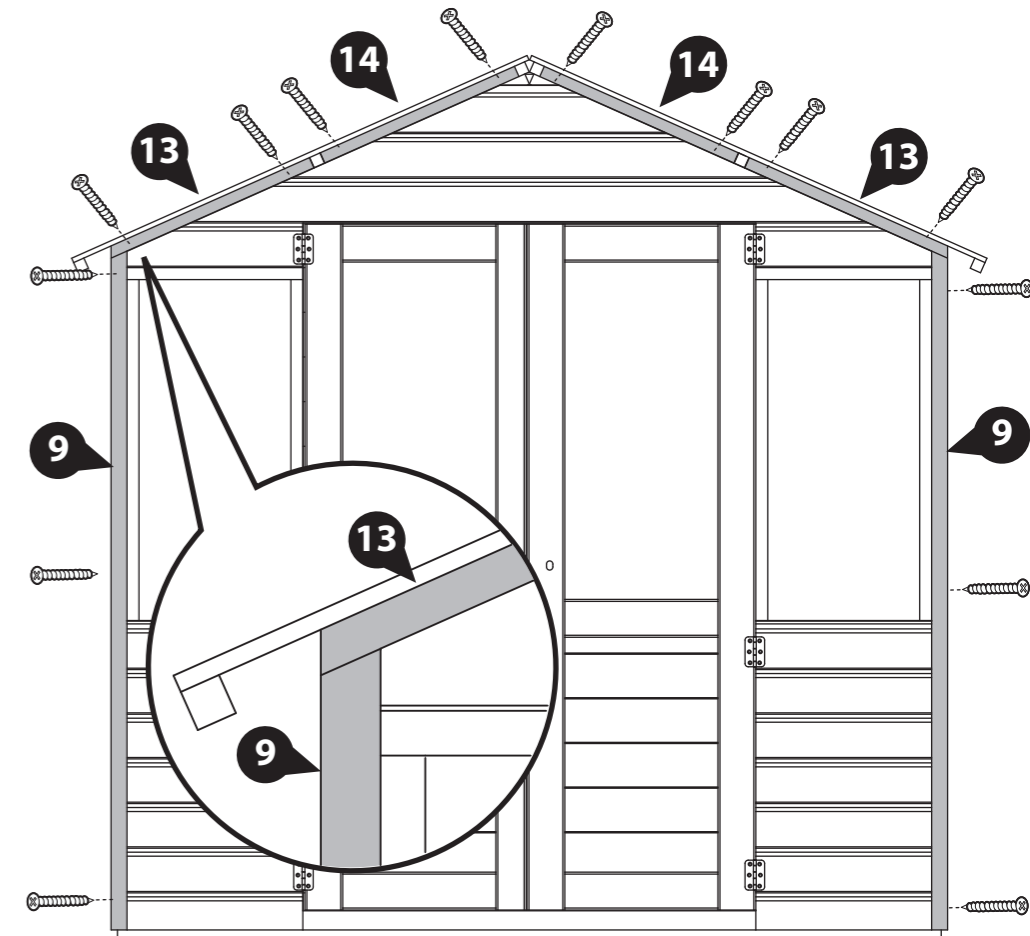
Parts needed - No. 9 QTY 4  
No. 13 QTY 2  
No. 14 QTY 2

Position the cover trims (No. 9) to each corner of the building and the gable cover trims (No. 13 & 14) on top of the door gable, as shown.

At the corners, measure and cut the cover trims (No. 9 & 13) and the to fit the angle, as shown.

Fix in place using 3x30mm screws per trim.

20x30mm Screws



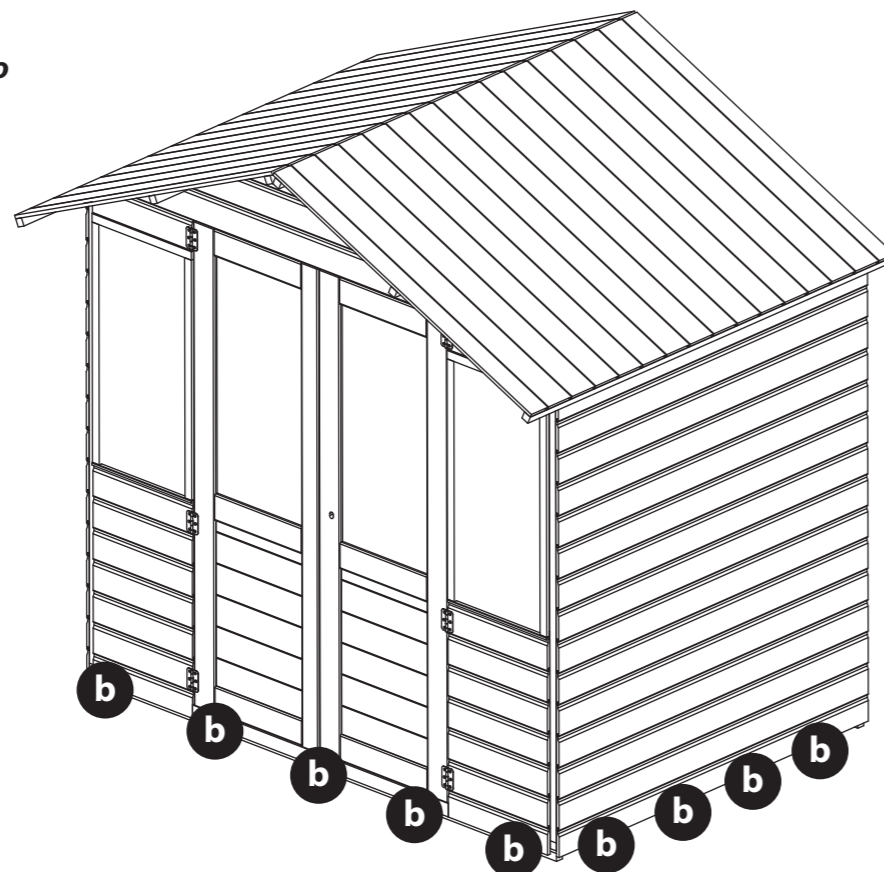
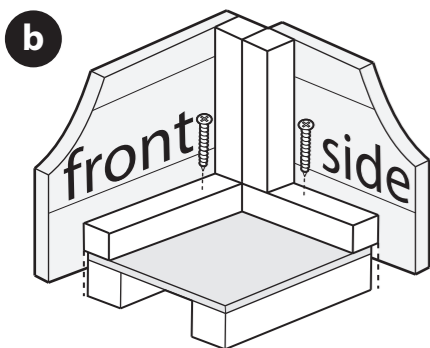
**IMPORTANT: Pre-drill before fixing screws.**

## Step 10

Secure the building to the floor internally using 50mm screws.

*\*Ensure to screw through the framing into the floor bearers.*

18x50mm Screws



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## Step 12

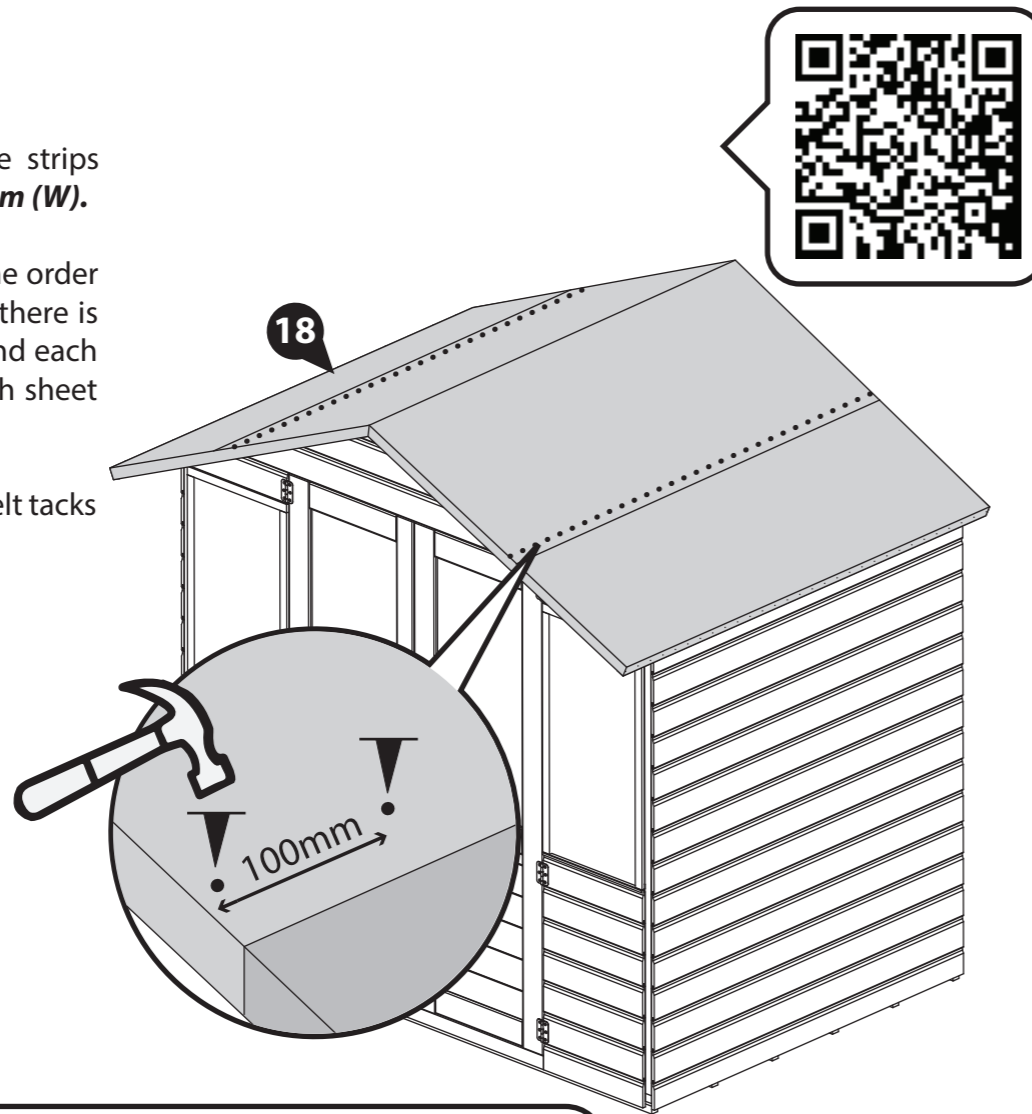
Parts needed - No. 18 QTY 1

Cut the Felt (No. 18) into three strips measuring: **1820mm (L) x 1000mm (W)**.

Lay the sheets onto the roof in the order shown in the illustration. Ensure there is approx 50mm overhanging around each side of the building and that each sheet overlaps by at least 100mm.

Secure the sheets in place using felt tacks placed at 100mm intervals.

