

04DTPROMA0806FBS-V2

DIP TREATED PREMIUM POTTING SHED, 8X6.

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.



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.

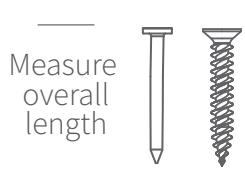


CAUTION
Every effort has been made during the manufacturing process to eliminate the prospect of splinters on rough surfaces of the timber. You are strongly advised to wear gloves when working with or handling rough sawn timber.



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

Screws & Nails



Bolts



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.

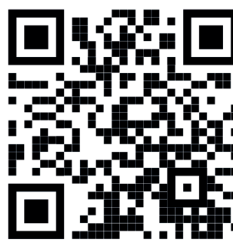
Aquatan is a decorative finish to colour the wood, which is applied industrially to timber fence panels and garden buildings.

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



REGISTER FOR YOUR
ANTI-ROT
GUARANTEE TODAY

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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 sheducation.

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?
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...

Step.....

Parts Needed- No. QTY 1
No. QTY 1
No. QTY 1

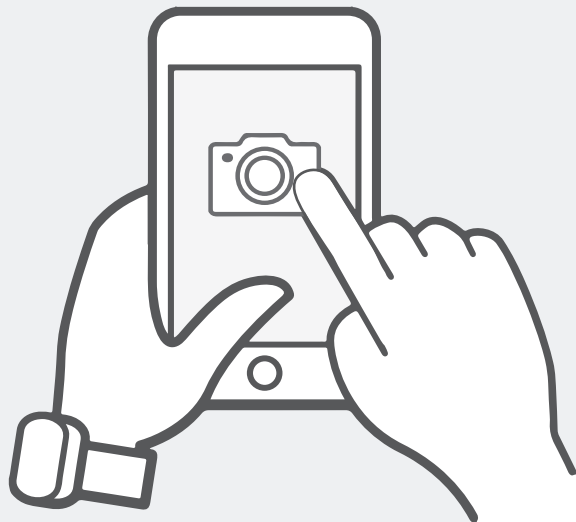
PLEASE SCAN HERE:



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.

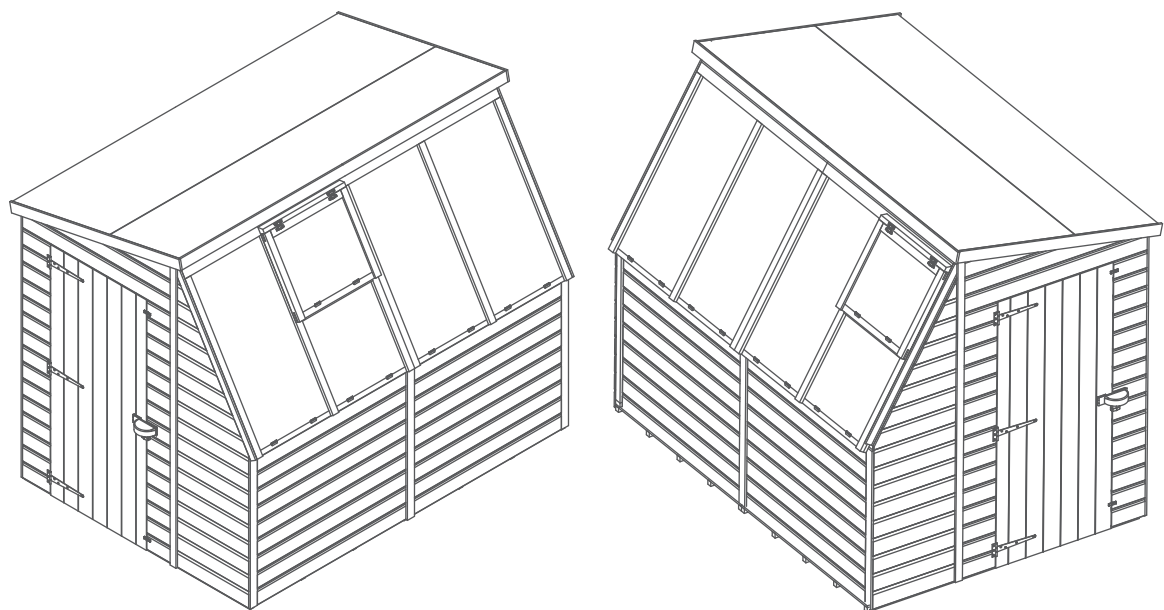
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Depth = 2552 mm
Height = 2126 mm

Base Dimensions:

Width = 1753 mm
Depth = 2446 mm

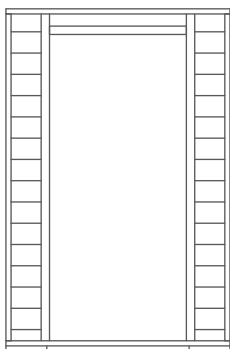
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building



