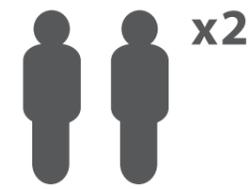


**04DTPREMPN0804HGS-V1**  
**DIP TREATED PREMIUM PENT HALF GLAZED SINGLE GREENHOUSE, 8X4.**



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



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



**2mm Drill bit**

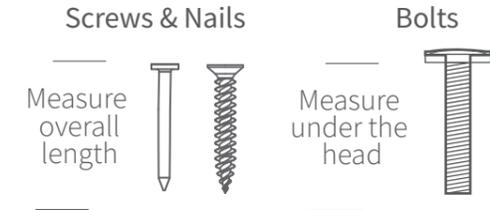
For ease of assembly, you **MUST** pilot drill all screw holes and ensure all screw heads are countersunk.



**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.



For ease of assembly, you will need a tape measure to check dimensions of components.



**Screws & Nails**

Measure overall length

**Bolts**

Measure under the head

To identify the fixings required for each step use a measuring tape.

**\*\*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 as 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.

**BEFORE YOU START PLEASE READ 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.

**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 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.

**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 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.
- Wooden base.

Whilst all products manufactured are made to the highest standards of safety and in the case of children's products independently tested to EN71 level, we cannot accept responsibility for your safety whilst erecting or using this product.

## REGISTER FOR YOUR ANTI-ROT GUARANTEE TODAY

PLEASE SCAN HERE:

In all instances for assistance with your product, please contact us via our customer portal: <https://www.mgplogistics.co.uk/>.

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## 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.
- Check you have all the product items listed *(if you have missing or damaged parts please contact the customer services department, see front cover for contact details).*
- Install the product as per the step by step instructions within this pack.
- Prepare the product ready for treatment.
- 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)
- 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 on 01636 821215 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.

PLEASE SCAN HERE:



### ANY QUESTIONS?

Scan the QR code to contact us via our customer portal.

## 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.

You can also find all the videos on our youtube channel:  
<https://www.youtube.com/@merciagardenproducts8716/videos>

### 1. Find the QR code within the instruction step...

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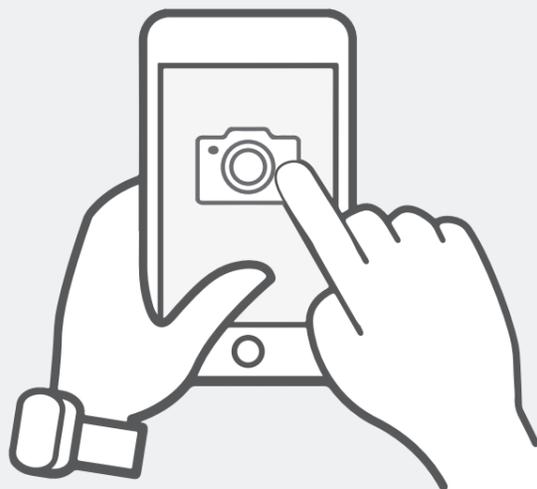
Parts Needed- No. QTY 1  
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No. QTY 1



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.

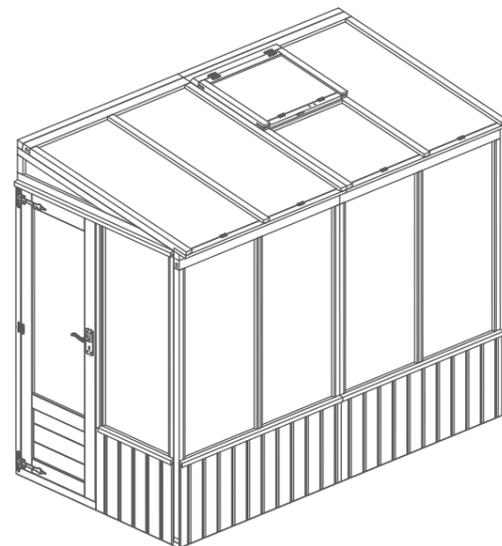
**Disclaimer:** The garden building constructed in the video guides may be constructed differently to your building. Please ensure to read your instructions carefully to avoid error.

Please retain product label and instructions for future reference

Before assembly  
please make sure you have a  
suitable base ready to erect your  
building



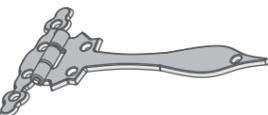
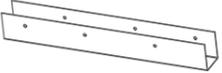
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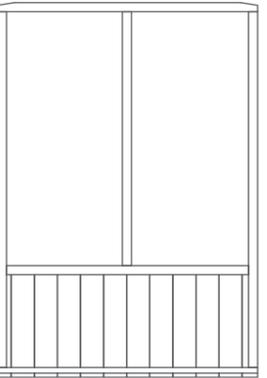
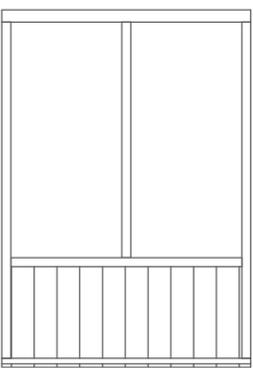
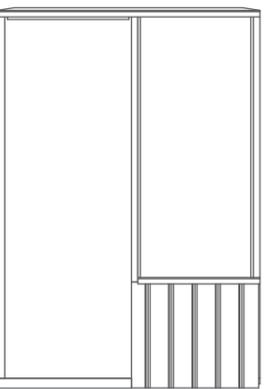
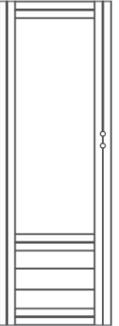
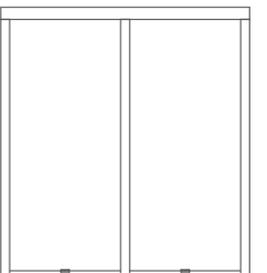
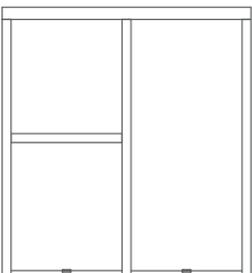
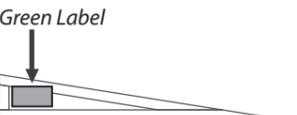
**Overall Dimensions:** Width = 2497mm  
Depth = 1357mm  
Height = 2070mm

**Base Dimensions:** Width = 2448mm  
Depth = 1300mm

Please note that we don't include fixings with this product due to wall construction materials varying from house to house. If you are unsure on the fixings you require then we recommend that you consult with your local builders merchant or a knowledgeable DIY store.

- 10  **Floor Bearer - 27x44x1300mm QTY 2**  
F2744-1300mm
- 11  **Floor Bearer - 27x44x1180mm QTY 4**  
F2744-1180mm
- 12  **Cover Strip - 12x75x1256mm QTY 2**  
S1275-G-1256mm (31mm shoulder, 9 degree angled cut)
- 13  **Vertical Beading Strip - 12x17x1720mm QTY 2**  
S1217-1720mm
- 14  **Horizontal Beading strip - 12x17x580mm QTY 1**  
S1217-580mm
- 15  **Window block - 65x35x634mm QTY 1**  
F6535-G-634mm (6mm shoulder, 55 degree angled cut along profile)
- 16  **Support framing - 44x44x1224mm QTY 4**  
F4444-G-1224mm (9 degree angled cut along profile)
- 17  **Ridge Bar - 27x70x1180mm QTY 2**  
F2770-1180mm
- 18  **Roof Truss - 27x44x1247mm QTY 1**  
F2744-G-1287mm (2 x angled cuts)
- 19  **Small Hinge QTY 3**  
PI-07-0004
- 20  **Long Hinge QTY 2**  
PI-07-0002
- 21  **Mortice Lock Handle QTY 2**  
PI-07-0006
- 22  **Mortice Lock QTY 1**  
PI-07-0017
- 23  **Key Plate QTY 1**  
PI-07-0017
- 24  **Casement Stay QTY 1**  
PI-07-0080
- 25  **U Channel QTY 1**  
PI-07-0013
- 26  **Corner Brace QTY 3**  
PI-07-0012

## Building Content:

- 1  **Rear Panel QTY 1**  
(1256x1816mm)  
AI-04S22GP2CW1256X1816-V1
- 2  **Side Panel QTY 2**  
(1224x1756mm)  
AI-04S22GP2CW1224X1756-V1
- 3  **Door Panel QTY 1**  
AI-04S22SDP1CW1256X1814-V1
- 4  **Door QTY 1**  
AI-PRMHGMD600X1715-V1
- 5  **Roof Panel 1 QTY 1**  
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- 6  **Roof Panel 2 QTY 1**  
AI-04S22GROPW3W1224X1330-V1
- 7  **Left Gable QTY 1**  
AI-04S22GPGL1W1256X199-V1  
Blue Label
- 8  **Right Gable QTY 1**  
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Green Label
- 9  **Window QTY 1**  
AI-SW634X533-V1

### Nail Bag

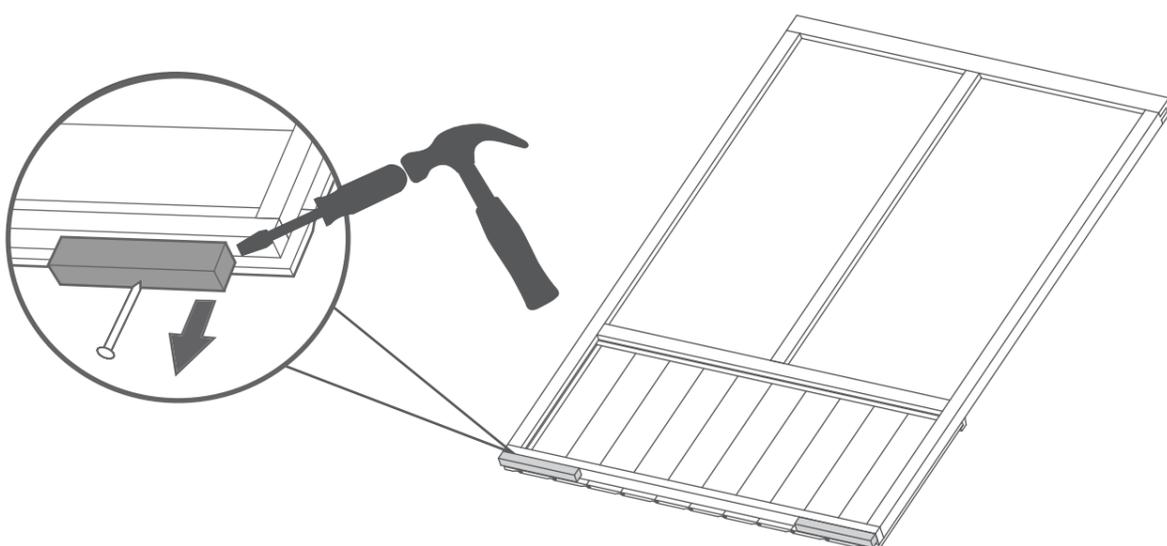


### Pre Assembly

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 1

- Parts needed - **No. 3** QTY 1  
**No. 4** QTY 1  
**No. 19** QTY 1  
**No. 20** QTY 2

Locate the Door (**No.4**) into the Door Panel (**No.3**) ensuring there is equal spacing on each side.