75 x Felt Tacks



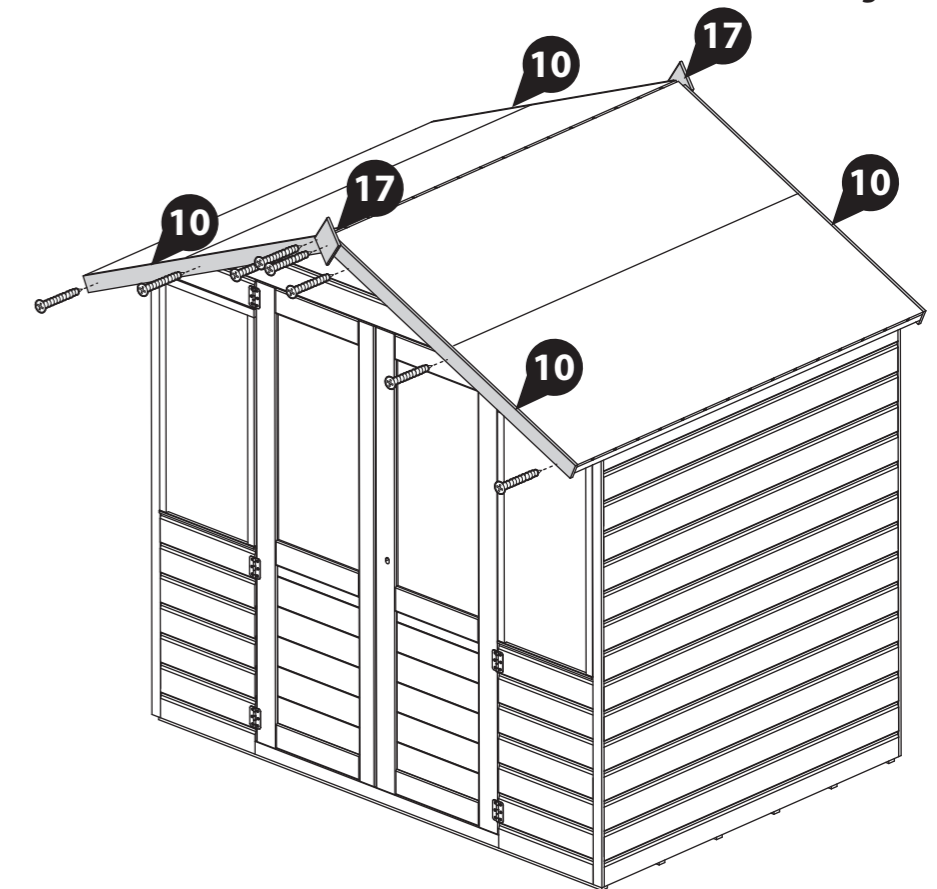
## Step 13

Parts needed - No. 10 QTY 4  
No. 17 QTY 2

Position the Fascias (No. 10) to the front and back of the building, ensuring to trap the felt. Secure in place using 3x40mm screws per Fascia.

Fix the Finials (No. 17) onto the Fascias using 2x40mm screws per finial.

16x40mm Screws



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

## Step 14

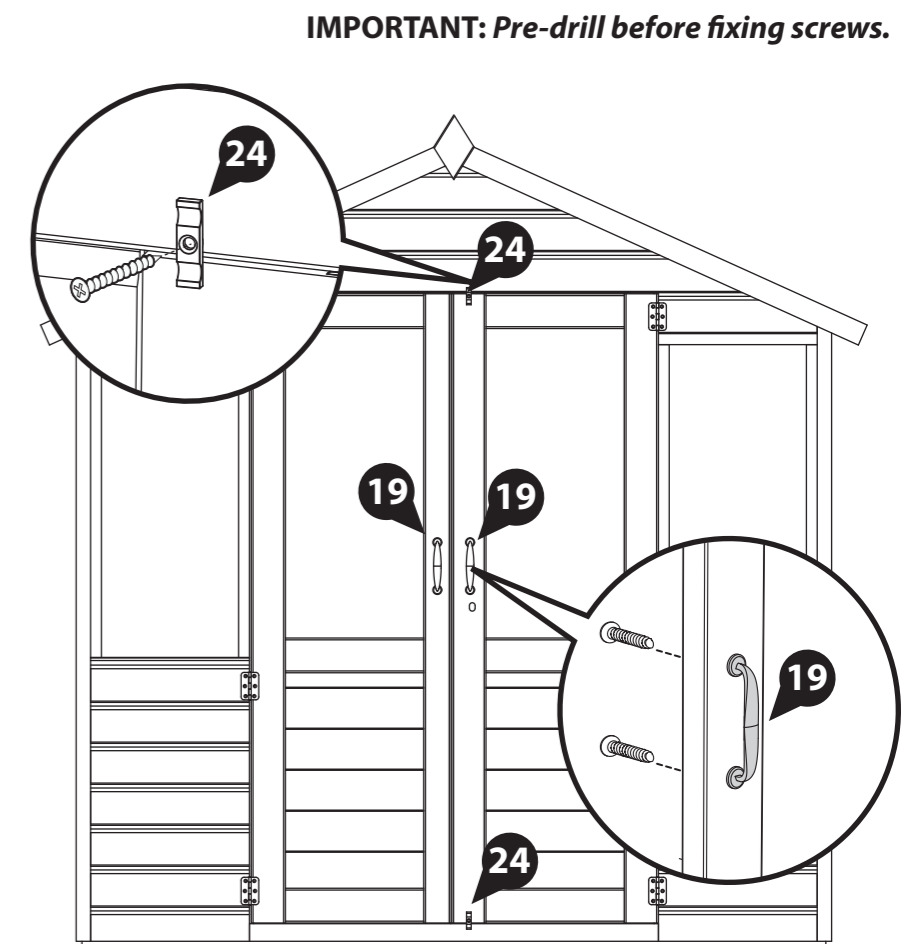
Parts needed - No. 19 QTY 2  
No. 24 QTY 2

On the inside of the Doors, Pre drill a 3mm hole. Externally, locate the handles (No. 19) onto each doors and fix the from the inside using the 35mm bolts provided.

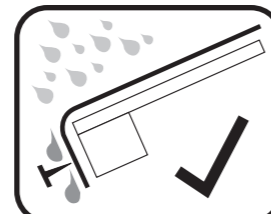
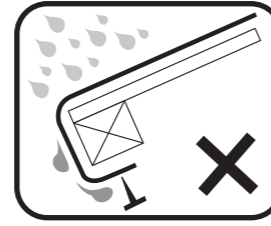
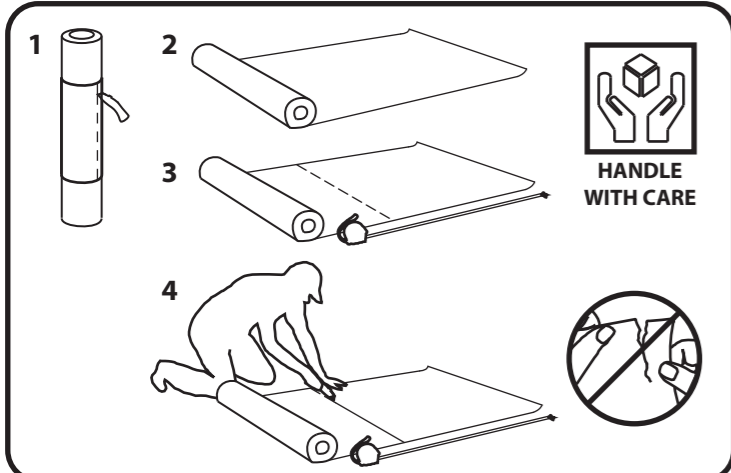
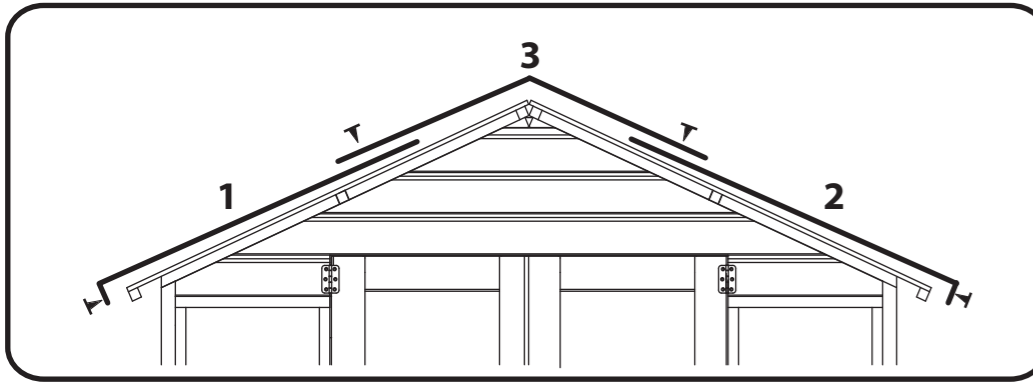
Position one turn button (No. 24) to the top and bottom of the master door, fixing in place using 1x30mm screw per turn button.

*\*These turn buttons help to keep your doors straight during high & low levels of moisture content in the air.*

2x30mm Screws  
4x35mm Bolt



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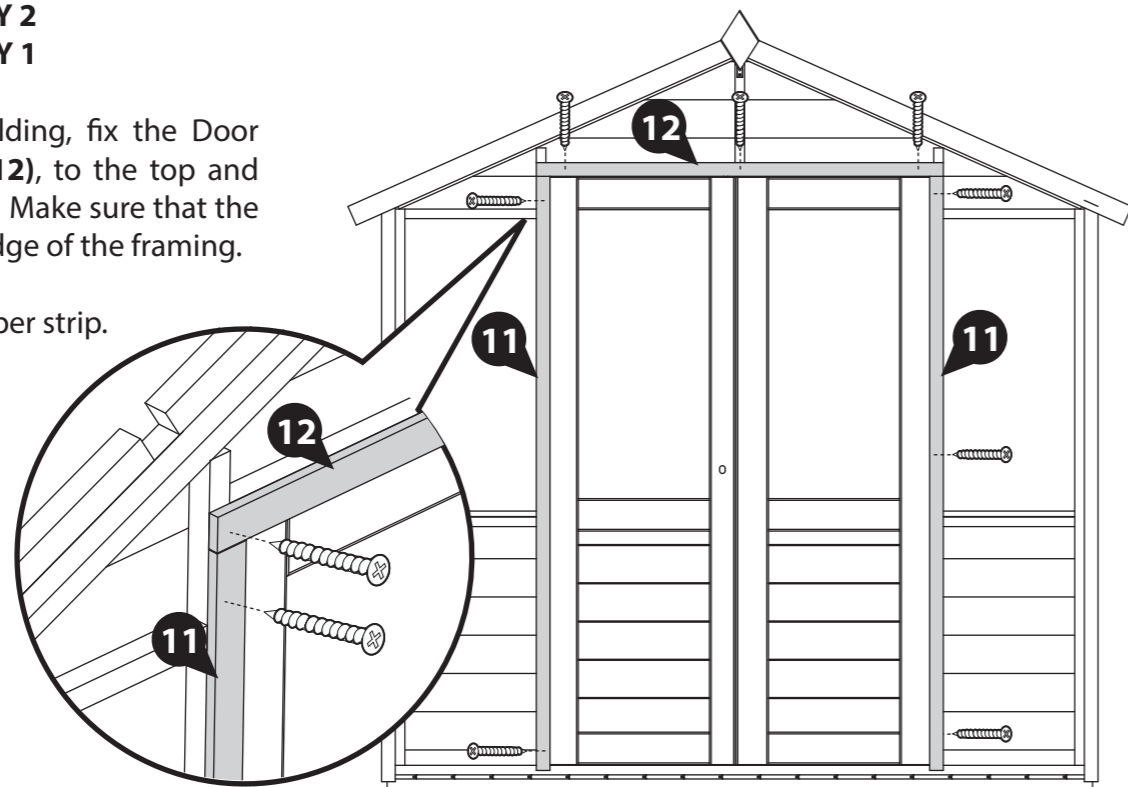
## Step 15

Parts needed - No. 11 QTY 2  
No. 12 QTY 1

On the inside of the building, fix the Door Frame Strips (No. 11 & 12), to the top and sides of the doors frames. Make sure that the edges are flush with the edge of the framing.