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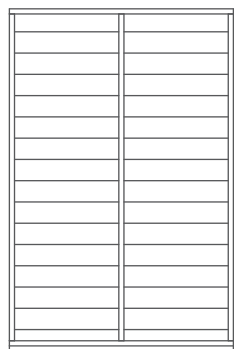
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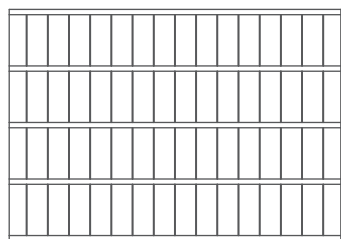
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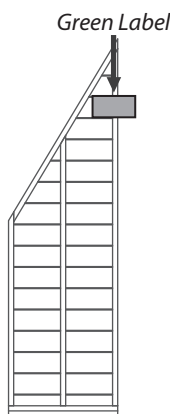
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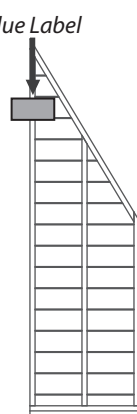
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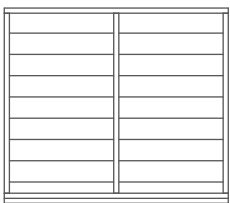
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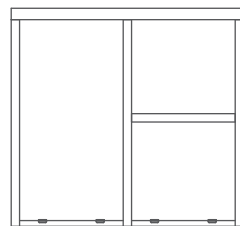
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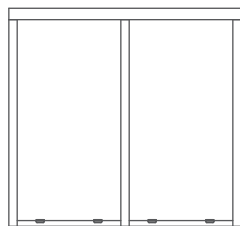
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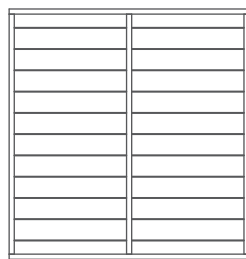
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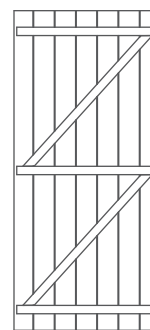
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Roof Panel QTY 2
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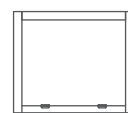
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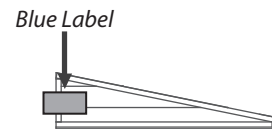
Bench QTY 2
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Opening Window QTY 1
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Top Left Gable QTY 1
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Top Right Gable QTY 1
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Side Angled Cut Cover Trim - 12X45X2046mm QTY 2
S1245-G-2046MM

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Glazed Roof Fascia - 12X44X1222mm QTY 2
S1244-G-1222MM

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Rear Cover Trim - 12X55X1793mm QTY 3
S1255-1793MM

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Front Cover Trim - 12X55X1004mm QTY 3
S1255-1004MM

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Bench Upright Support Frame - 27X44X965mm QTY 1
F2744-965MM

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Roof Strip- 12X50X1264mm QTY 2
S1250-1264MM

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Bench Support Block - 44X44X120mm QTY 1
F4444-120MM

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Bench Joining Block - 44X44X400mm QTY 3
F4444-400MM

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Bench Support Frame - 44X44X558mm QTY 2
F4444-558MM

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Window Frame Block - 35X41X634mm QTY 1
F3541-G-634MM

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Fascia - 12X70X1282mm QTY 2
S1270-1282MM

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Fascia - 12X70X1340mm QTY 2
S1270-1340MM

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Window Glazing Joining Frame - 44X44X1224mm QTY 2
F4444-G-1224MM

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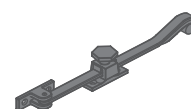
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F2744-150MM

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Felt QTY 1

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Casement Stay QTY 1
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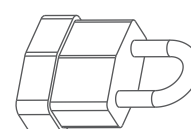
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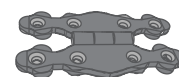
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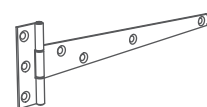
Weatherproof Lock QTY 1
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Small Hinge QTY 2
PI-07-0004