Locate the Long Hinges (**No.20**) onto the top and bottom of the Door (**No.4**) and Door Panel (**No.3**), ensuring to line them up with the horizontal framing on the door.

Secure in place using 7x30mm black screws per long hinge.

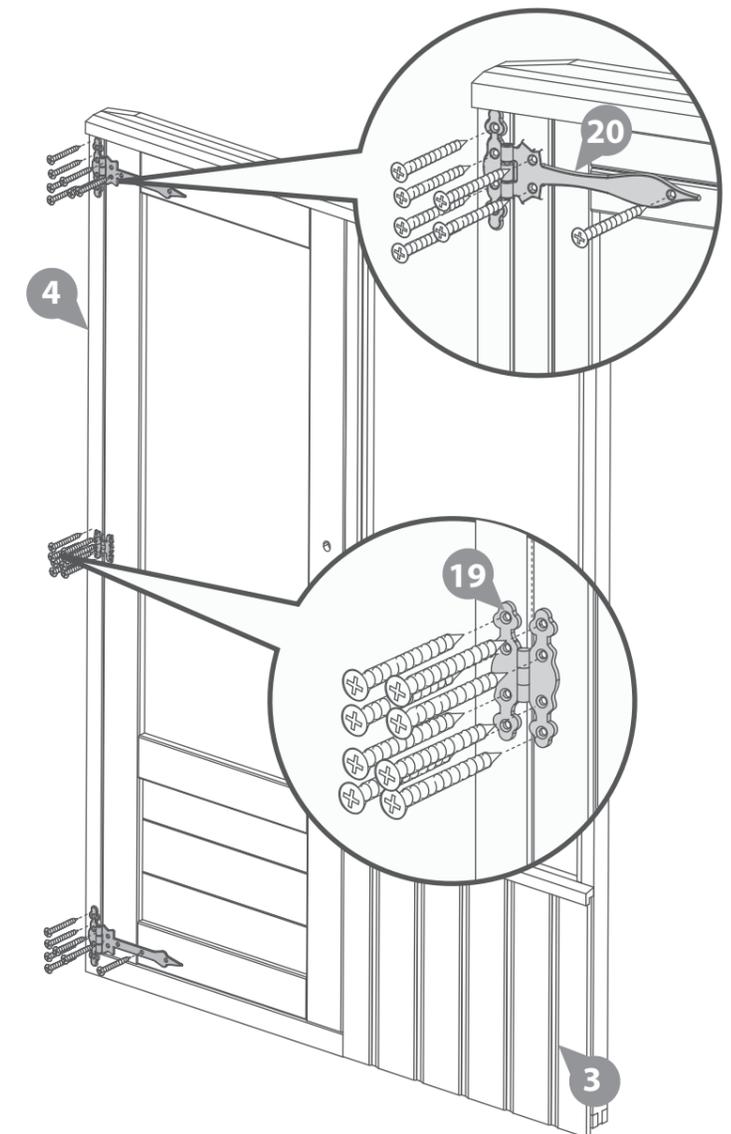
Locate one Small hinge (**No.19**) onto the middle of the Door (**No.4**) and Door Panel (**No.3**).

Secure in place using 8x30mm black screws.

**22x30mm black screws.**



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



**Step 2**

**Parts needed - No. 22 QTY 1  
No. 23 QTY 1**

Locate the mortice lock (**No.22**) into the recess of the Door (**No.4**). Fix in place using the screws provided.

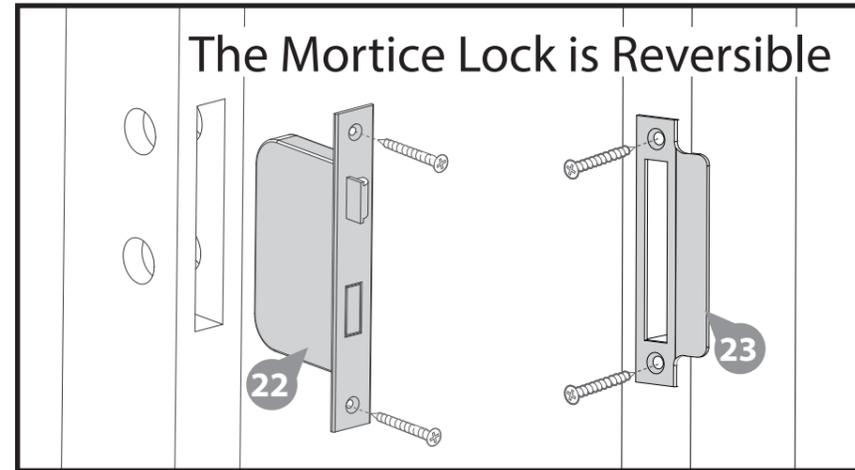
Locate the key plate (**No.23**) to the inside of the Door Panel (**No.3**). Fix in place using the screws provided.

**Please note: Do not shut the door fully until the door handle is fitted in step 3.**

**4x30mm Screws**



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**Step 4**

**Parts needed - No. 3 QTY 1  
No. 13 QTY 2  
No. 14 QTY 1**

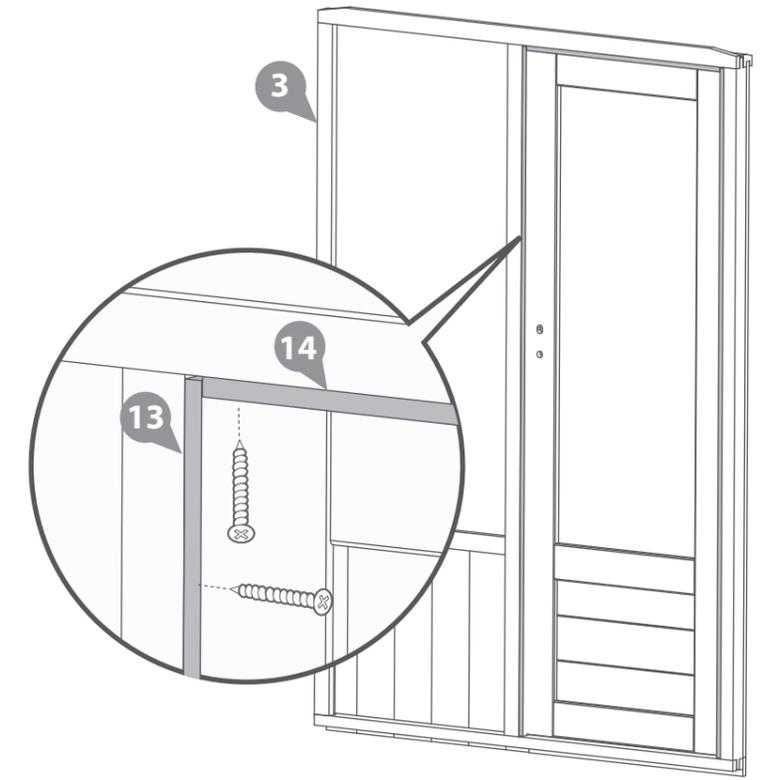
Locate the vertical and horizontal beading strips (**No.13 & 14**) to the inside of the Door cut out of the Door Panel (**No.3**), ensuring that the beading sits flush with the back of the door as shown in the detailed view.

Fix in place using 4x30mm screws for the vertical strips (**No.13**) and 3x30mm screws for the horizontal strip (**No.14**) per strip.

**11x30mm Screws**



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**Step 3**

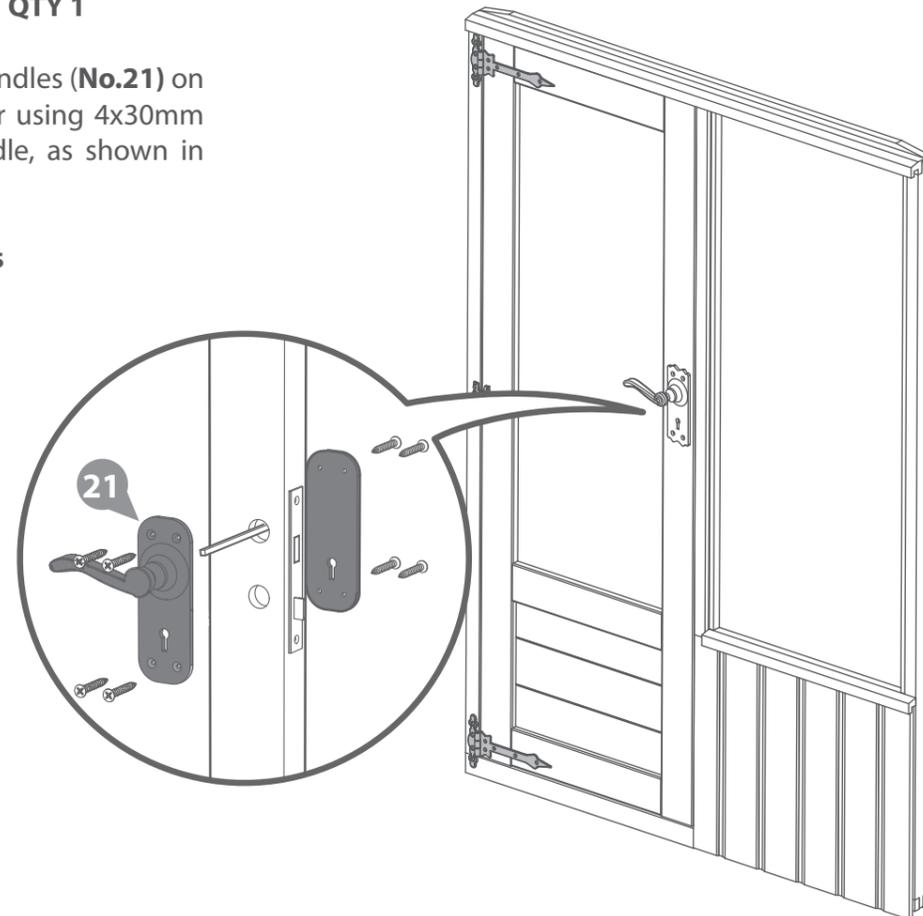
**Parts needed - No. 21 QTY 1**

Fix the mortice lock handles (**No.21**) on either side of the door using 4x30mm black screws per handle, as shown in diagram

**4x30mm black screws**



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



**Step 5**

**Parts needed - No. 10 QTY 2  
No. 11 QTY 4**

Lay the Floor Bearers (**No.10 & 11**) down as shown in the diagram on a firm and level base, ensure the base has suitable drainage free from areas where standing water can collect (see front page on base requirements).