Fix using 4x30mm screws per strip.

12x30mm Screws



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## Step 17

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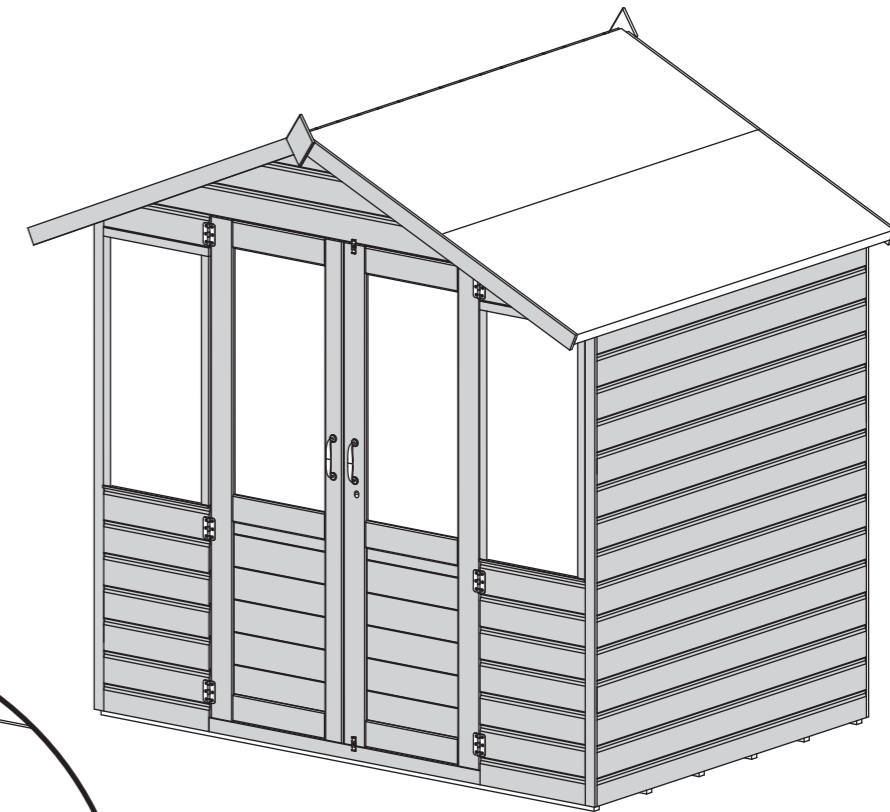
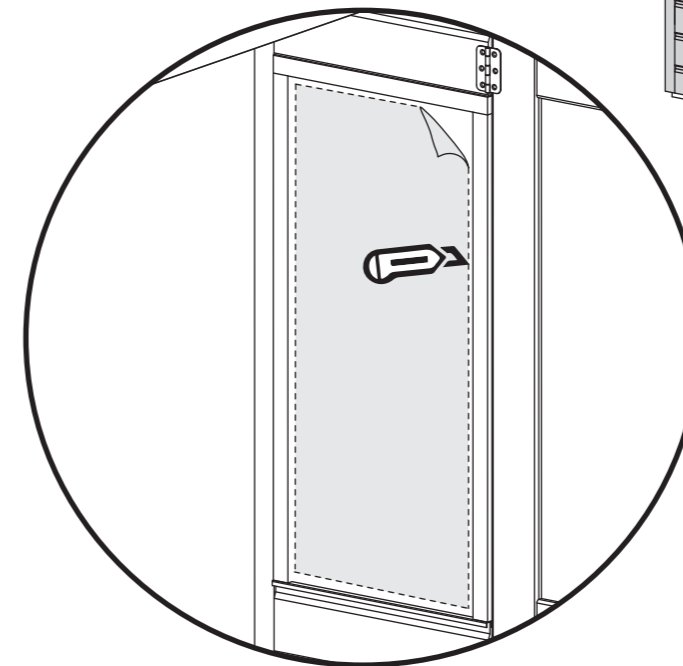
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Once fully treated, score around the protective covers on the glazing and carefully peel the coverings back.



Apply treatment.

Score and peel.



## Step 16

Parts needed - No. 23 QTY 1  
No. 26 QTY 2

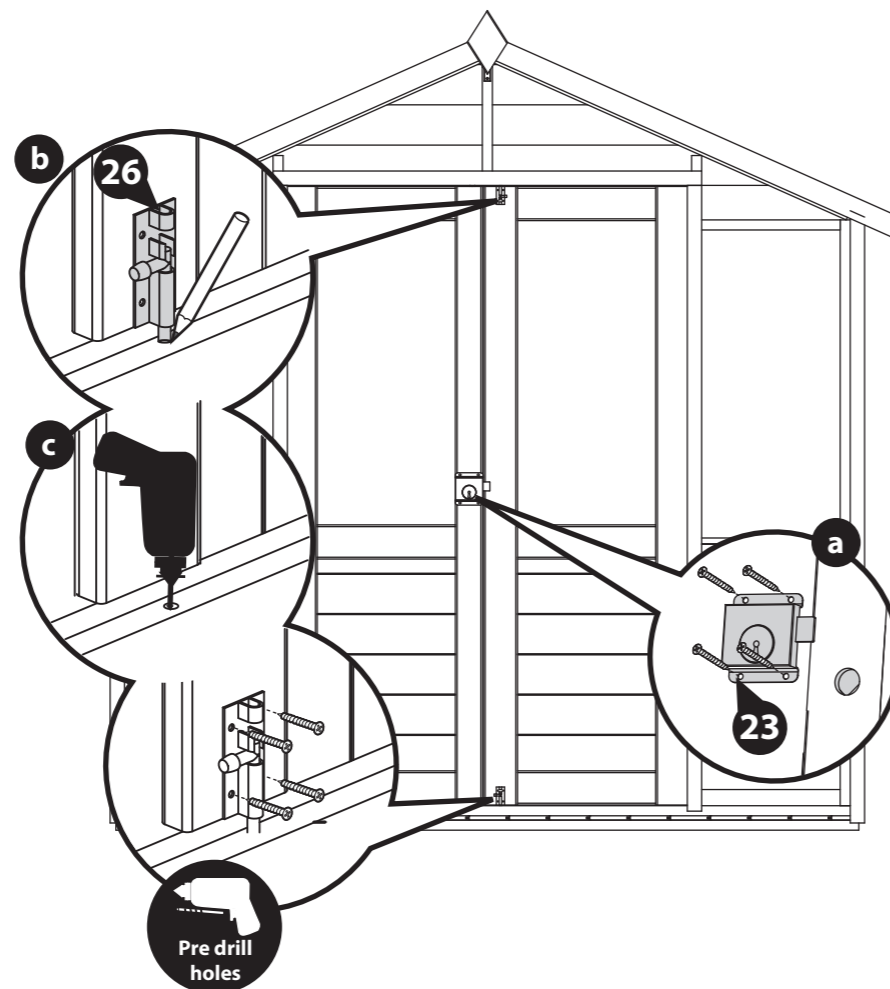
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8x10mm Screws  
4x25mm Screws



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## 7x7 Summer House with Pack B Veranda extension instruction steps from this point

### Step 8a

Parts needed - No. 3 QTY 2  
No. 28 QTY 2  
No. 31 QTY 2

Lay one of each Roof (No. 3 & 28) face down and push them flush together, as shown.

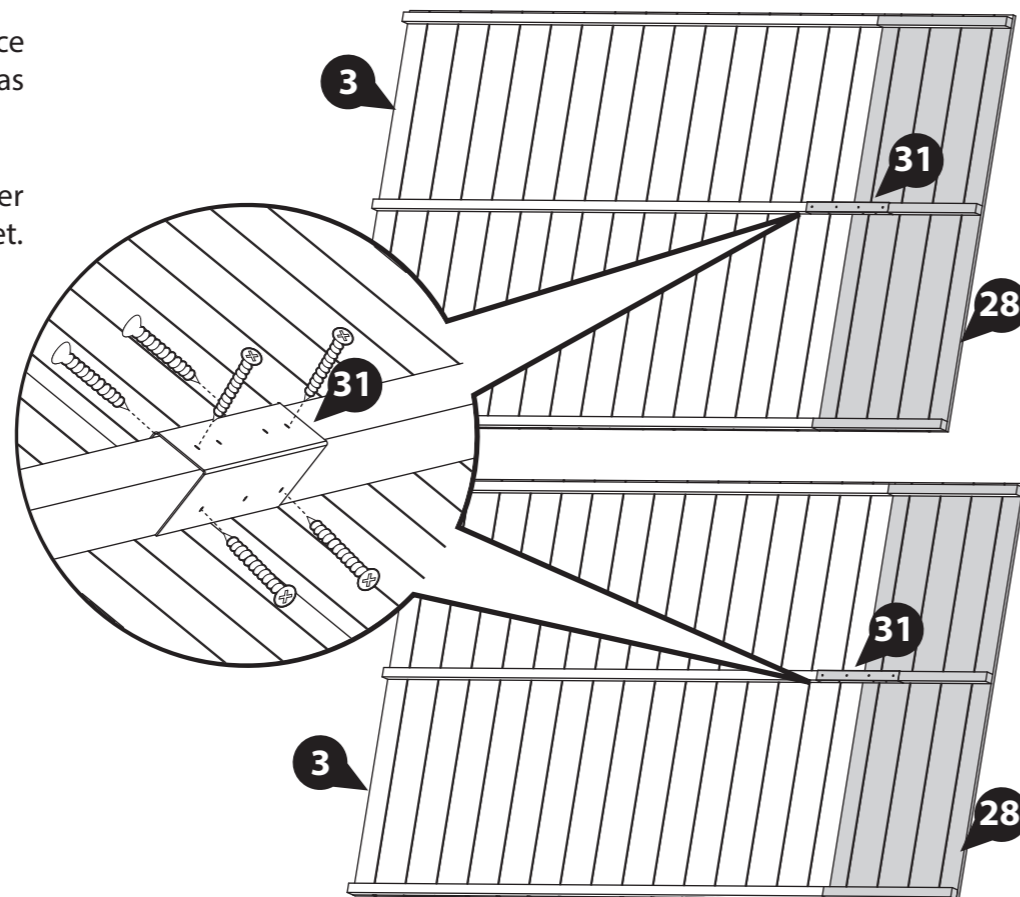
Position one U-Channel (No. 31) over where the central framing pieces, meet. Fix in place using 6x30mm screws.

Repeat to assemble two Roof Panels.

12x30mm Screws



30mm screw



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### Step 9a

Parts needed - No. 3 QTY 2  
No. 28 QTY 2  
No. 31 QTY 2

Place the assembled Roof Panels (No. 3, 28 & 31) on top of the building, position the smaller roof panel to the back of the summer house. Make sure the framing in the roof panels sits firmly within the Gables (No. 1 & 2) and on top of the Ridge Bar (No. 8).

**\*\*Make sure that you have got the roof panels the correct way round with the recess at the top of the apex as shown in the diagram.\*\***

From the top, fix directly through the roof panels (No. 3 & 28) into the ridge bar (No. 8) below using 5x60mm screws per assembled roof panel.