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T Hinge QTY 3
PI-07-0021

Nail Bag

There may be extra screws present in the nail bag

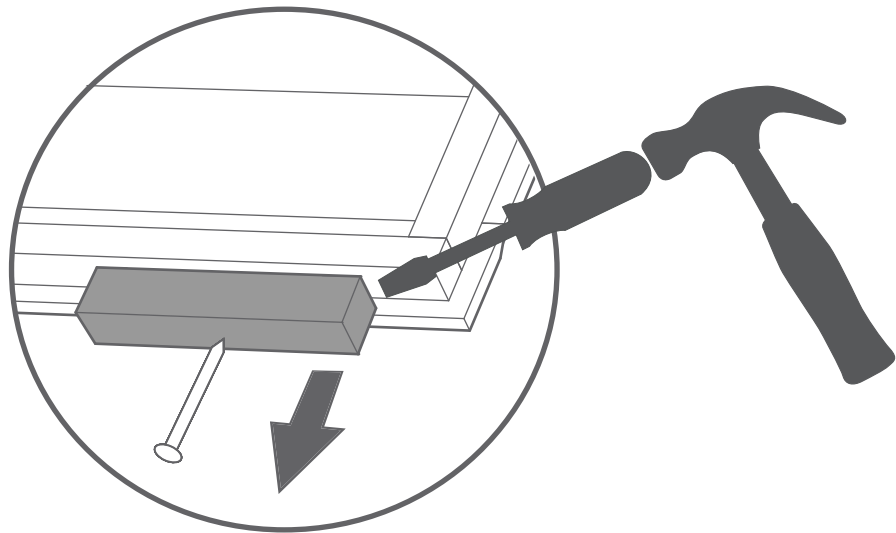
	80mm Screw x 12		40mm Screw x 28
	70mm Screw x 21		30mm Screw x 59
	60mm Screw x 28		16mm Screw x 20
	50mm Screw x 60		Felt Tacks x 80

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.



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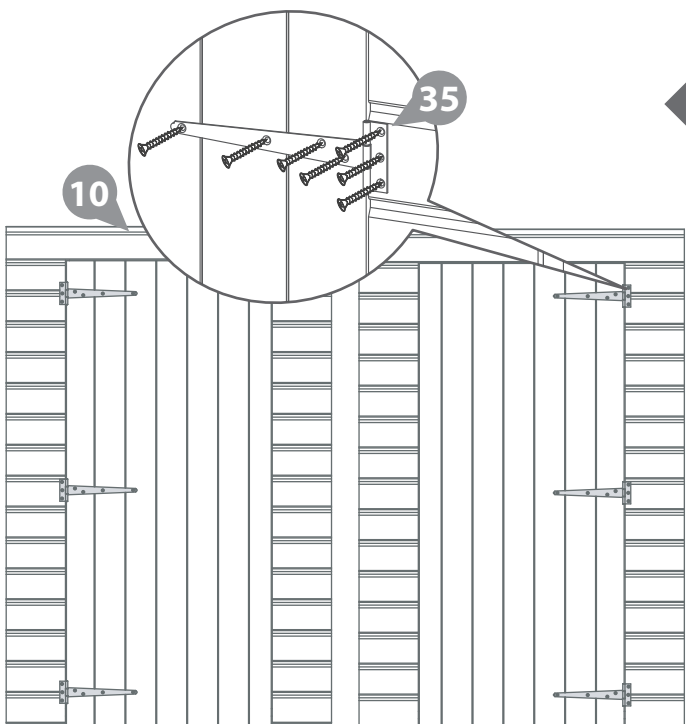
Step 1

- Parts Needed - No.1 QTY 1**
- **No.10 QTY 1**
- **No.35 QTY 3**

Choose on which side you want the door to open. Fix the T Hinges (**No.35**) onto the door (**No.10**) and door frame (**No.1**) as shown using 7x30mm screws per hinge. Ensure that the screws go through the cladding and into the framing behind.

HINT - Use nailing line in door as a guide to be sure that you fix into the framing behind.

21x30mm screws



DOOR OPENS FROM
THE RIGHT

DOOR OPENS FROM
THE LEFT

IMPORTANT: Pre-drill before fixing screws.