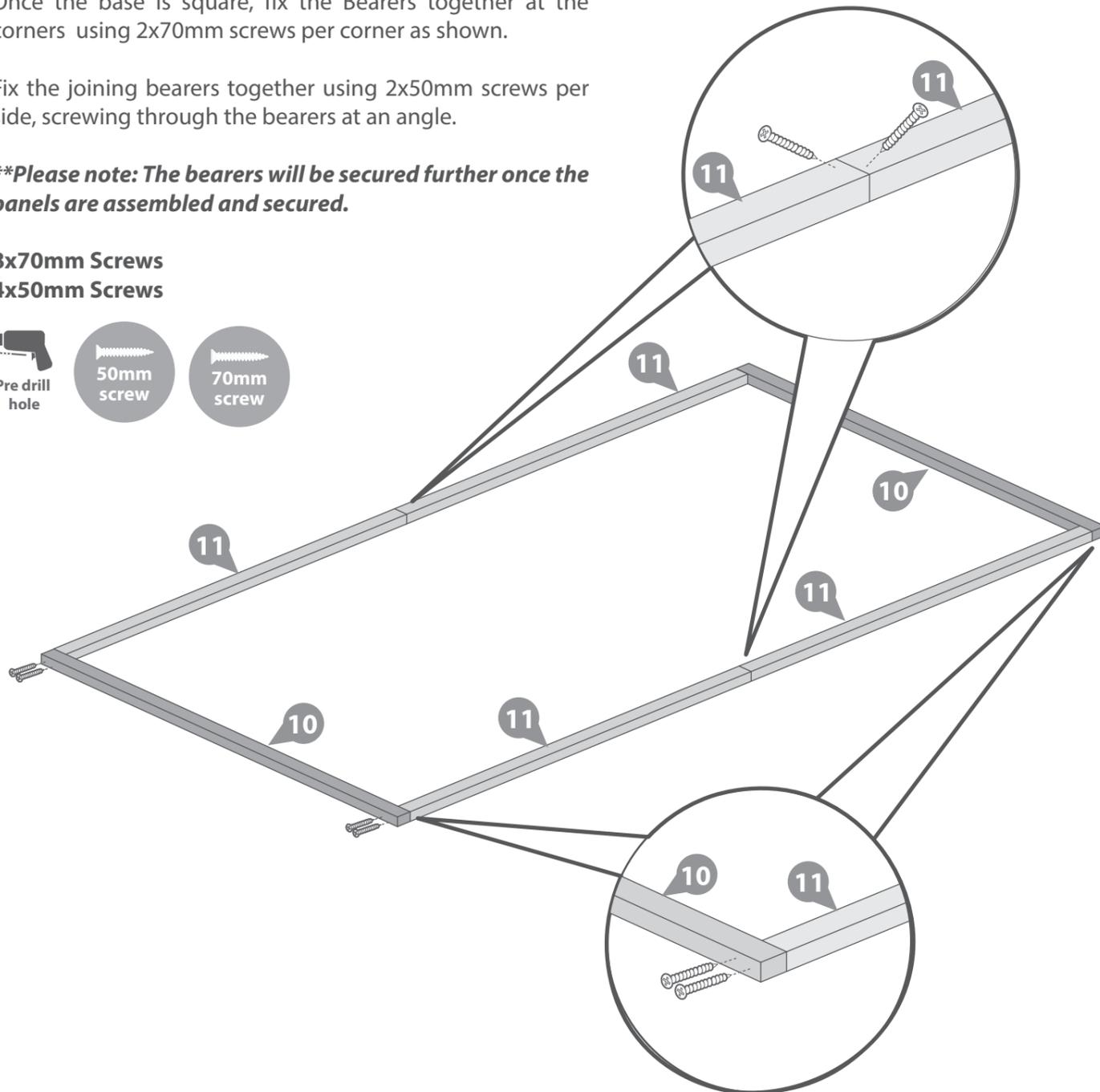
Ensure the base is square by using a tape measure to measure from corner to corner. If the measurements are equal the base is square. Some re-adjustments may be required to ensure the base is square.

Once the base is square, fix the Bearers together at the corners using 2x70mm screws per corner as shown.

Fix the joining bearers together using 2x50mm screws per side, screwing through the bearers at an angle.

**\*\*Please note: The bearers will be secured further once the panels are assembled and secured.**

**8x70mm Screws  
4x50mm Screws**



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

**Step 6**

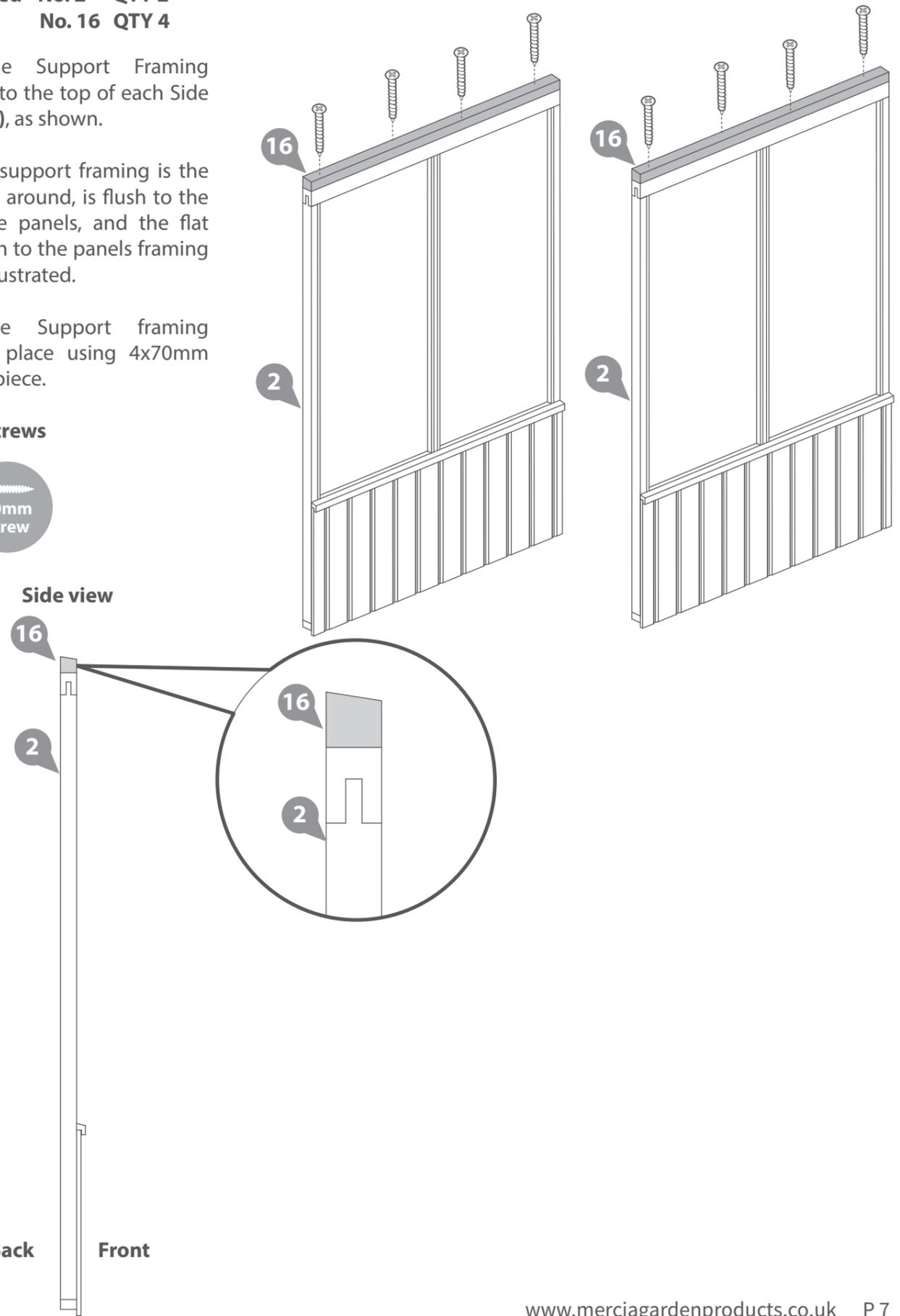
**Parts needed - No. 2 QTY 2  
No. 16 QTY 4**

Locate one Support Framing (**No.16**) on to the top of each Side Panel (**No.2**), as shown.

Ensure the support framing is the correct way around, is flush to the ends of the panels, and the flat edge is flush to the panels framing below, as illustrated.

Secure the Support framing (**No.16**) in place using 4x70mm screws per piece.