It is essential that the ridge bar (No. 8) and roof panels (No. 3 & 28) framing pull together when fixed with 60mm screws. You may require another person pushing the ridge bar (No. 8) up from below to achieve this.

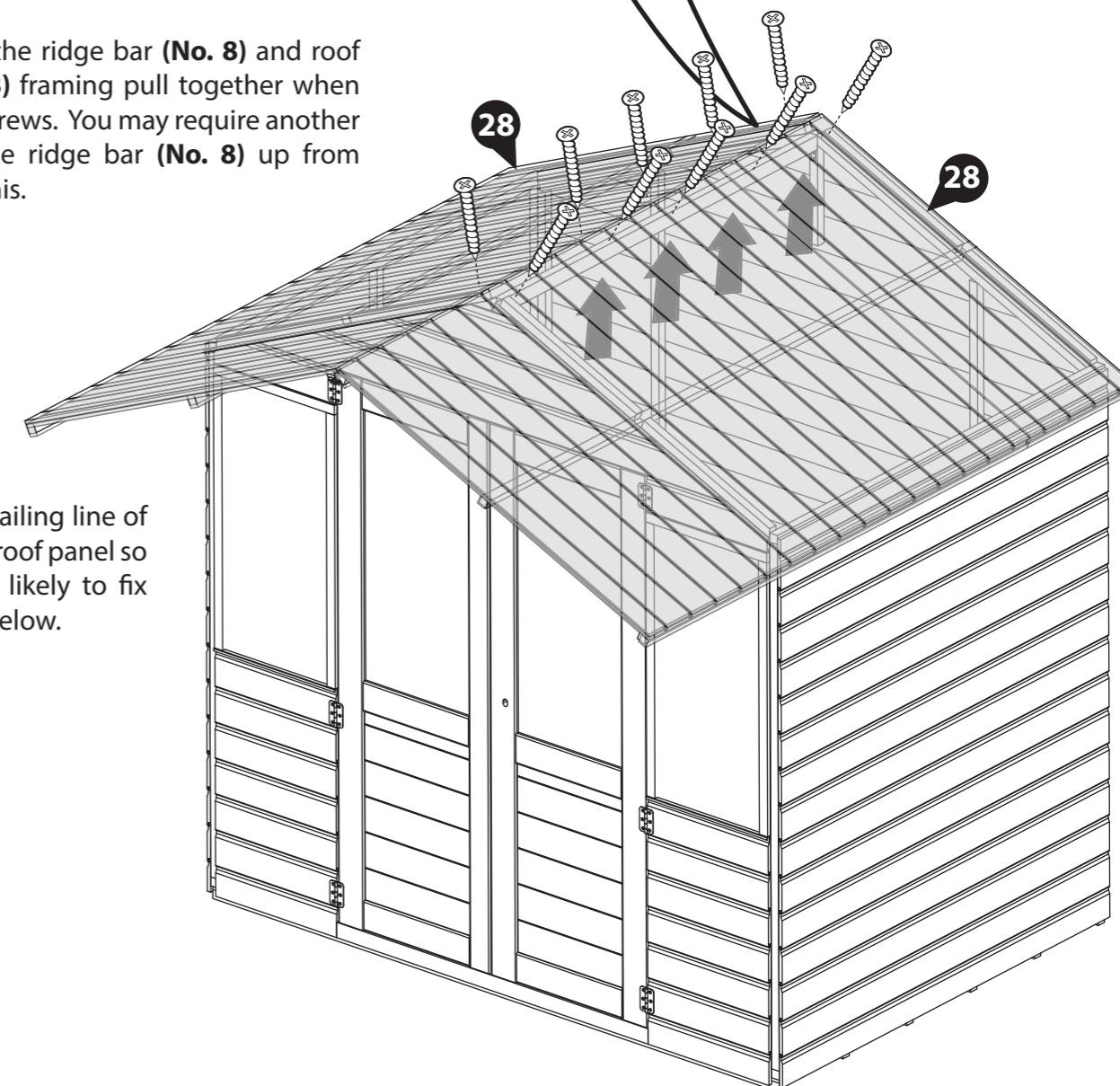
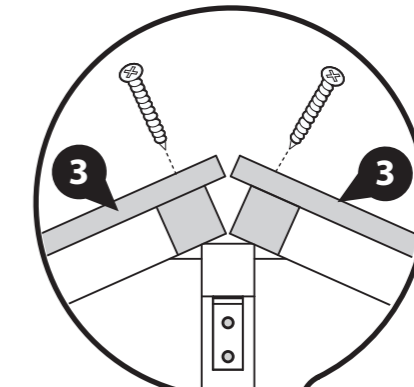
10x60mm Screws



60mm screw

**HINT** - Follow the nailing line of the framing on the roof panel so that you are more likely to fix into the ridge bar below.

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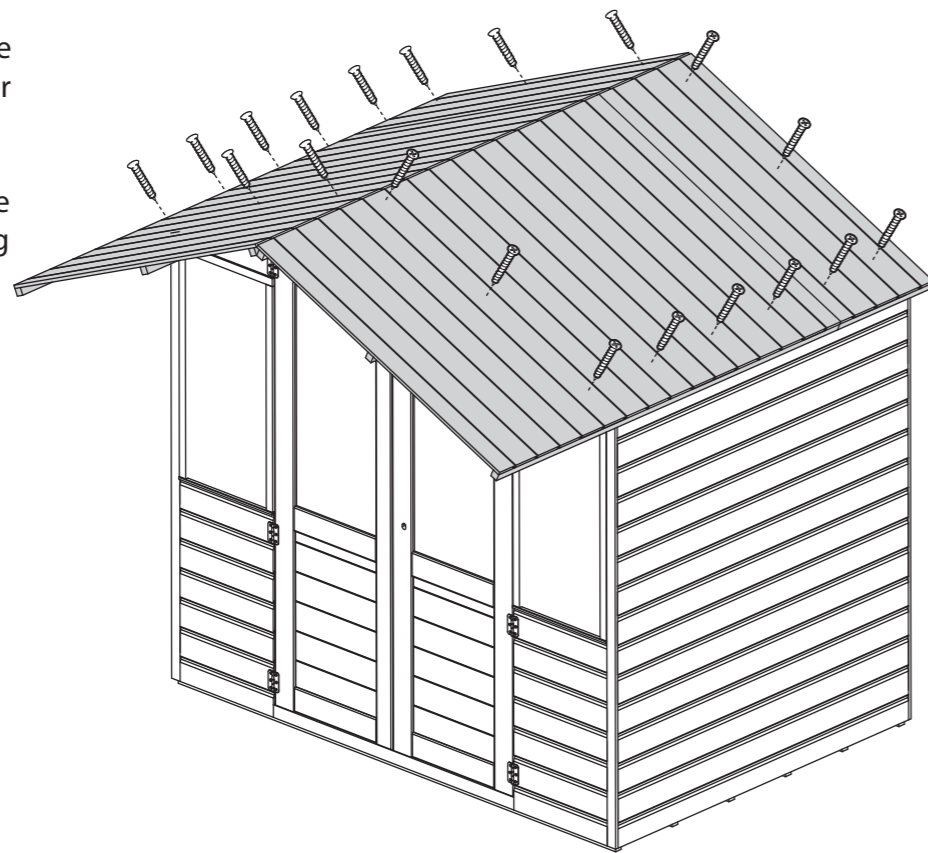


## Step 10a

Secure the Roofs (No. 3 & 28) to the panels below using 10x40mm screws per Roof, as shown.

Be sure that the screws go through the Roof cladding into the panel framing below.

### 20x40mm Screws



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## Step 12a

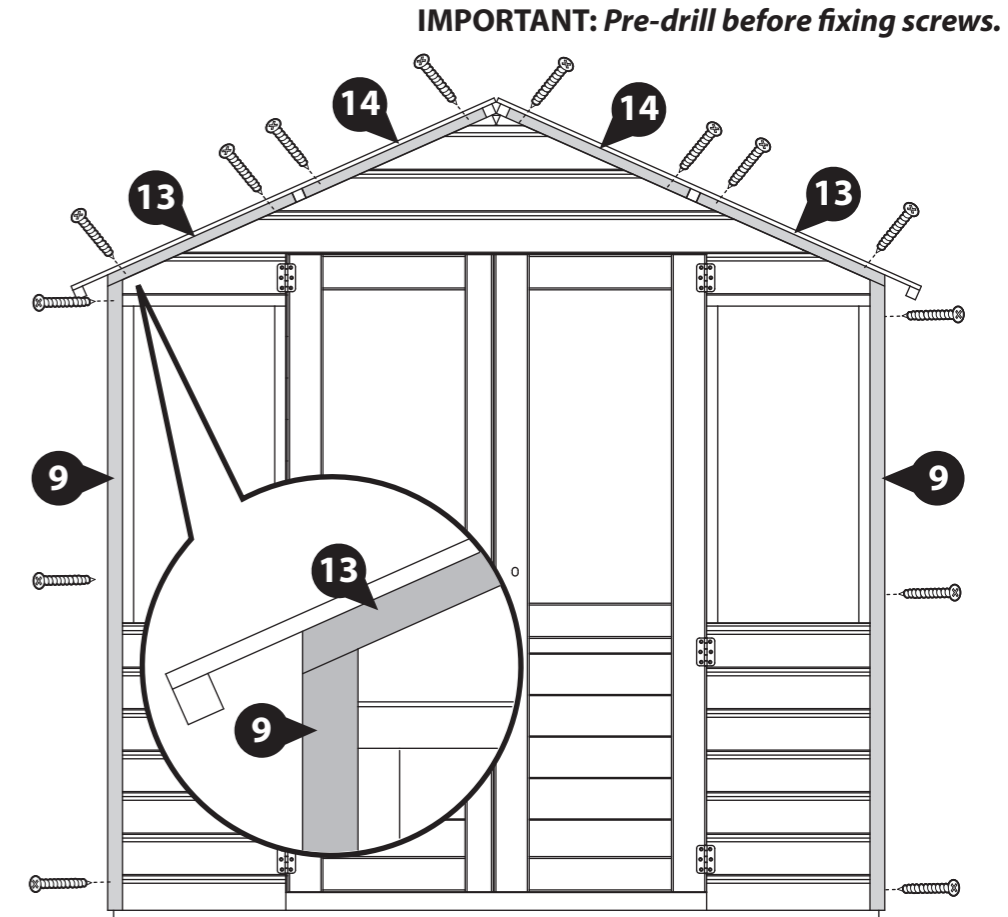
Parts needed - No. 9 QTY 4  
No. 13 QTY 2  
No. 14 QTY 2

Position the cover trims (No. 9) to each corner of the building and the gable cover trims (No. 13 & 14) on top of the door gable, as shown.

At the corners, measure and cut the cover trims (No. 9 & 13) and the to fit the angle, as shown.

Fix in place using 3x30mm screws per trim.