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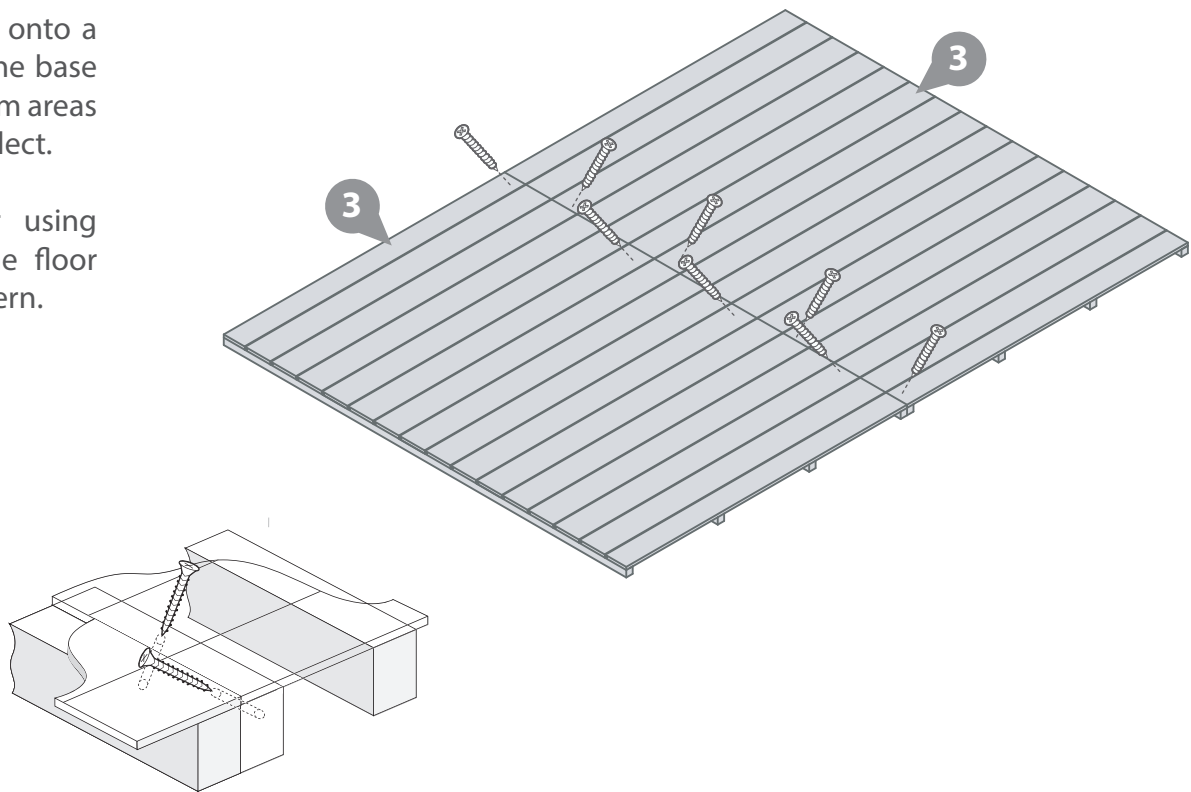
Step 2

- Parts Needed - No.3 QTY 2**

Place the floor panels (**No.3**) onto a firm and level base. Ensure the base has suitable drainage, free from areas where standing water can collect.

Secure the floors together using 8x50mm screws through the floor bearers in an alternating pattern.

8x50mm Screws



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Step 3

Parts Needed- No.2 QTY 2 (or 1 QTY 1)

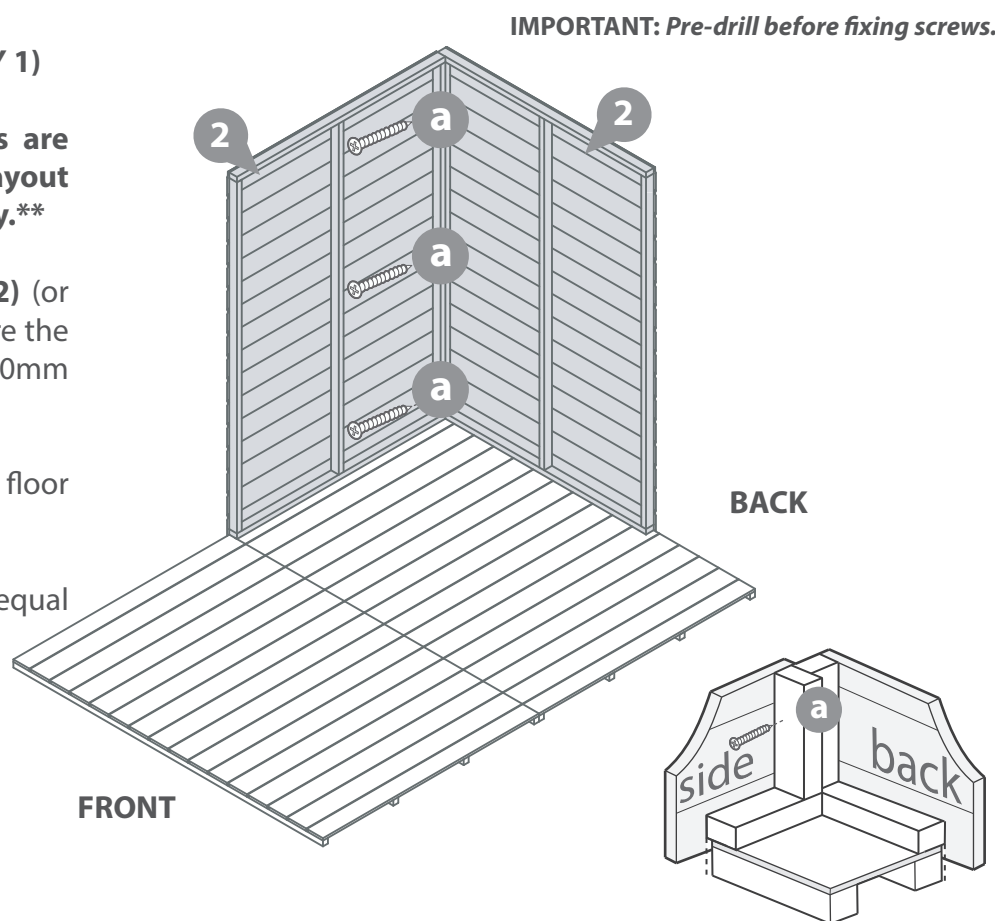
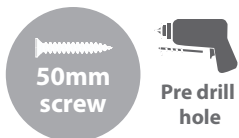
****Please note: These side panels are interchangeable. Decide which layout works best for you before assembly.****

Locate two of the Side Panels (**No.2**) (or Door Panel) on to the floor and secure the panels at the corner using 3x50mm screws.