**8x70mm screws**



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

**Step 7**

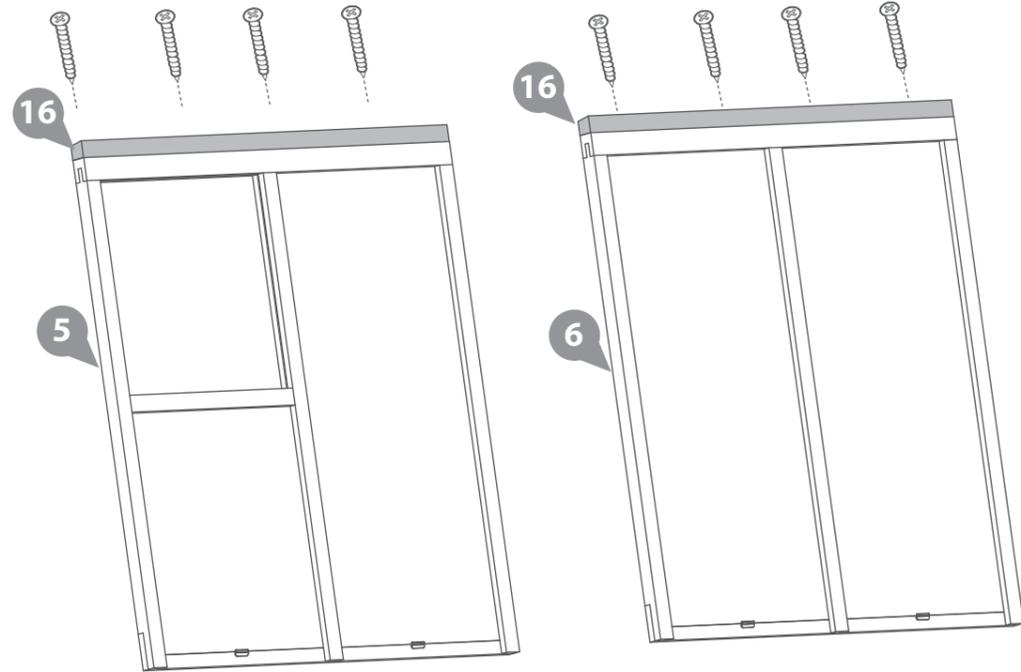
Parts needed - No. 5 QTY 1  
 No. 6 QTY 1  
 No. 16 QTY 4

Locate one Support framing (No.16) on to the top of each Roof Panel 1 (No.5) and Roof Panel 2 (No.6), as shown.

Ensure the support framing is the correct way around, is flush to the ends of the panels, and the flat edge is flush to the panels framing below, as illustrated.

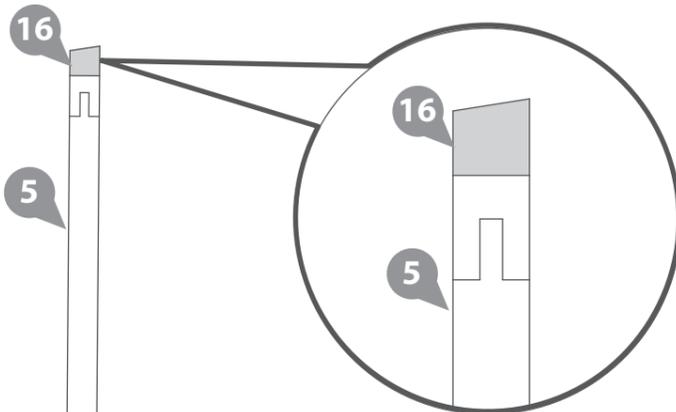
Secure the Support framing (No.16) in place using 4x70mm screws per piece.

8x70mm screws



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

Side view



Back Front

**Step 8**

Parts needed - No. 1 QTY 1 (Or No.3 QTY1)  
 No. 2 QTY 1

*\*The door and rear panel are both interchangeable and can be positioned at either end, decide which works best before assembly.*

Position the Rear Panel (No.1), or Door Panel, and one Side Panel (No.2) on the base so the frame sits onto the base with the cladding overlapping.

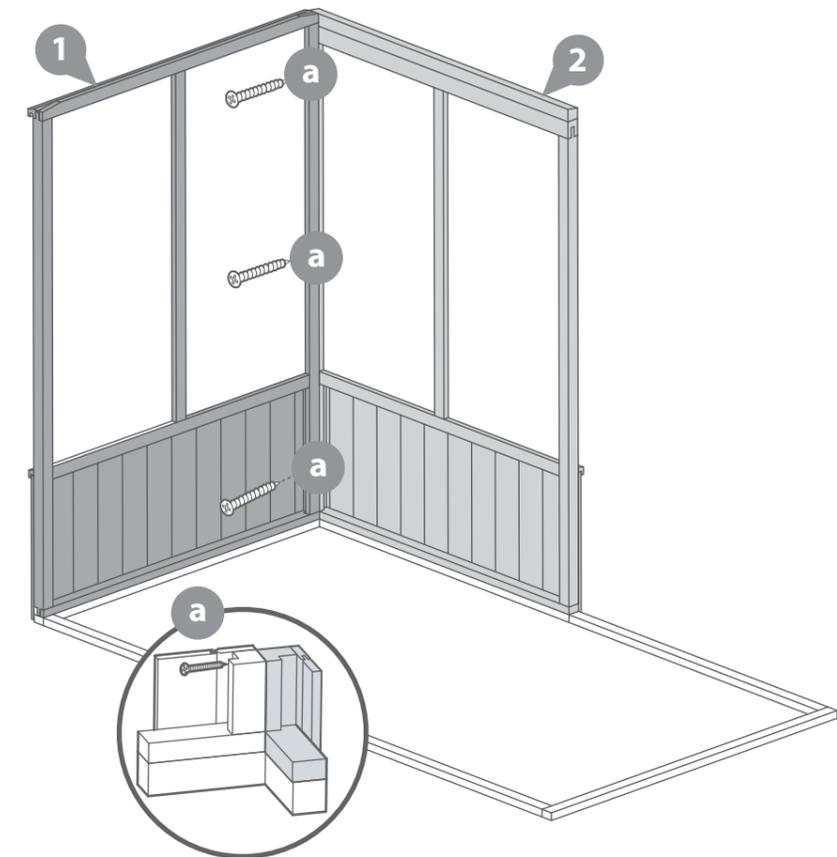
Locate the Panels (No.2 & 1) frame to frame as shown in the diagram and fix together at the corner with 3x70mm screws, as shown.

**\*\*DO NOT fix the panels to the bearers until the roof has been fitted.**

3x70mm Screws



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



**Step 9**

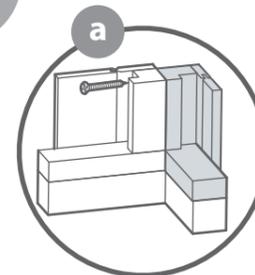
Parts needed - No. 3 QTY 1 (Or No.2 QTY1)  
 No. 2 QTY 1

Locate the remaining Side Panel (No.2) and the assembled Door Panel (No.3), or Rear Panel, onto the base.

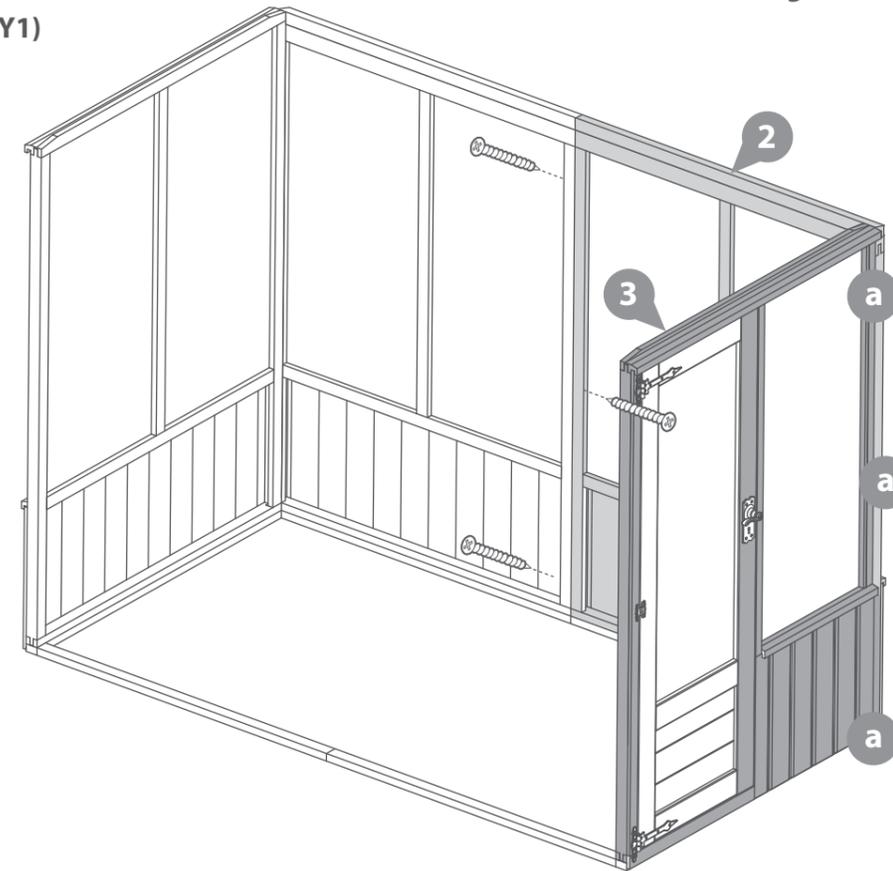
Fix the panels together using 3x70mm screws.

**\*\*DO NOT fix the panels to the bearers until the roof has been fitted.**

6x70mm Screws



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**Step 10**

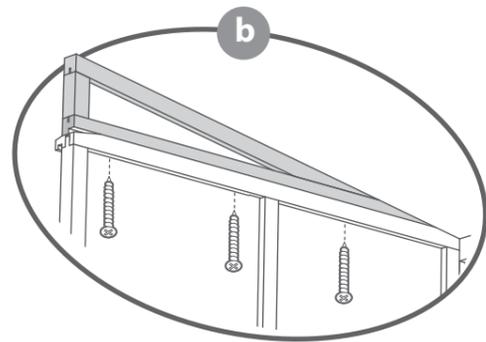
Parts needed - No. 7 QTY 1  
No. 8 QTY 1

Place the Left Gable (No.7) and Right Gable (No.8) on top of the end panels (Rear Panel No.1 and Door Panel No.3)