### 20x30mm Screws



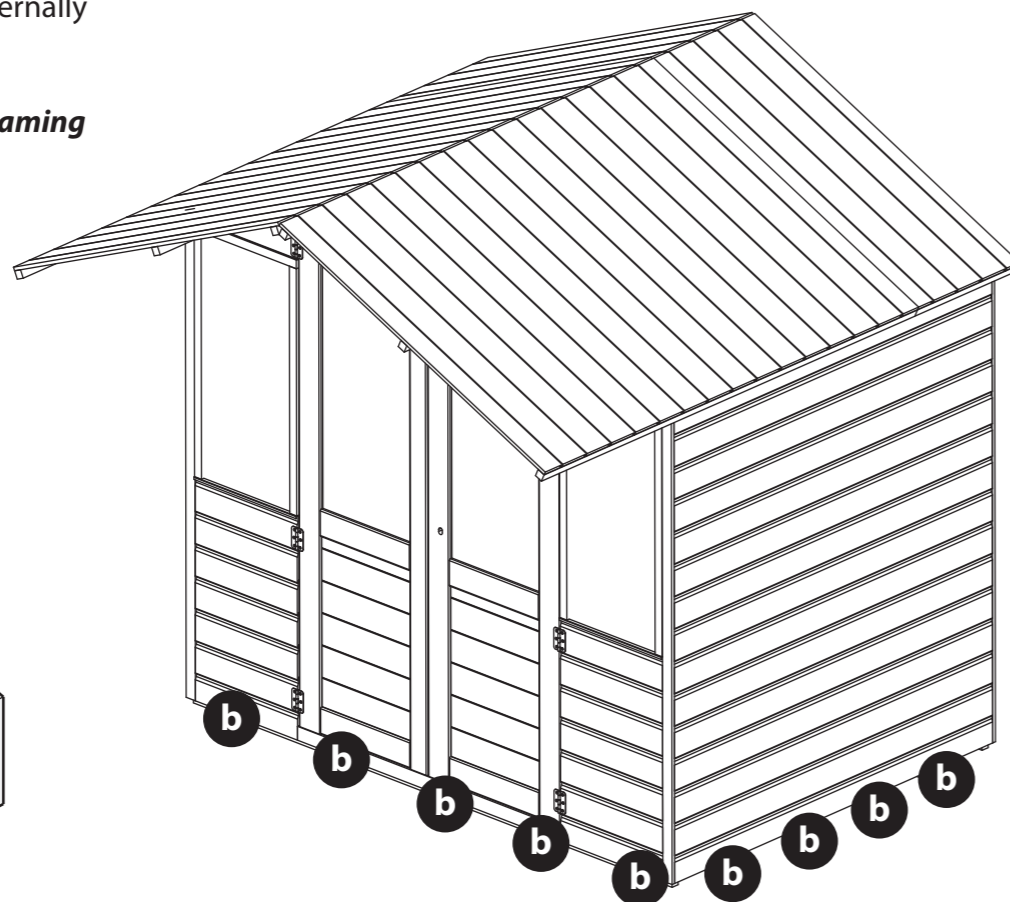
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## Step 11a

Secure the building to the floor internally using 50mm screws.

*\*Ensure to screw through the framing into the floor bearers.*

### 18x50mm Screws



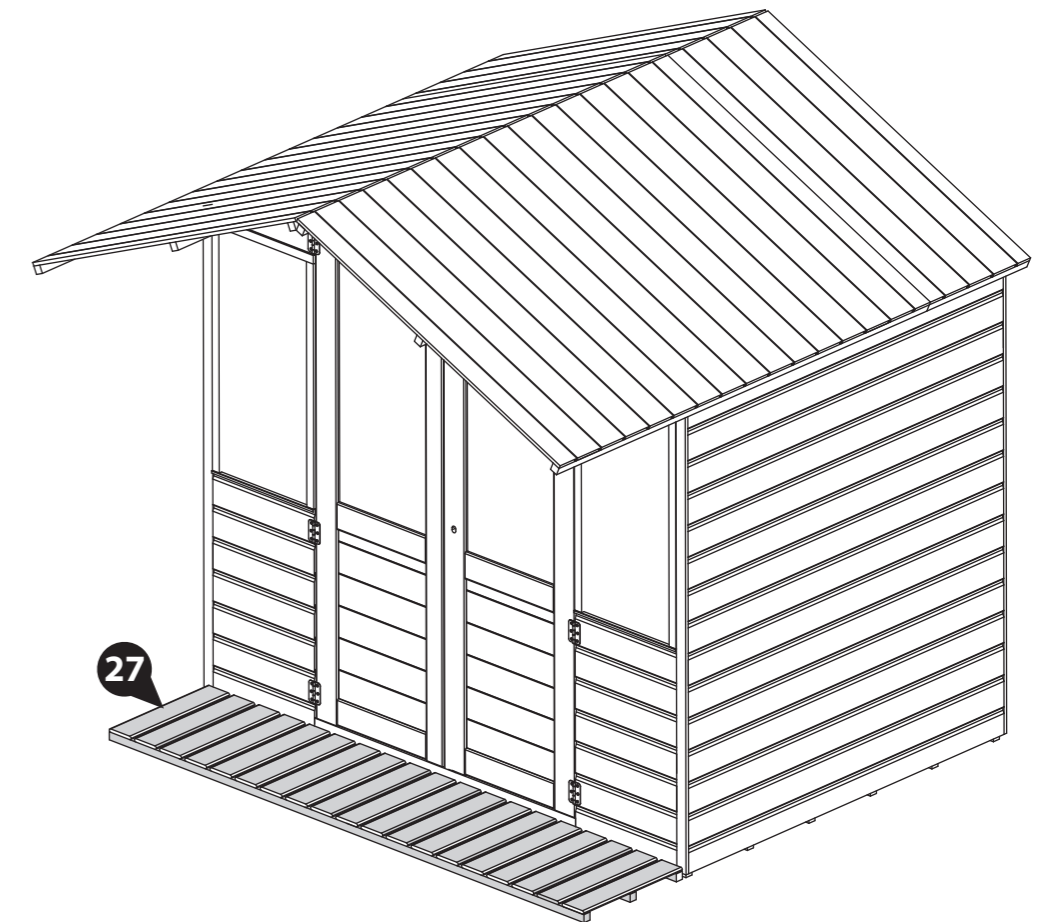
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## Step 13a

Parts needed - No. 27 QTY 1

Place the Veranda Floor (No. 27) on the ground, flush to the door gable as shown in the illustration.

**Ensure the veranda floor sits centrally to the building.**



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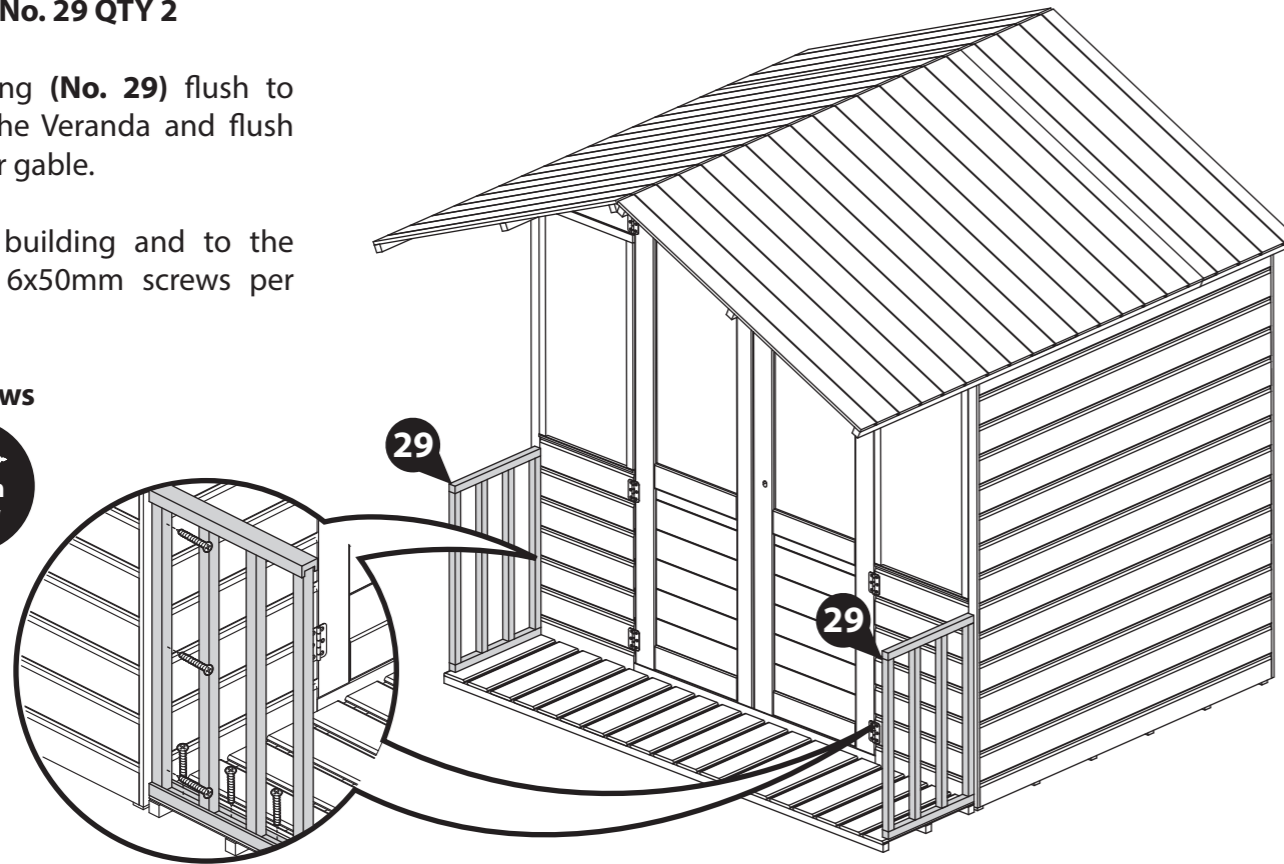
## Step 14a

Parts needed - No. 29 QTY 2

Align one Railing (No. 29) flush to either end of the Veranda and flush against the door gable.

Secure to the building and to the Veranda using 6x50mm screws per Rail, as shown.

12x50mm Screws



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## Step 16a

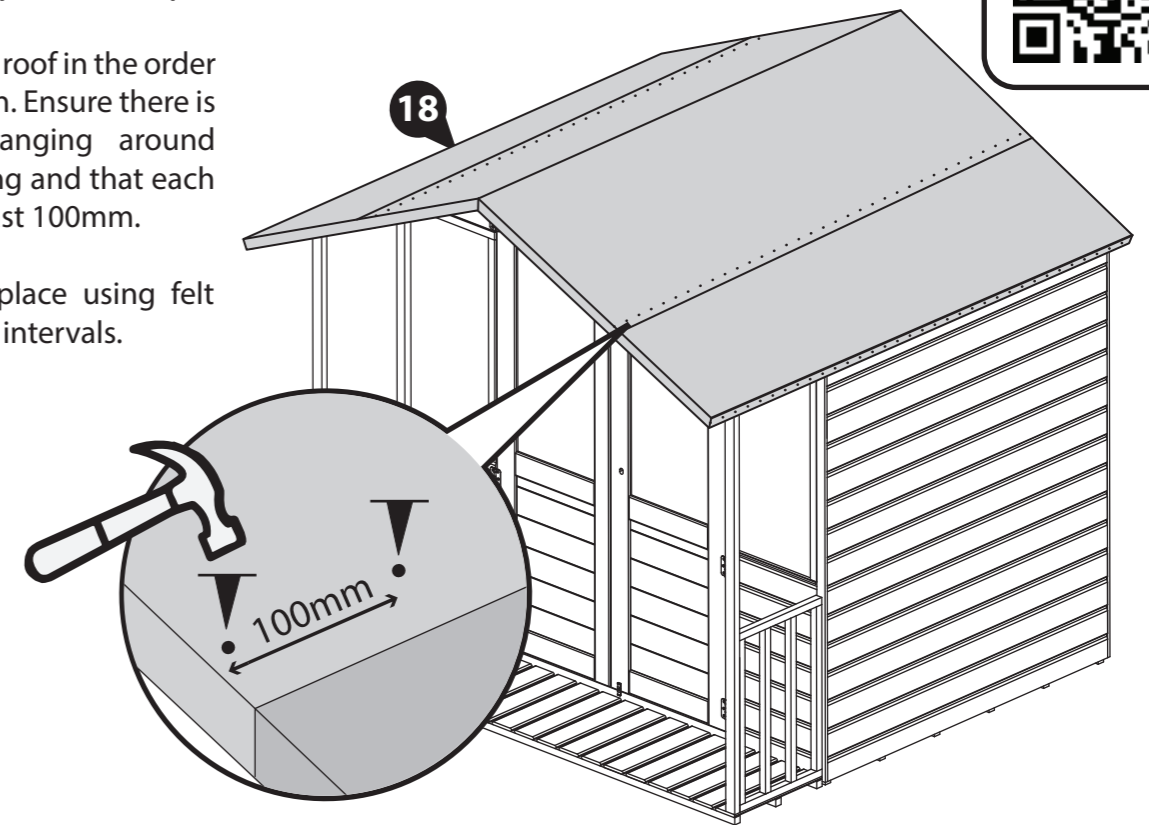
Parts needed - No. 18 QTY 1

Cut the Felt (No. 18) into three strips measuring: **2285mm (L) x 1000mm (W).**

Lay the sheets onto the roof in the order shown in the illustration. Ensure there is approx 50mm overhanging around each side of the building and that each sheet overlaps by at least 100mm.