Do not secure the building to the floor until the roof is fitted.

Position the panels so there is equal spacing.

3x50mm Screws

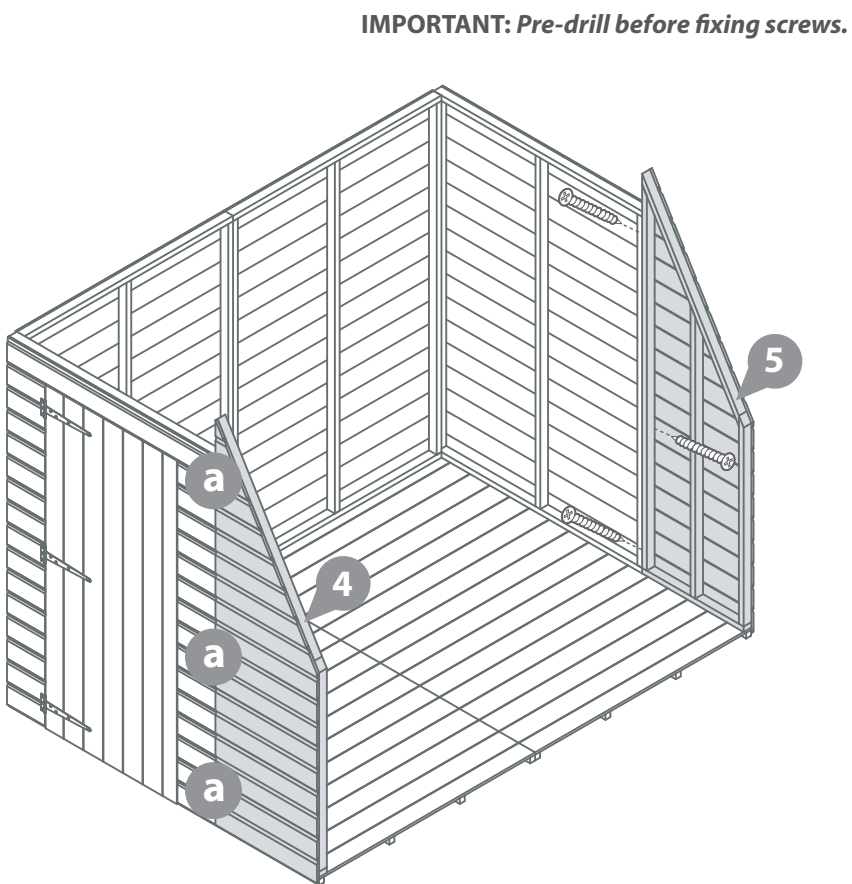
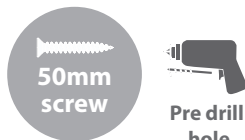


Step 5

**Parts Needed- No.4 QTY 1
- No.5 QTY 1**

Locate the Left & Right Gable Panels (**No.4 & No.5**) on to the floor. Fix the Gables to the already standing panels using 3x50mm screws per join in an alternating pattern.