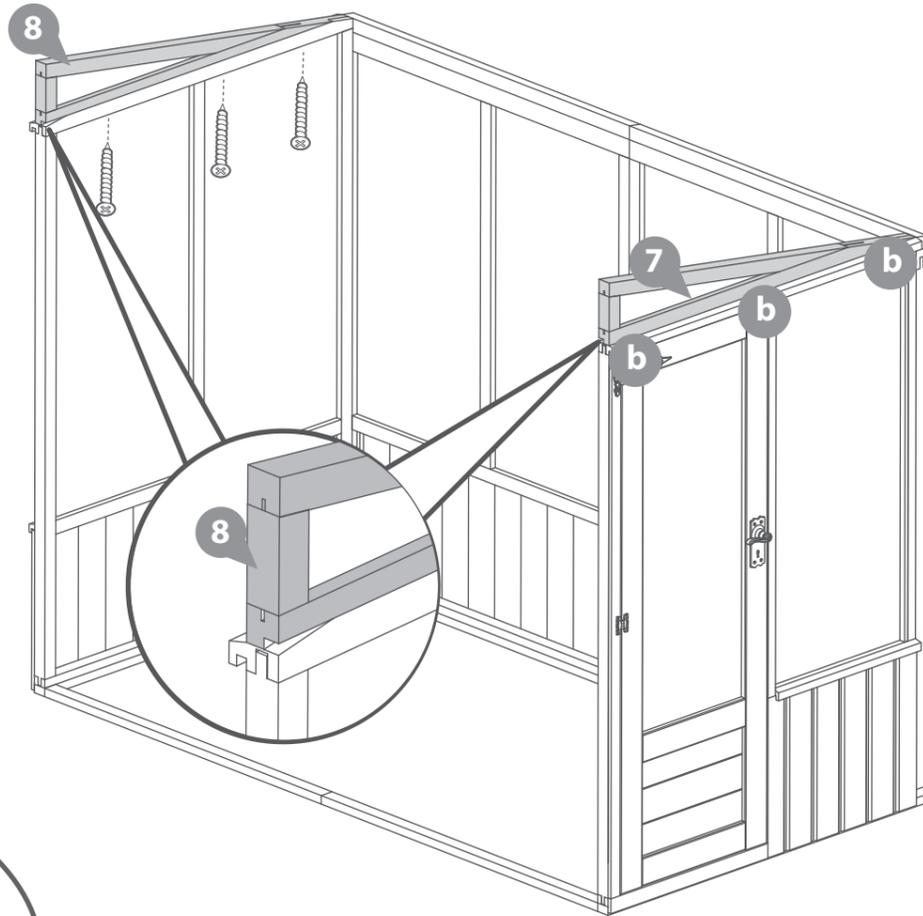
Ensure the Gables are flush with the ends of the panels below, as shown.

Secure in place by screwing up through the panel framing into the Gable framing using 3x70mm screws per gable.

6x70mm screws



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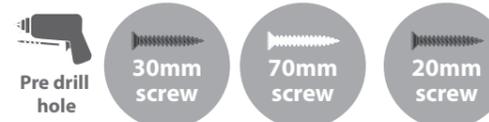


**Step 11**

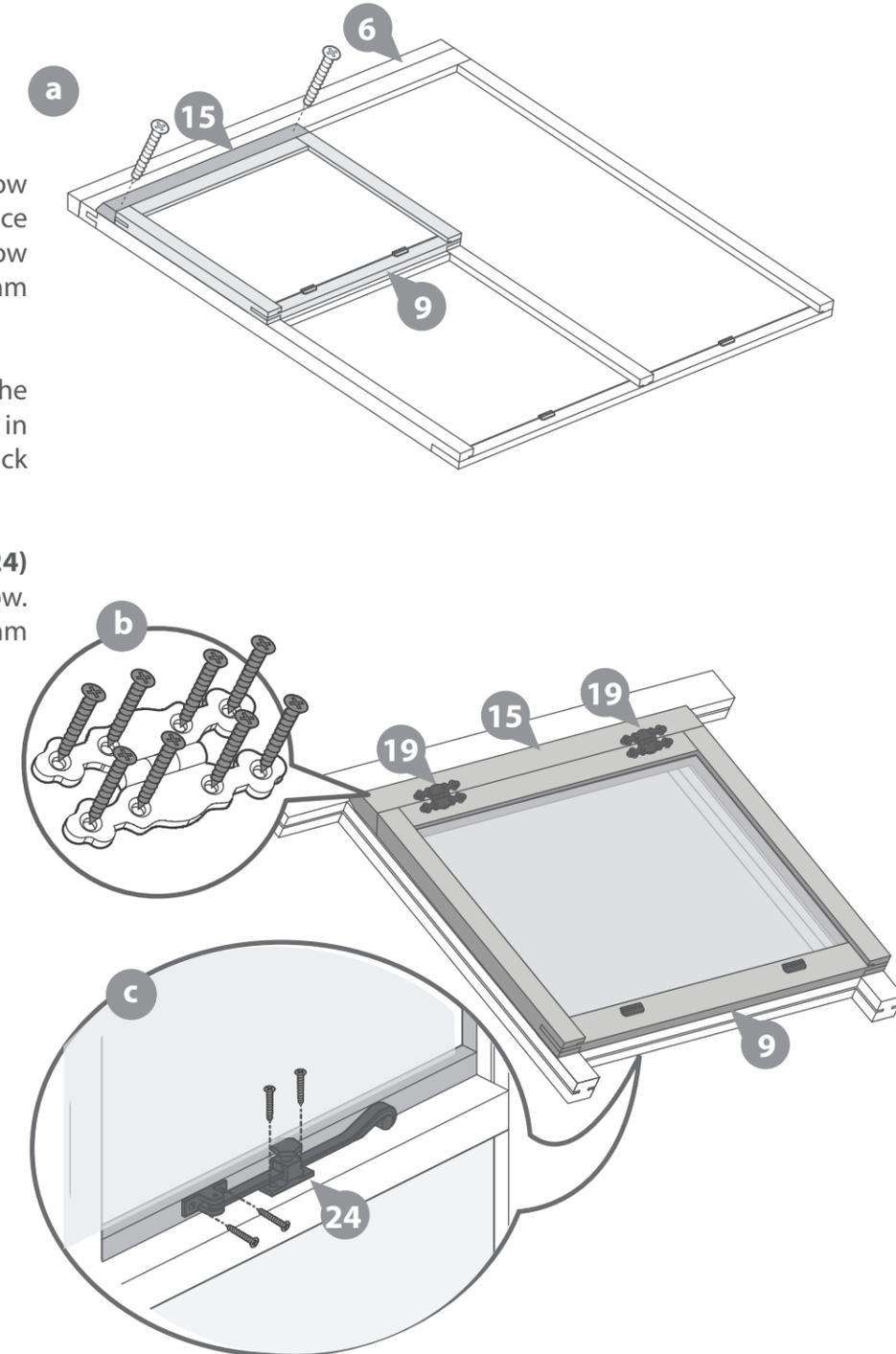
Parts needed - No. 6 QTY 1  
No. 9 QTY 1  
No. 15 QTY 1  
No. 19 QTY 2  
No. 24 QTY 11

- a** Place the Window (No.9) and Window Block (No.15) on top of the open space in Roof Panel 2 (No.6). Fix the window block to the roof panel using 2x70mm screws.
- b** Place the small hinges (No.19) on the window and window block, as shown in the diagram and fix with 8x30mm black screws per hinge.
- c** Position the Casement Stay (No.24) centrally to the inside of the window. Secure in the stay and pins with 20mm screws, as shown.

2x70mm screws  
16x30mm black screws  
4x20mm black screws



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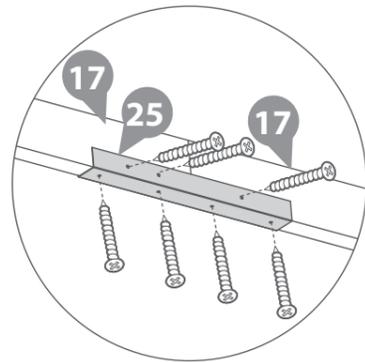


**Step 12**  
Parts needed - No. 17 QTY 2  
No. 25 QTY 1

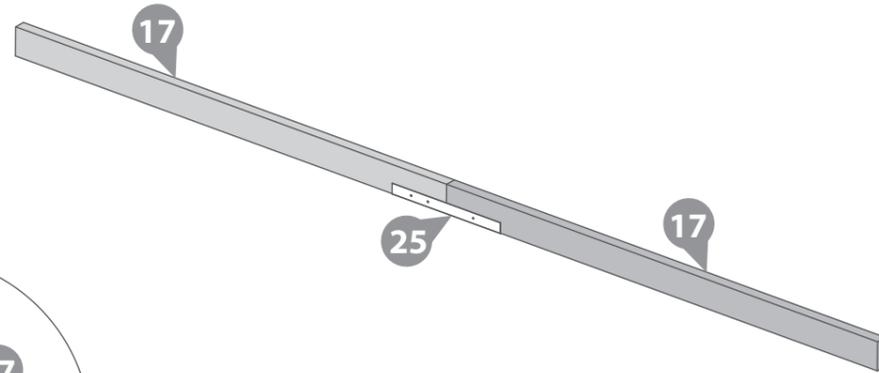
Place the two Ridge Bars (No.17) together ensuring the ends are flush, as shown.

Locate the U-channel (No.25) onto where the two ridge bars join and fix in place using 10x30mm screws.

**10x30mm Screws**



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

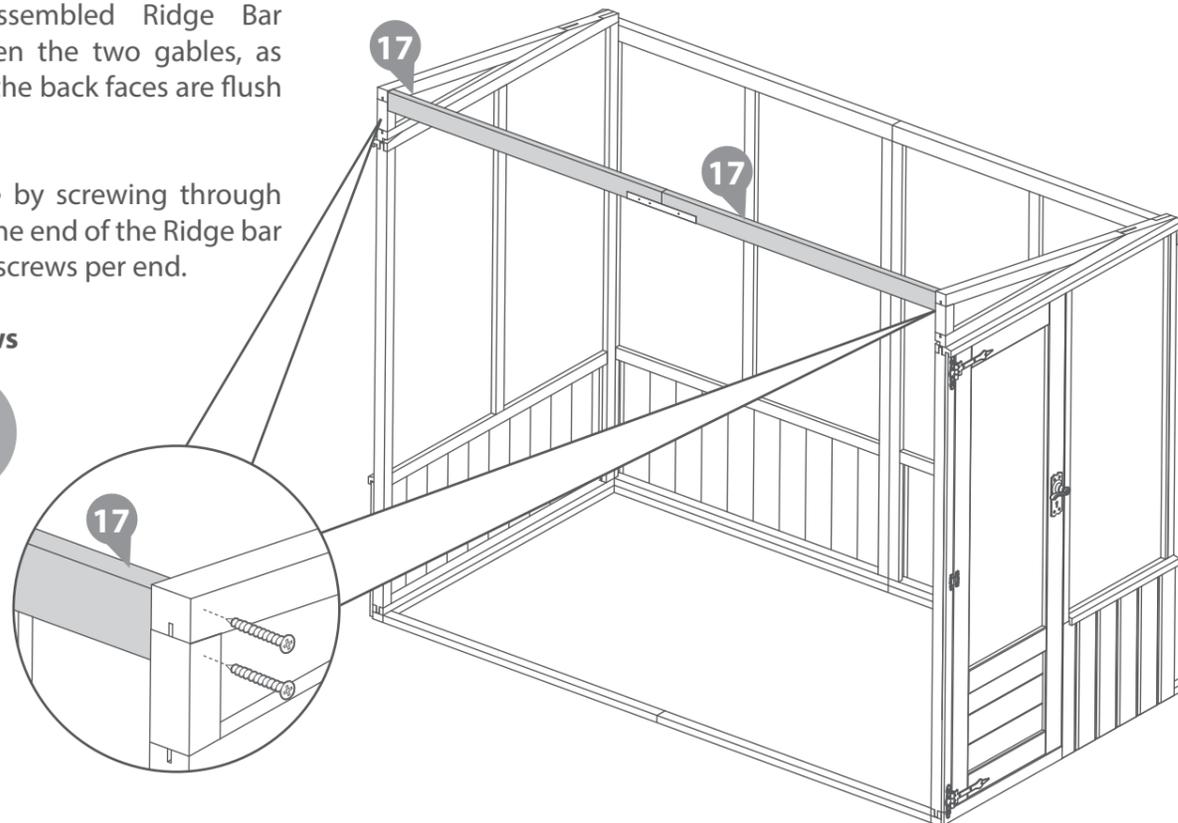


**Step 13**  
Parts needed - No. 17 QTY 2

Locate the assembled Ridge Bar (No.17) between the two gables, as shown. Ensure the back faces are flush as shown.