Secure the sheets in place using felt tacks placed at 100mm intervals.

120 x Felt Tacks



## Step 15a

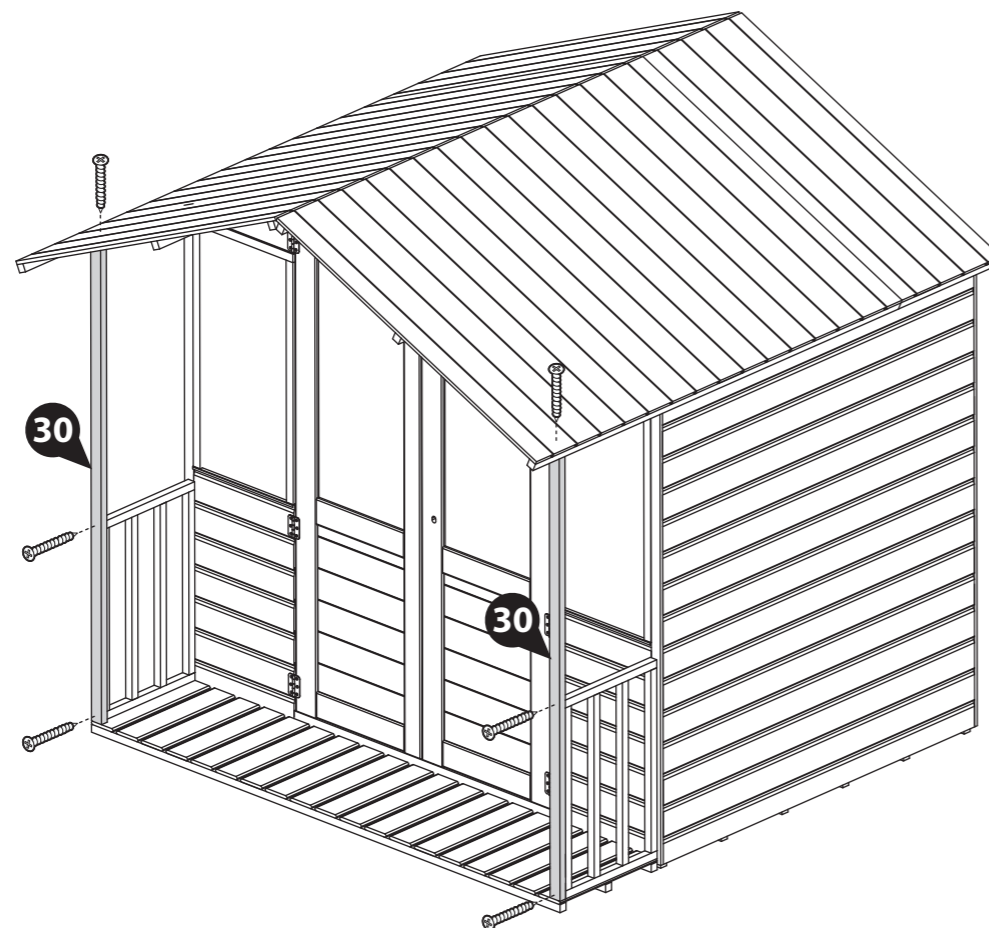
Parts needed - No. 30 QTY 2

Place the Roof Support (No. 30) underneath the roof overhang, aligning the frame flush to edge of the Railing (No. 29).

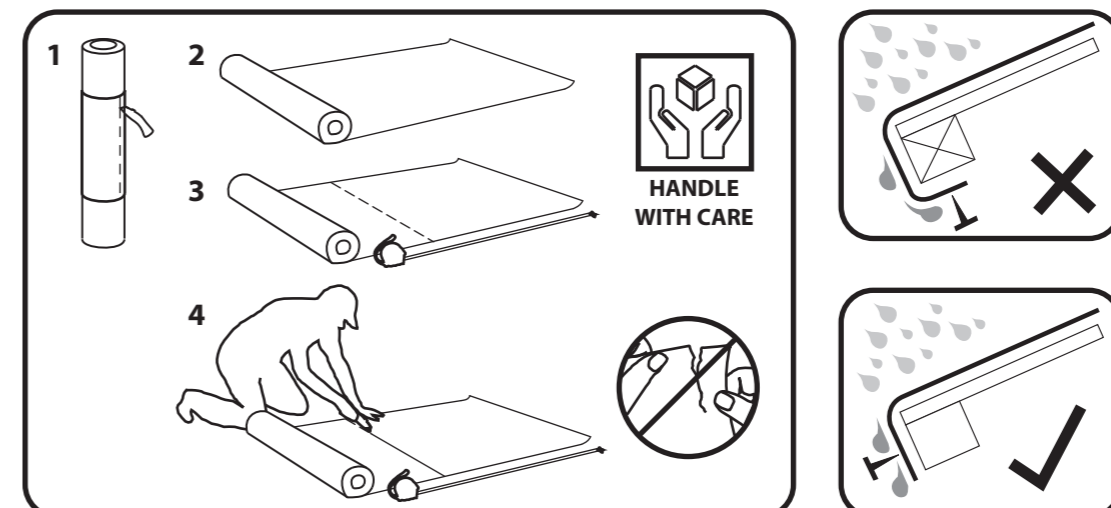
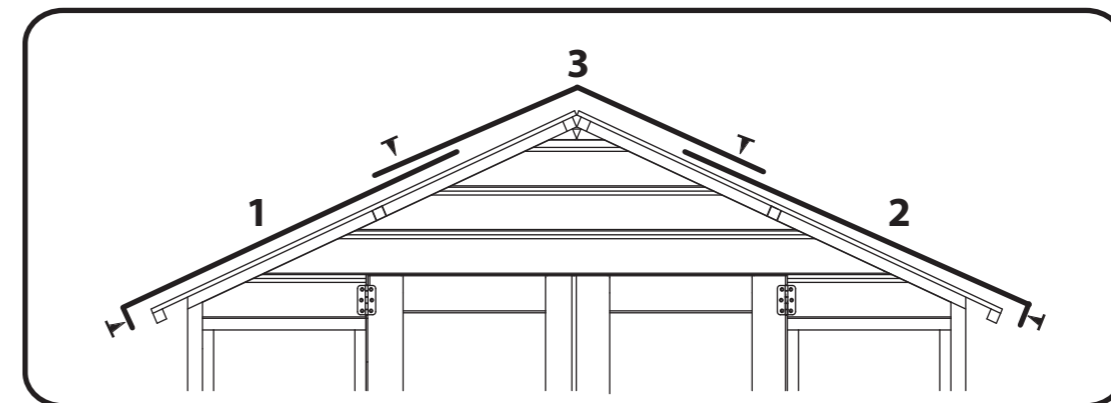
Secure the Roof Supports to the Railing (No. 29) and to the roof (No. 3) using 3x40mm screws per frame.

*\*Ensure the framing follows the same direction as the roof.*

6x40mm Screws



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## Step 17a

Parts needed - No. 10 QTY 4  
No. 17 QTY 2

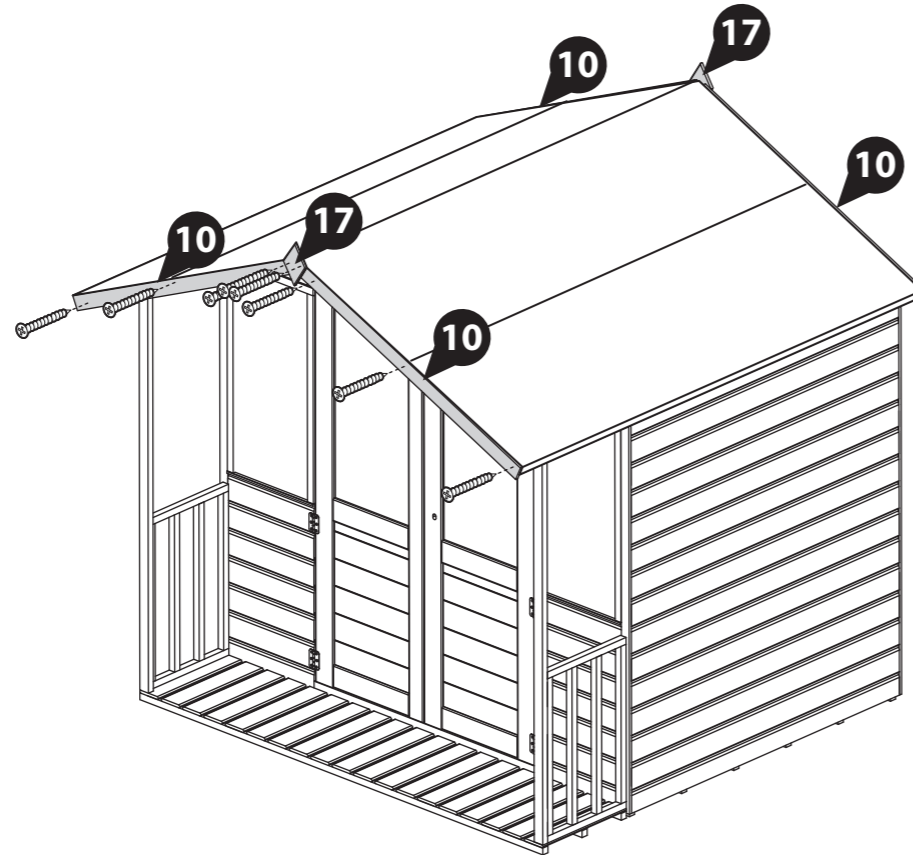
Position the Fascias (No. 10) to the front and back of the building, ensuring to trap the felt. Secure in place using 3x40mm screws per Fascia.

Fix the Finials (No. 17) onto the Fascias using 2x40mm screws per finial.