6x50mm screws



Step 4

**Parts Needed - No.1 QTY 1 (or 2 QTY 1)
- No.2 QTY 1**

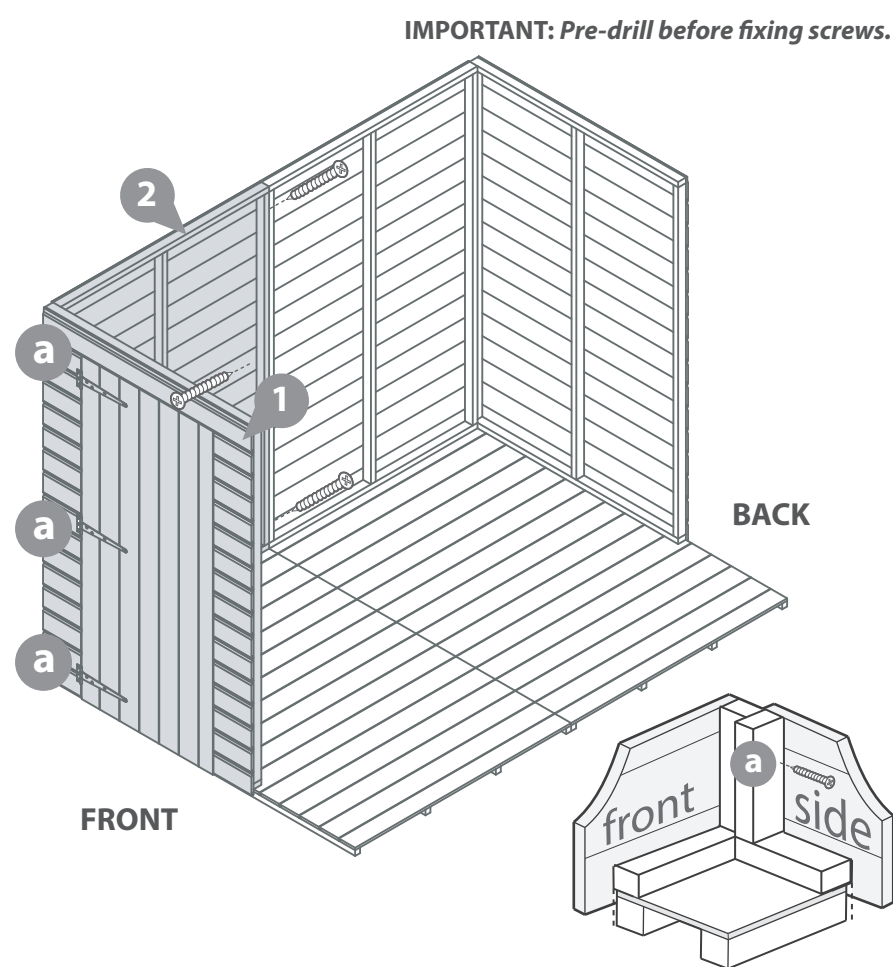
Locate the Side Panel (**No.2**) (or Door Panel) onto the floor and secure to the already standing panel at the join using 3x50mm screws in an alternating pattern.

Locate the Door panel (**No.1**) (or Side Panel) onto the floor, secure the panel from the inside corner using 3x50mm screws.

Do not secure the building to the floor until the roof is fitted.

Position the panels so there is equal spacing.

6x50mm Screws



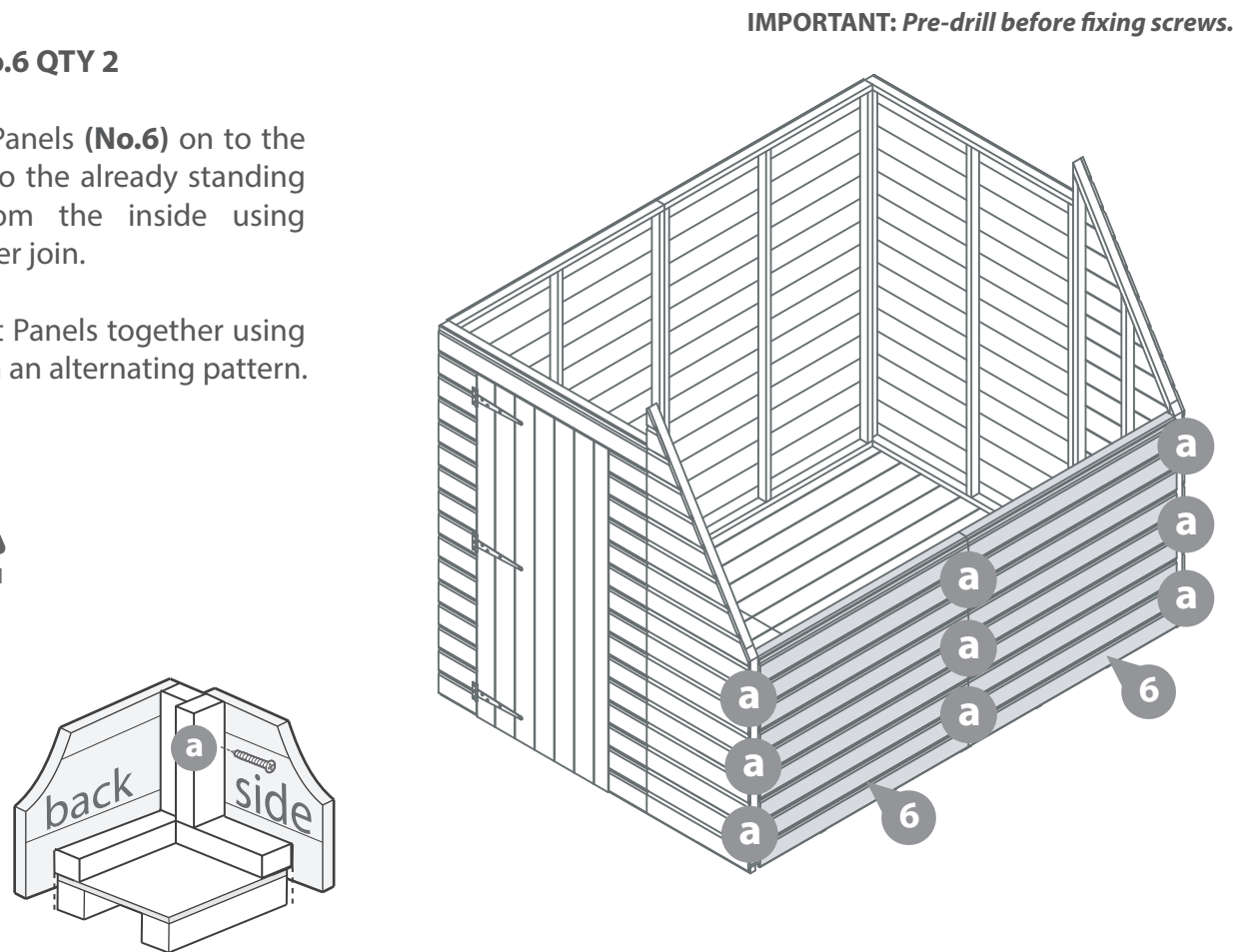
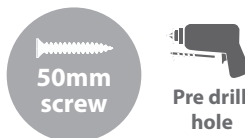
Step 6