Secure in place by screwing through the gable into the end of the Ridge bar using 2x70mm screws per end.

**4x70mm Screws**



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

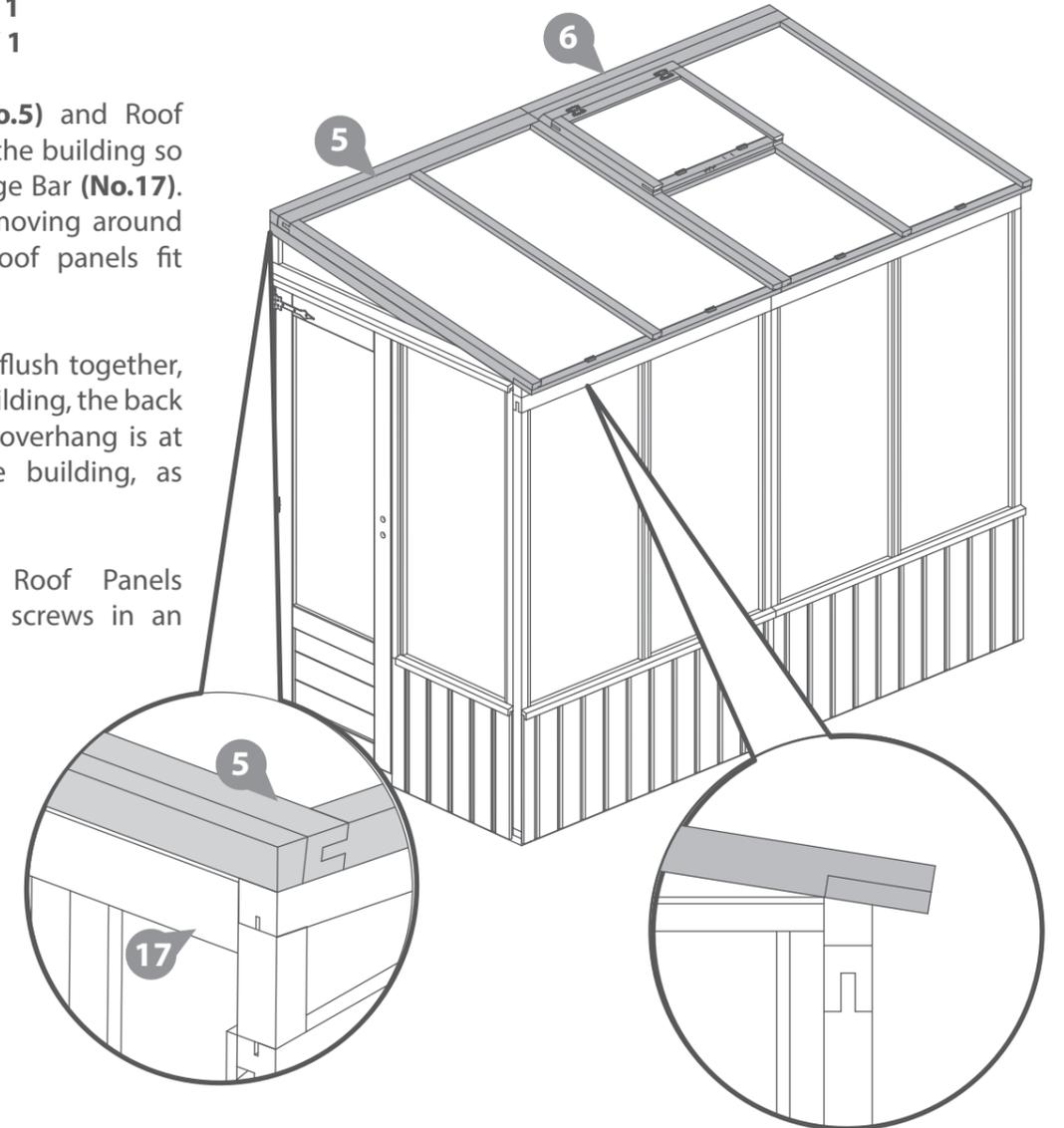
**Step 14**  
Parts needed - No. 5 QTY 1  
No. 6 QTY 1

Locate Roof Panel 1 (No.5) and Roof Panel 2 (No.6), on top of the building so they sit on top of the Ridge Bar (No.17). The building may need moving around slightly to ensure the roof panels fit squarely.

Ensure that the roofs are flush together, flush to the sides of the building, the back of the ridge bar and the overhang is at the bottom side of the building, as shown.

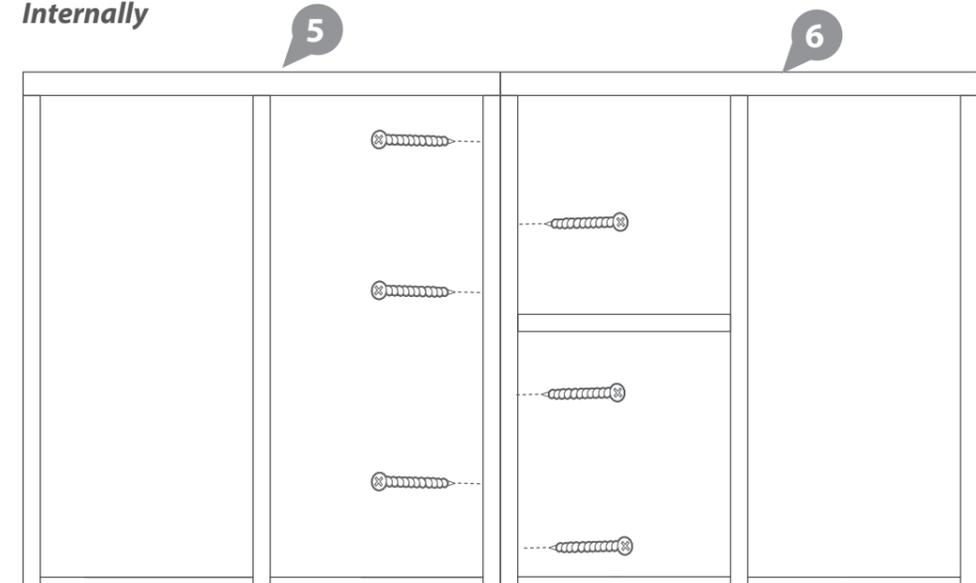
Internally, secure the Roof Panels together using 6x70mm screws in an alternating pattern.

**6x70mm Screws**



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

**Internally**



**Step 15**

**Parts needed - No. 18 QTY 1  
No. 26 QTY 3**

Locate the Roof Truss (No.18) cover the gap where the two Roof panels join internally.

*Please note: The roof panels are not shown for illustrative purposes.*

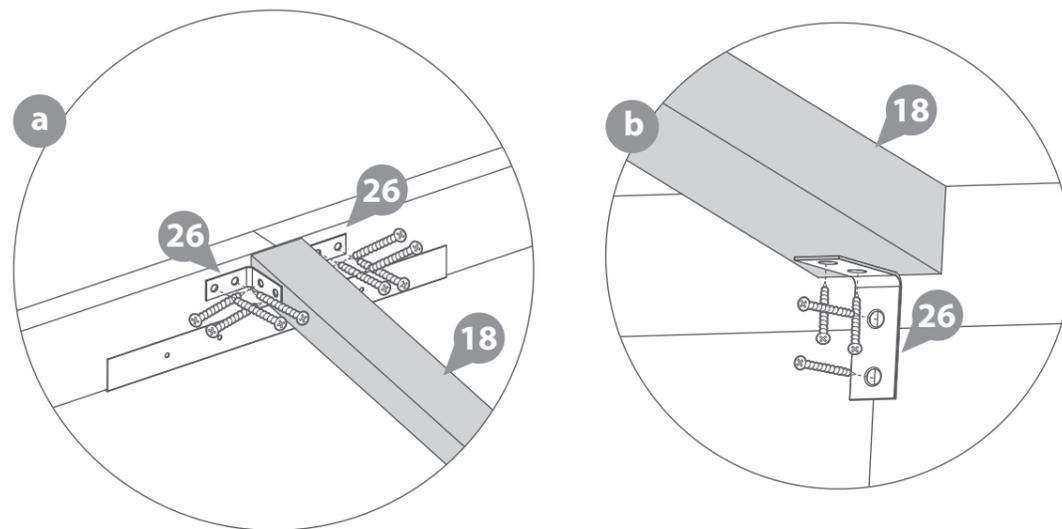
Ensure to orientate the Truss the correct way round and that the angled ends fit flush to the ridge bar and side panels.

Secure the Roof Truss (No.18) to the Ridge Bar by placing one Corner Brace (No.26) either side of the truss and fixing with 4x30mm screws per brace.