16x40mm Screws



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## Step 19a

Parts needed - No. 11 QTY 2  
No. 12 QTY 1

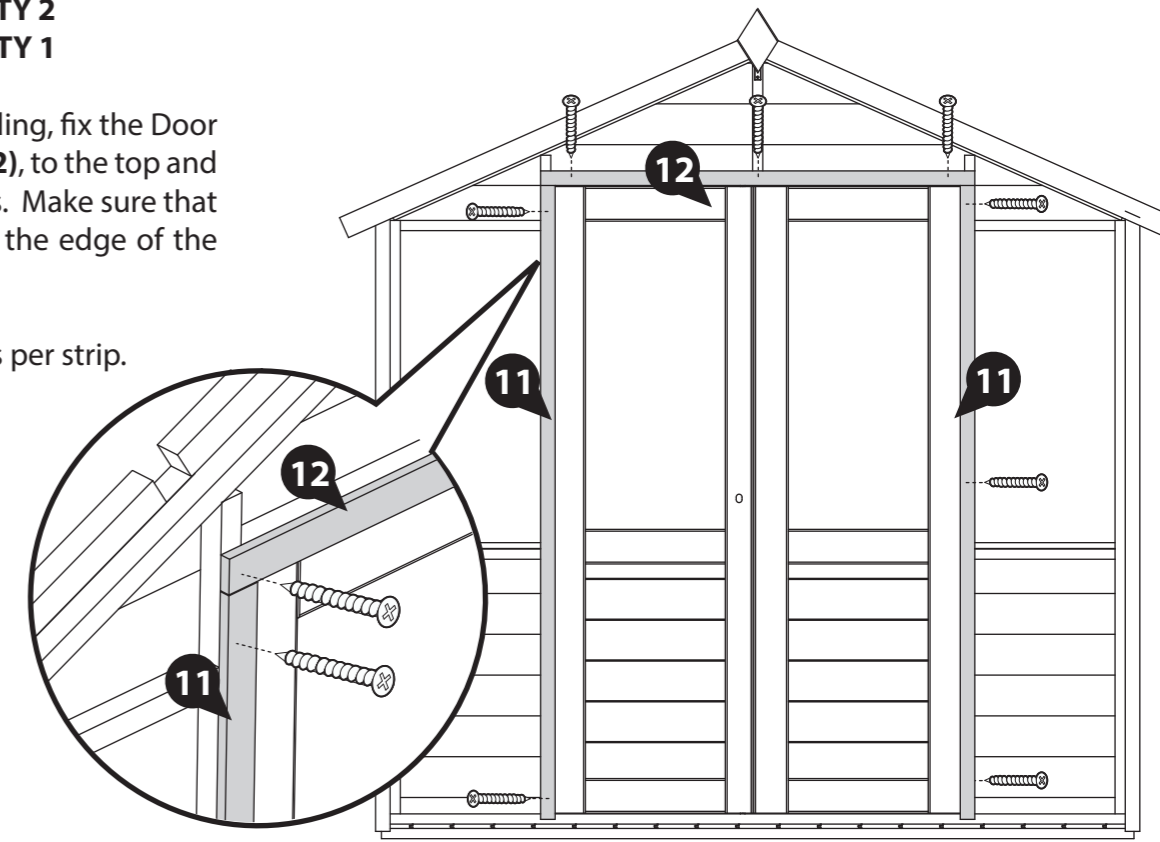
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Fix using 4x30mm screws per strip.

12x30mm Screws



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## Step 18a

Parts needed - No. 19 QTY 2  
No. 24 QTY 2

On the inside of the Doors, Pre drill a 3mm hole. Externally, locate the handles (No. 19) onto each doors and fix the from the inside using the 35mm bolts provided.

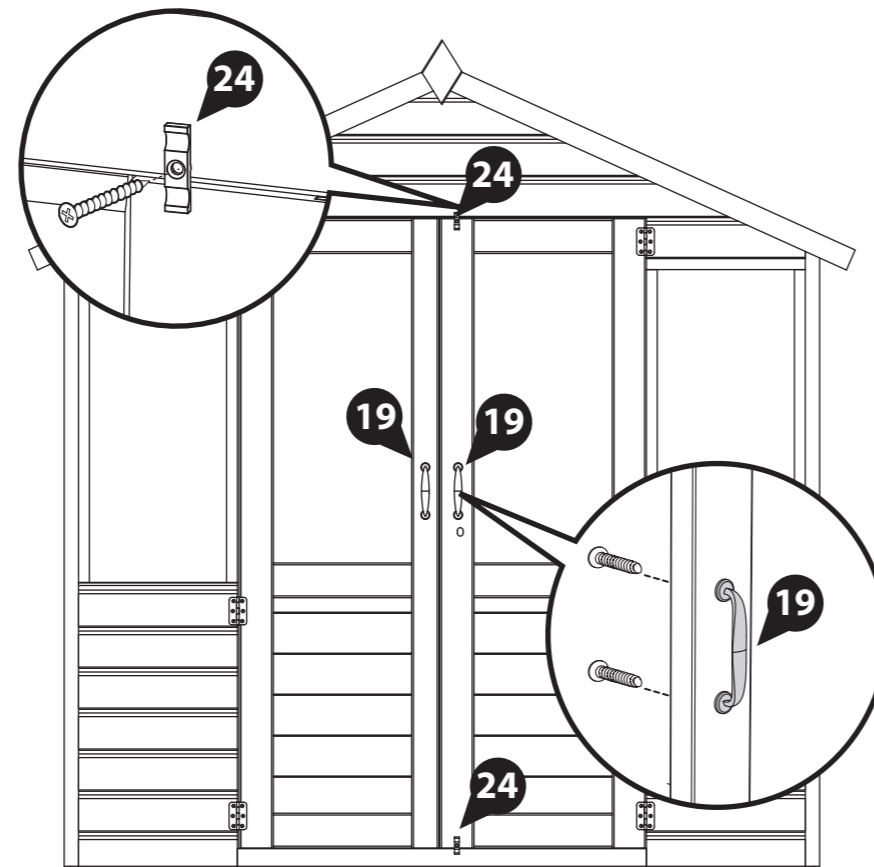
Position one turn button (No. 24) to the top and bottom of the master door, fixing in place using 1x30mm screw per turn button.

*\*These turn buttons help to keep your doors straight during high & low levels of moisture content in the air.*

2x30mm Screws  
4x35mm Bolt



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## Step 20a

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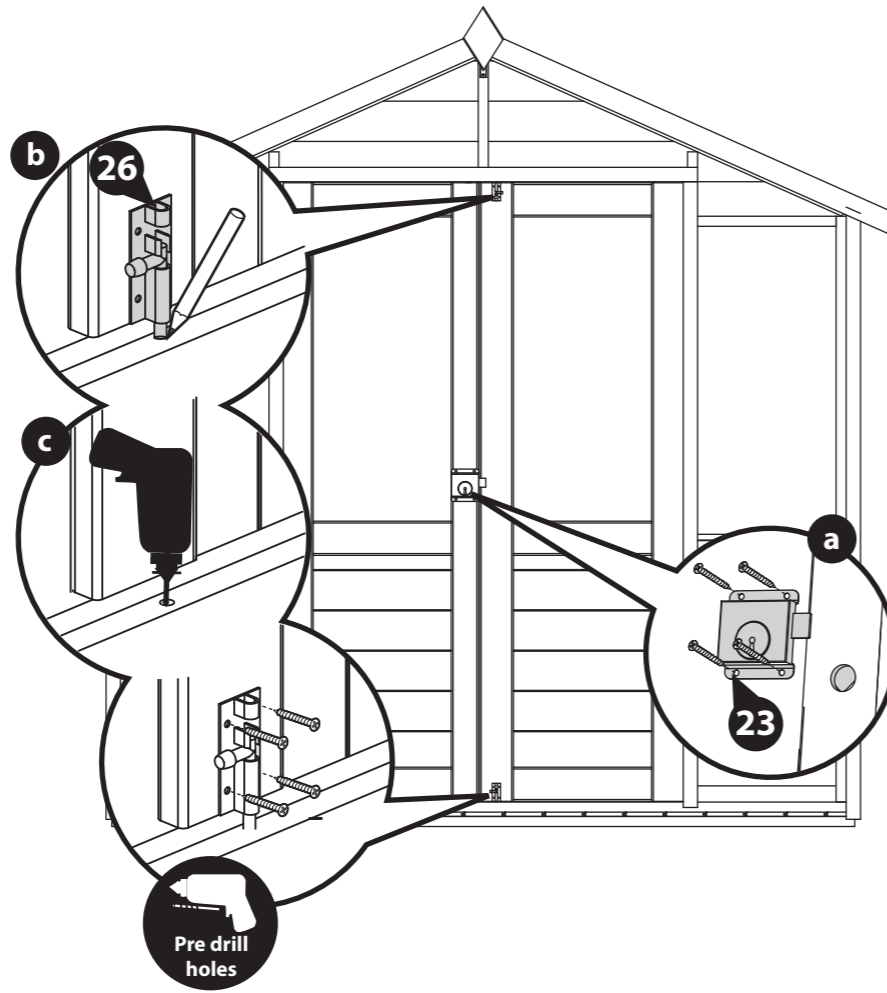
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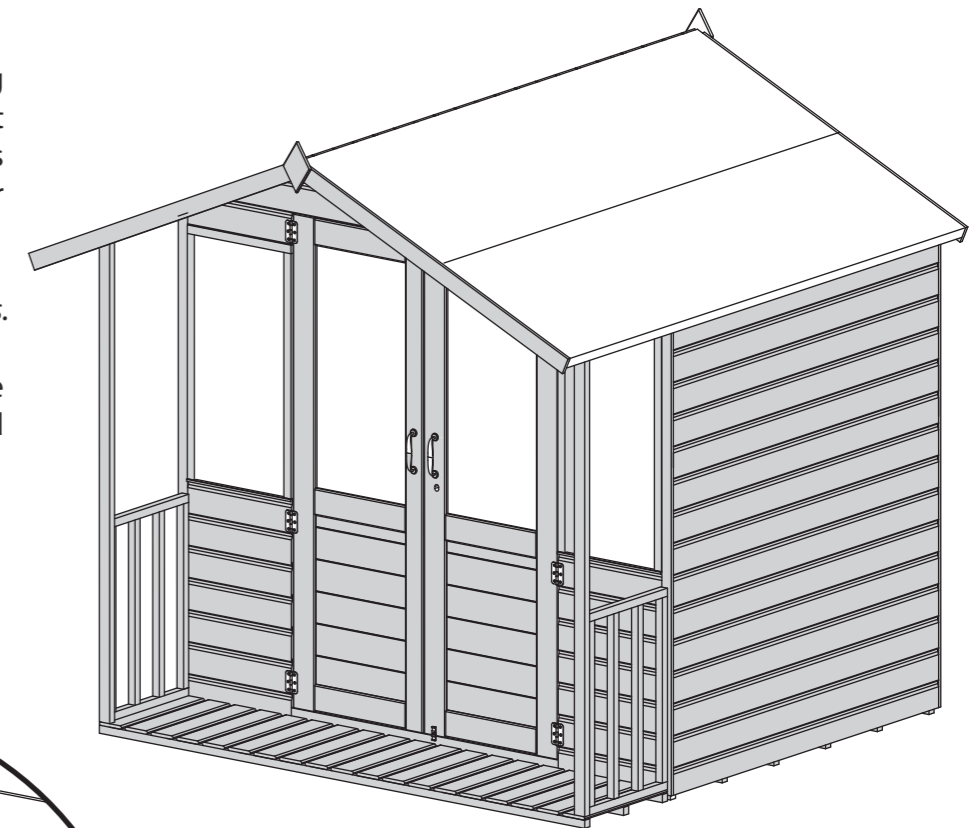
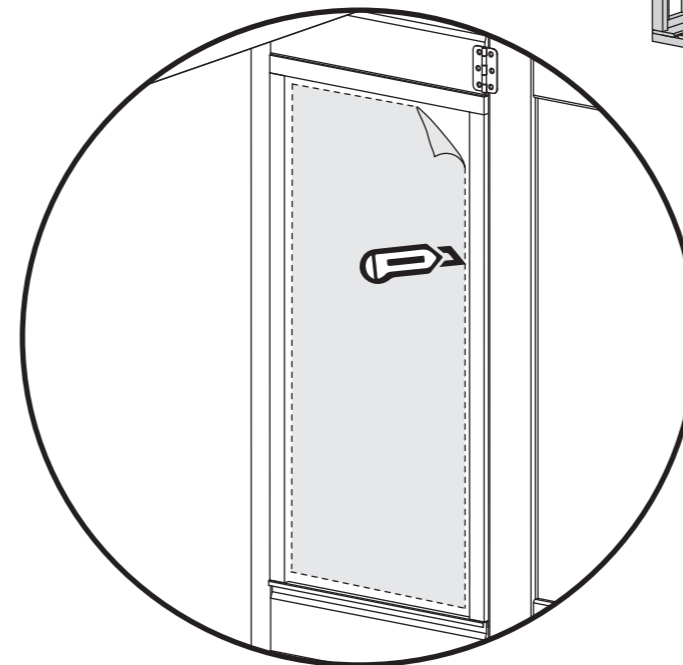
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## TREATING YOUR GARDEN BUILDING