Parts Needed- No.6 QTY 2

Locate the Front Panels (**No.6**) on to the floor and secure to the already standing Gable Panels from the inside using 3x50mm screws per join.

Join the two Front Panels together using 3x50mm screws in an alternating pattern.

9x50mm screws



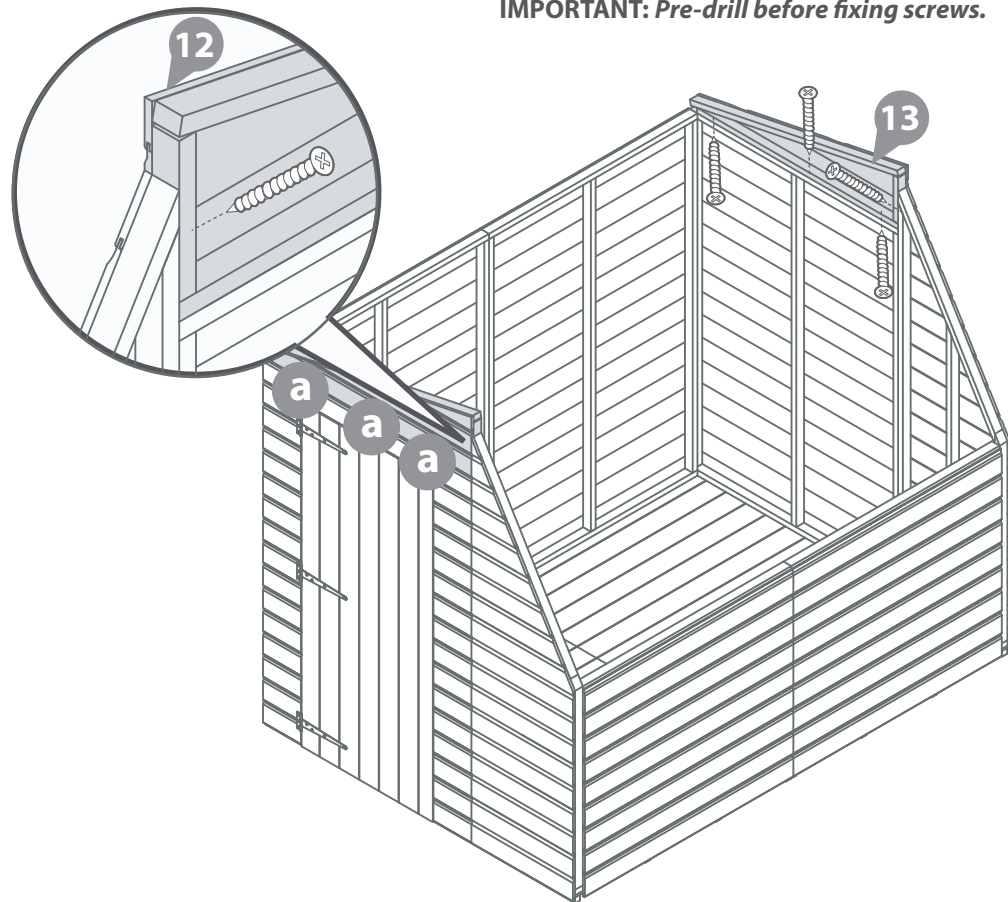
Step 7

Parts Needed - No.12 QTY 1
- No.13 QTY 1

Locate the Top Left & Right Gables (**No.12 & No.13**) on top of the panels as shown in the illustration. Secure to the panels below using 3x50mm screws each in an alternating pattern.

Fix the Top Left & Right Gables to the Left & Right Gable Panels by using 1x50mm screw each.

8x50mm screws



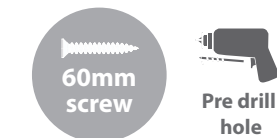
IMPORTANT: Pre-drill before fixing screws.