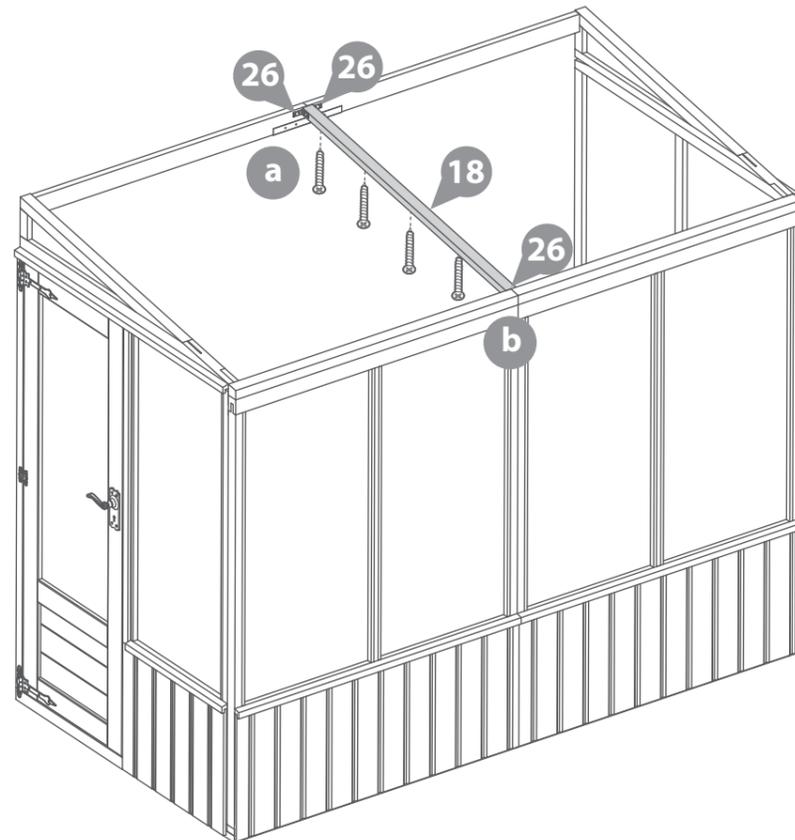
Secure the Roof Truss (No.18) to the side panels using one Corner Brace (No.26) fixed in place with 4x30mm screws.

Fix the Roof Truss (No.13) to the Roof Panels by screwing upwards through the Truss into the panels, using 2x40mm screws per panel. Fix the screws in an alternating pattern to ensure they do not collide with previously fixed screws.

**12x30mm Screws  
4x40mm Screws**



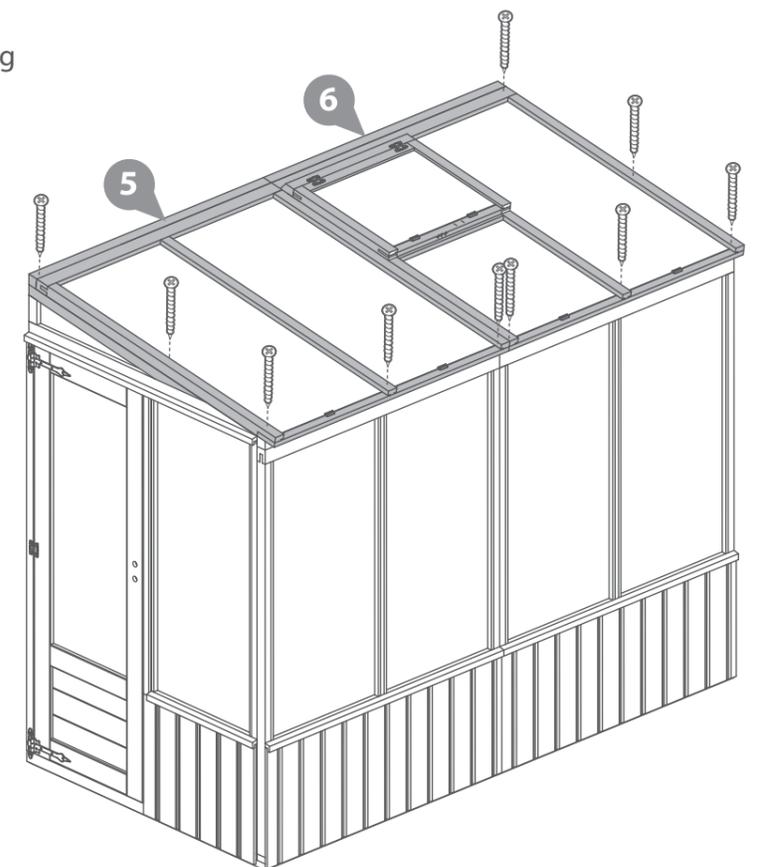
**IMPORTANT: Pre-drill before fixing screws.**



**Step 16**

Secure the Roof Panels to the building using 10x70mm screws.

**10x70mm screw**



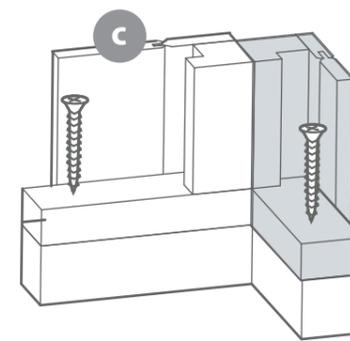
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**Step 17**

Once the roof has been secured, fix the door, rear and side panels to the bearers using 3x50mm screws per panel.

Ensure the building is square before fixing in place.

**12x50mm screws**

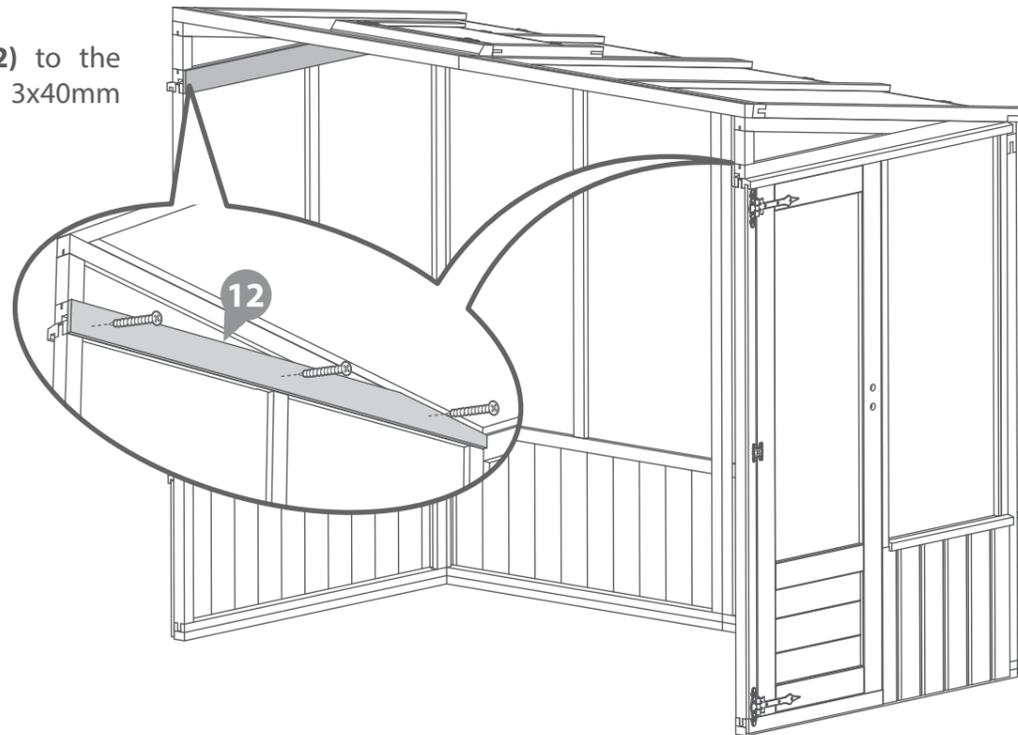


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**Step 18**  
Parts needed - No. 12 QTY 2

Fix the Cover Strips (No.12) to the inside of each Gable using 3x40mm screws per strip.

**6x40mm screws**



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

# 8x8 Combi GreenHouse and Shed Assembly.

Requires 01DTPRMShPN0804SDOW-V1

Length - 2550mm  
Width - 2638mm  
Height - 2132mm

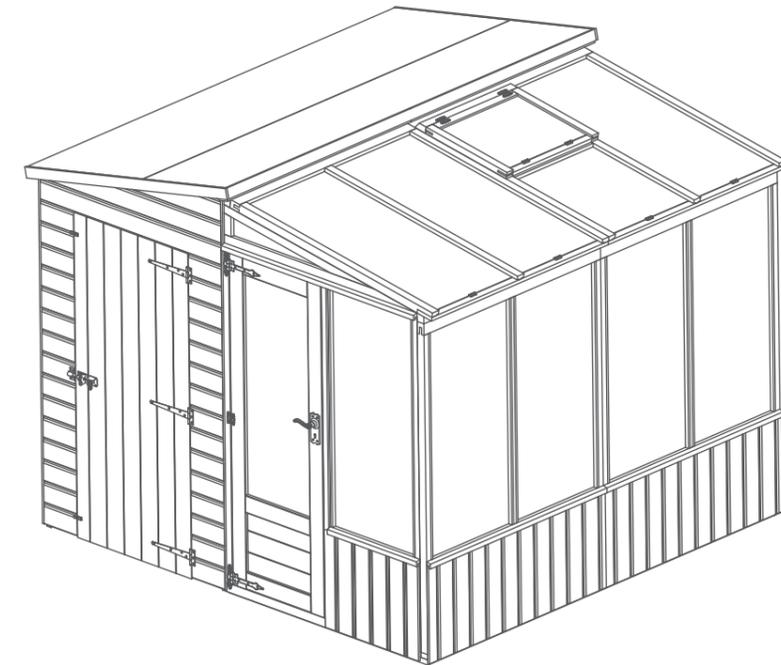
**Pre Assembly**

Follow the instructions for the 8x4 Modular Pent (01DTPRMShPN0804SDOW-V1)

Ensure the large center cover trim (No.11) has **not** been fitted (see step 18).

Follow the instructions for the 04DTPREMPN0804HGS-V1 to assemble the pent greenhouse unit up against the tall side of the Pent shed.