Preservation of wood that's outdoors is vital. A little early care will help protect your garden building, improve its appearance and ensure maximum longevity. Insects, moisture, salt, and changing weather can have dramatic effects on the stability and appearance of your garden building. Once your building is installed, you've checked it over and you're happy with it, you can take a few basic precautions to prepare it for the elements. Treating your garden building helps prevent decay and, by repelling water, discourages the growth of moulds and fungi that could jeopardise the structural integrity of the wood.

**Dip Treated buildings** - Require a preservative treatment to protect against rot and decay and a waterproof treatment to prevent water ingress  
**Pressure Treated buildings** - Require a waterproof treatment to prevent water ingress  
**Log Cabins/Insulated Garden Rooms** - Are supplied untreated and require a preservative and waterproofing treatment.



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To apply a preservative and water proofing treatment (pressure treated products do not require a preserver), follow the manufacturer's instructions but in principle, stick to the following steps:

- ✓ Weather permitting, ensure to treat your garden building within 14 days of installation.
- ✓ Wear latex or rubber gloves, eye protection and (if spraying) a mask.
- ✓ Prepare the wood, by sanding down any ridges or inconsistencies in the wood, smoothing out knots and end-cuts.
- ✓ Choose a dry day to treat your garden building. If you're spraying rather than brushing paint on, avoid a windy day.
- ✓ Be sure you can safely reach all the sections you need to paint - and if you need a ladder, make sure it's safely positioned before climbing. Lay dust sheets around to avoid paint splatters on your base or surrounding plants.

- ✓ Tape around windowpanes to avoid smears when you're painting the frames.
- ✓ Keep pets and small children out of the way. The last thing you want is to have fur on your garden building paint, or little painted footprints all over your garden and home.
- ✓ Fill any gaps in the building's body with caulk or wood filler to prevent water and draughts getting in. Silicone based caulk is flexible and will move with the timber when temperature and humidity change. Allow to dry completely before treating. A handy tip for finding gaps is to go into your garden building and look for light leaking through joins and frames. If light gets in, then so will water.
- ✓ Liberally apply at least two coats of the treatment products with a brush or spray, taking care to allow the first coat to completely dry before applying the second.
- ✓ Make sure the solution permeates the whole of the surface area, especially around natural cracks, end cuts and nail/screw holes.



APPLY WOOD TREATMENT  
**IMMEDIATELY**  
AFTER ASSEMBLY



## 1 Perimeter

Check around the perimeter of your product to ensure there are not trees or plants that are in contact with or overhanging the building. This can affect airflow and overhanging trees, or branches can damage the roof, it is advised to keep plants at a distance.

## 2 Repair

Inspect the interior and exterior of the product to look for splits, cracks, and holes. Although this is a natural occurrence it can be prevented. A wood filler can be used to close the splits, cracks, and holes.

## 3 Roof

Check your roof regularly for tears, splits, damaged wood and fallen debris. If you notice any of this immediate repair is critical.

## 4 Doors & Windows

Expansion and contraction can cause doors and windows to stick or become difficult to open. Small adjustments to the hinge position can be made to the doors and windows to allow free movement.

## 5 Oil

Hinges can seize up over time, apply lubricant to the hinges and locks annually.

## 6 Screws & Bolts

It is advised to check all screws and bolts and tighten any loose you might find. For log cabins specifically the storm braces will require loosening. During humidity and temperature changes (seasons) to allow expansion and contraction to prevent gaping, twisting, popping, and warping.

## 7 Wash

At least once a year, give the outside of your building a good wash, to remove cobwebs, leaves, or any other dirt that may accumulate on the exterior.

## 8 Airing

Airing your product regularly prevents the build up of condensation which can cause the timber to warp, bow, boards to pop, distortion, rot and mould. Condensation can build up over time or daily, it is caused by a rise and fall in temperature.

Excessive moisture levels within your building can cause water to collect on the roofs, walls and floors internally. Leaving doors and windows open regularly can help combat the natural moisture build up.

## 9 Clean & Tidy

It is good practice to clean the inside and outside of your product regularly. Clear out the contents, sweep the floor, remove dirt and cobwebs. Check for areas of damp and investigate the cause to remove and prevent future occurrences. Check the ground around your product for build up of debris such as leaves, remove and ensure there is clear ventilation underneath the floor.

### Additional Playhouse Maintenance:

It is recommended that the following checks and maintenance are carried out at the beginning of each season as well as at regular intervals during the usage season.

- Check all nuts /bolts/ screws for tightness and tighten when required.
- Check for movement / opening of wood giving rise to protrusion of nail heads and tips.
- Check hinges.
- Replace defective parts in accordance with the manufacturers instructions.
- Check any crossbeams, suspensions and anchors.
- If a swing is included; check the swing seat, chains and ropes.

**IF THESE CHECKS ARE NOT CARRIED OUT THE ACTIVITY TOY COULD BECOME A HAZARD**

All our garden buildings have been designed and manufactured with care and attention to be the perfect addition to your outdoor space. To ensure you do get the best out of your new garden building and to increase the longevity we advise that you follow the product instructions and our manufacturer's recommendations as detailed below. Thank you for choosing a Mercia Garden product!

## 1 Choosing the most suitable location for your garden building...

A minimum of 60cm should be left around the perimeter of your garden building to allow access for maintenance, annual treatment and to allow air flow around the building.

Where possible you should avoid placing your garden building underneath large trees to prevent the tree causing damage to the building.

## 2 Preparing the base for your garden building...

All our buildings must be built on a firm, level base to ensure the longevity of the building and prevent the wood from distorting. We recommend either concrete, concrete slabs or a wooden base, such as our 'Portabase'.

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 and preventing water from pooling underneath the building.

We also recommend that the floor of the garden building is a minimum of 25mm above the surrounding ground level to avoid flooding.

## 3 After installation...

Once your garden building has been installed, it will need to be treated within 14 days (weather permitting) and annually to prevent the timber from deteriorating and to waterproof it. This is required to maintain the anti-rot guarantee.

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We also recommend using a silicon sealant on the inside and outside of the windows as soon as possible after assembly and treatment to fully seal the windows.

Roofing felt/covering should be checked annually and replaced or fixed accordingly.

## 4 General maintenance and wood characteristics

As wood is a natural material it may be affected by the following:

Shrinkage and warping - The timber used in the construction of your garden building will have retained some of its natural moisture content. The moisture content of the timber will vary, depending upon prevailing environmental conditions, which will result in the components either naturally expanding or contracting. As the components dry out, shrinkage may occur. A good waterproofing treatment from the start is the best protection to minimise the effect of moisture loss/intake.

In extended periods of very warm weather getting some moisture to the building will help the overall balance. You can do this by spraying it down lightly with a garden hose. In contrast, after snow fall try to remove the snow as best as possible from the roof to prevent moisture intake and to remove the extra weight.

**Top tip** - using a garden brush will help you to reach the highest part of the building to remove snow and any debris left from bad weather.

Damp and mould - During the winter months, cold and damp conditions can result in an increased amount of moisture within your garden building, especially when used infrequently. Condensation can form on the timber and other items stored within your garden building. If left this moisture is likely to cause mould and mildew.

To prevent the build-up of moisture, we recommend leaving the door or windows of your building open from time to time, to allow the fresh air to circulate. We also advise against storing wet or damp items in your garden building as this will also increase the level of moisture in the building. If mould or mildew does start to form within your building we recommend using an anti-mould cleaner to remove it and to prevent it spreading, which if left untreated could permanently damage your garden building.

Splits, cracks and knots - You may notice small splits and cracks in some components or holes may appear where knots shrink and fall out. This will not affect the structure of your Garden building however, if you wish to fill them this can be easily done using any good quality wood filler.

Sap - is naturally occurring in wood and may appear in some boards of your garden building. If you wish to remove the sap, we advise waiting until it is dry and then using a sharp knife to carefully remove it. If the removal of the sap causes a hole in the timber, we recommend using a good quality wood filler to fill it.

For more handy hints and tips on how to care and maintain your garden building please refer to the MGP Customer Portal at [www.mgplogistics.co.uk](http://www.mgplogistics.co.uk)

### Any further questions?



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## 1

### Manufacturer's Warranty

All Mercia Garden Products are supplied with a 1 year warranty on all parts against manufacturing defects.

This warranty does not cover movement, warping or splitting of timber products over time.

This warranty will be voided if any of the following occur:

1. The building has been customised or modified/adapted in any way.
2. The person claiming is not the original purchaser of the building.
3. Any damage has been caused by or as a result of misuse.
4. The building has not been maintained and cared for in accordance to our advisories and manufacturer's recommendations.
5. The building has not been treated annually or as per the manufacturer's recommendations, please ensure receipts are kept to validate this claim.
6. The building has not been erected, fitted or installed as per the supplier instructions.
7. The building has not been erected on a suitable sized firm flat, solid level concrete/slab base or placed on pressure treated bearers.
8. The building is or has been placed with 2 feet (600mm) of any obstructions (walls, trees, plants, fences etc.) which can allow moisture to penetrate the timber.
9. The roofing felt has been incorrectly fitted or damaged, allowing water ingress, or has not been properly maintained.
10. Any windows and joints have not been sealed, inside and out, with silicone or other watertight sealant.
11. Any timber has been cut, pierced or drilled without subsequent application of approved cut-end treatment.

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### Anti-rot Guarantee

Mercia Garden Products offer a 10 year anti-rot guarantee on all dip treated (a preparatory treatment) and 15 years on all pressure treated products. This guarantee covers solid timber against rot, decay, blue stain and insect attacks.

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