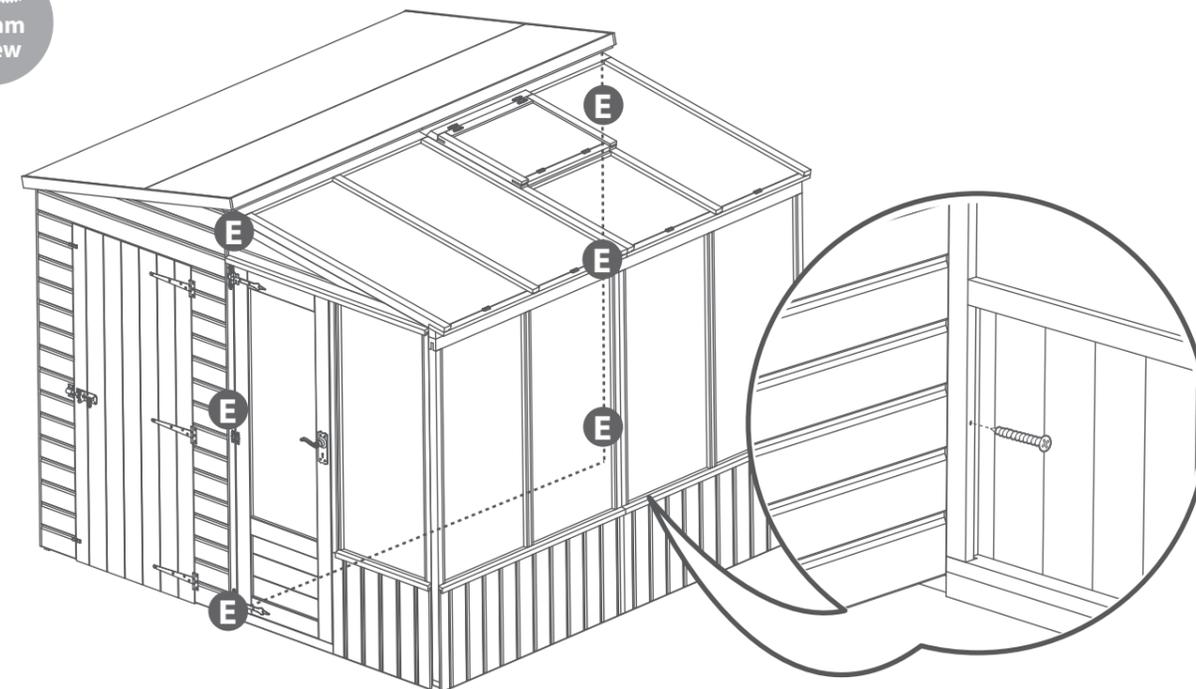
The buildings should look as shown.



**Step 19**

Pre drill holes first then use 70mm screws in the locations marked below to secure the buildings together.

**6x70mm Screws**



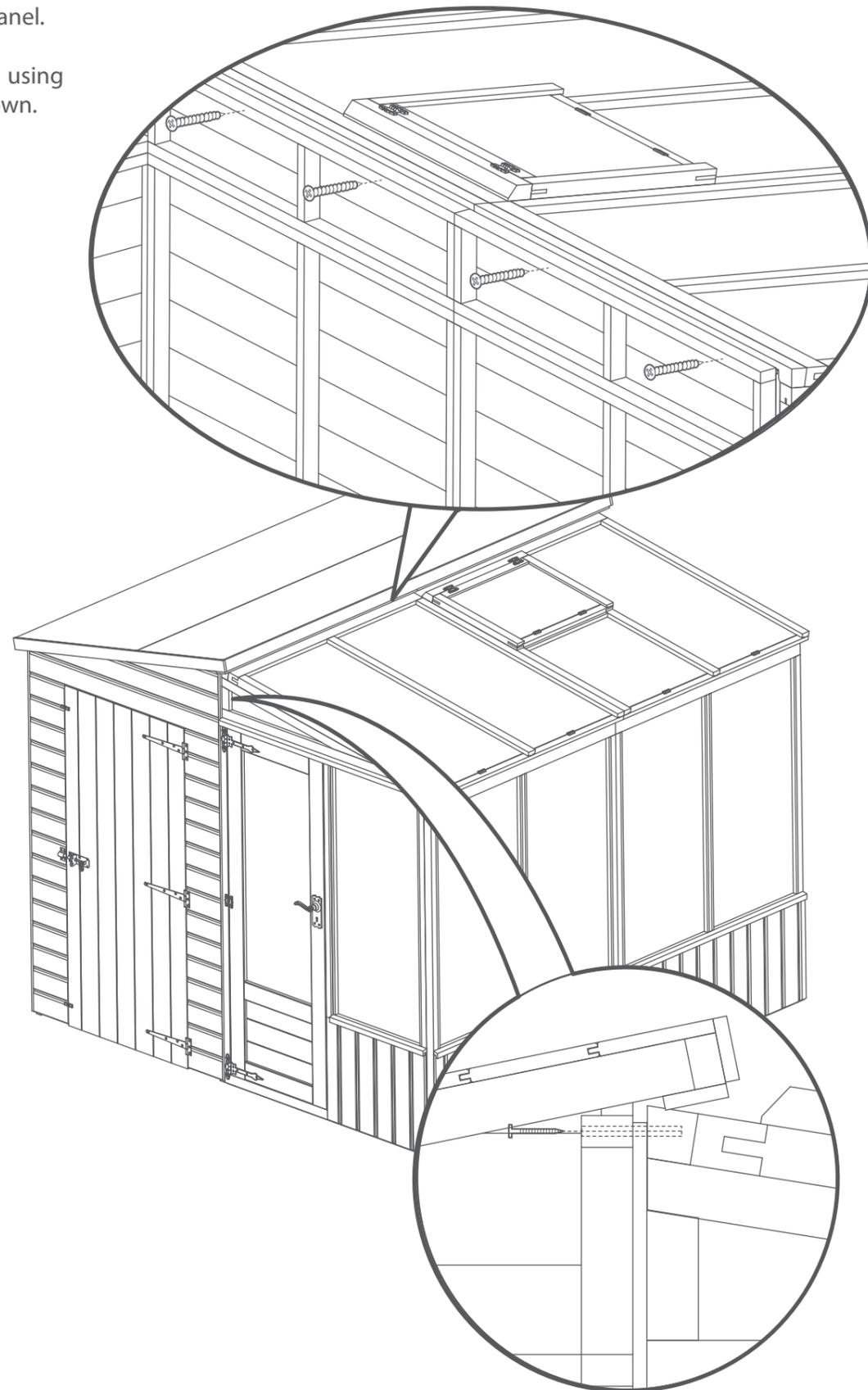
**Please note that we don't include fixings with this product due to wall construction materials varying from house to house. If you are unsure on the fixings you require then we recommend that you consult with your local builders merchant or a knowledgeable DIY store.**

### Step 20

Pre drill holes from the shed Panel Top (No.8) straight into the green house roof panel.

Secure in place using 4x70mm screws, as shown.

#### 4x70mm Screws



### Step 21

#### Parts needed - No. 11 QTY 1

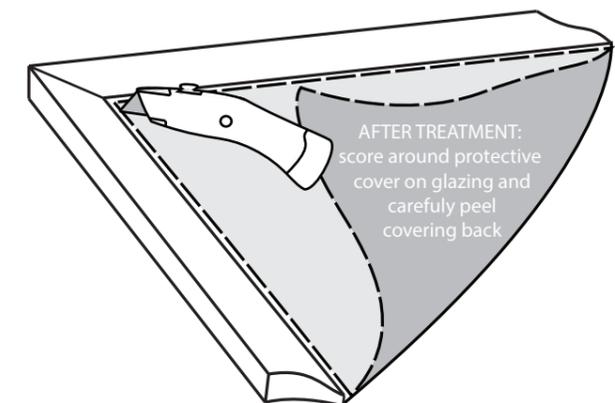
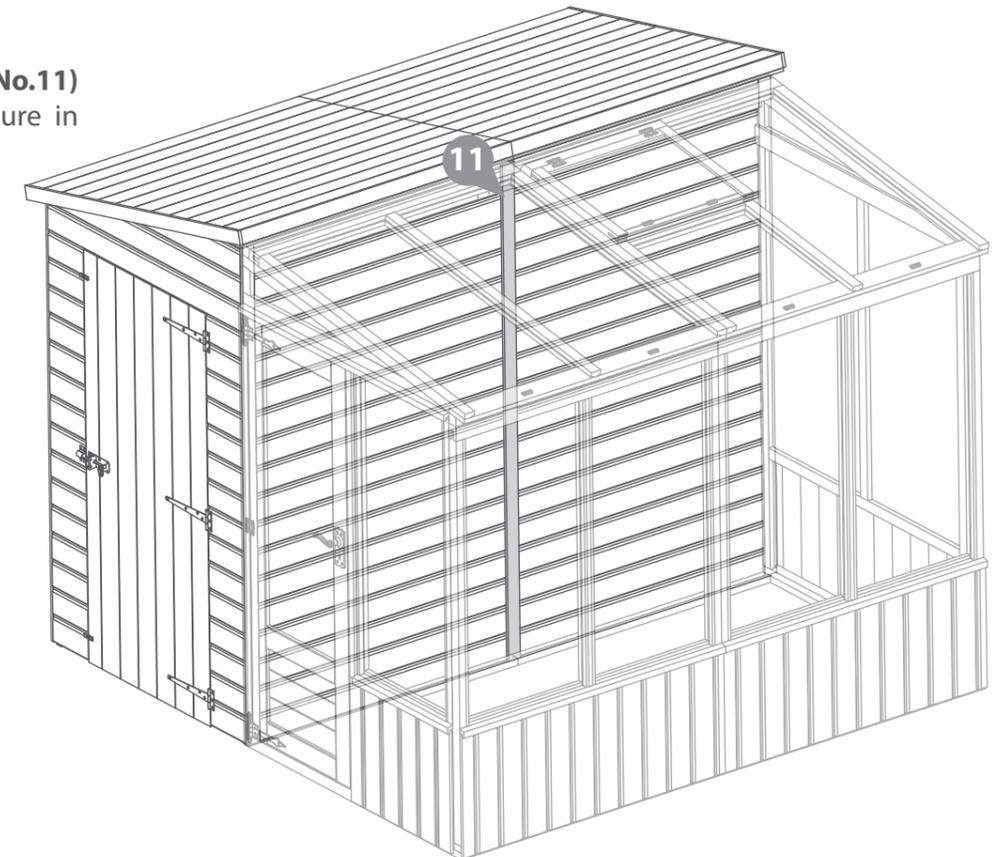
Use a tape measure to measure the height of the joining panels on the back of the shed / inside the greenhouse, as shown.

Cut the remaining Cover Trim (No.11) to the measured size and secure in place using 3x30mm screws.

#### 3x30mm Screws



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



AFTER TREATMENT:  
score around protective  
cover on glazing and  
carefully peel  
covering back



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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:

- ✓ 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

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## 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 you 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 rot and mould. Condensation can build up over time or daily, it is caused by a rise and fall in temperature. 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)

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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.

## 2

### 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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