Step 9

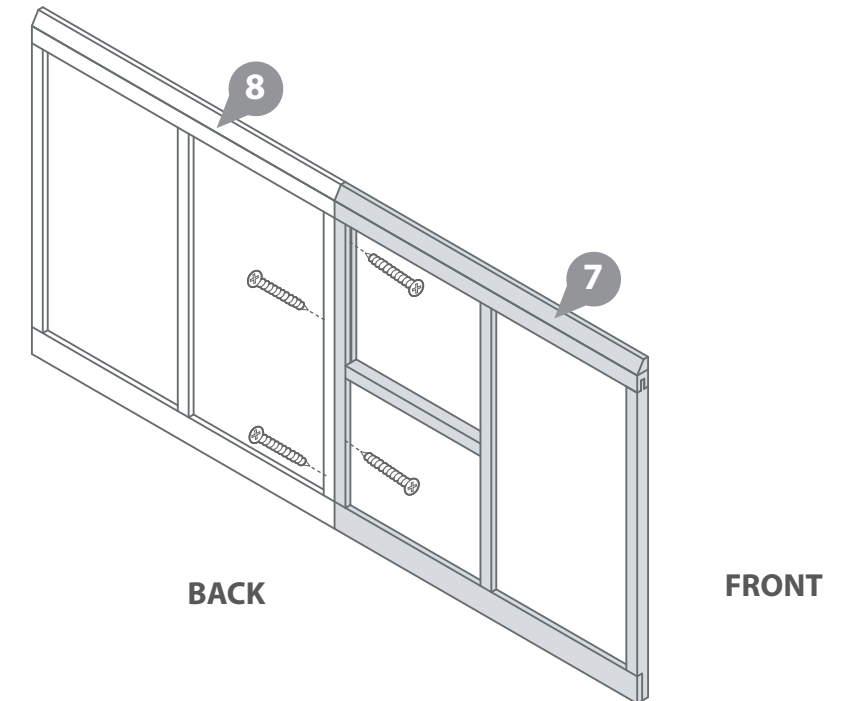
****Please note: Decide which position of the Glazed Roofs works best for you before assembly. You can have the Opening Window Glazed Roof on either side****

Fix the Glazed Roofs (**No.7 & No.8**) together from behind using 4x60mm screws in an alternating pattern as shown in the illustration.

4x60mm screws



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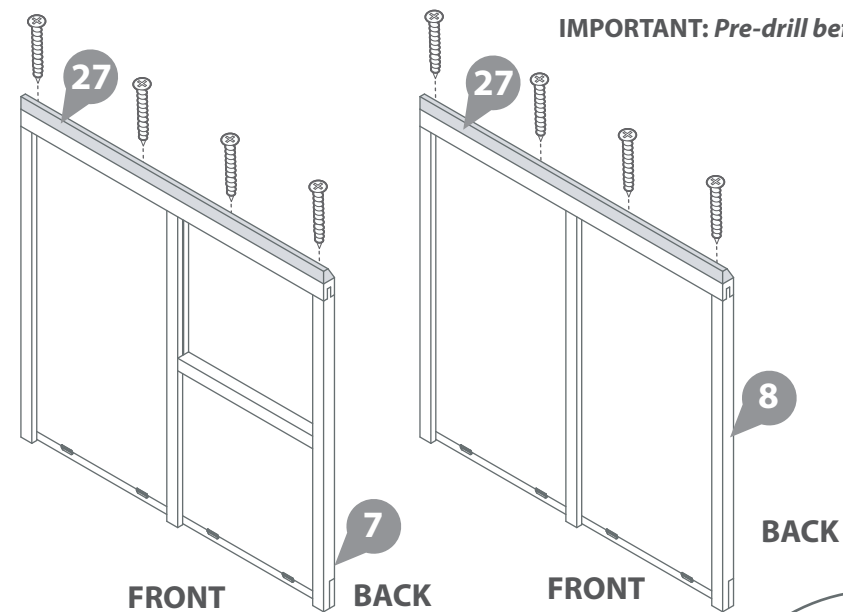


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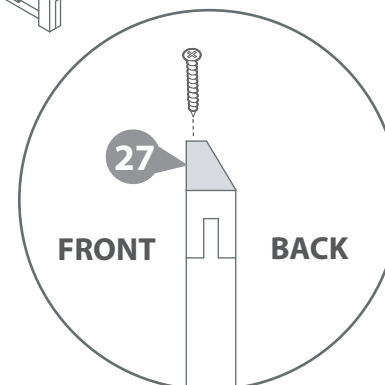
Parts Needed - No.7 QTY 1
- No.8 QTY 1
No.27 QTY 2

Fix the Window Glazing Joining Frames (**No.27**) on top of the Glazed Roofs (**No.7 & No.8**) using 4x70mm screws per Frame. Make sure that the framing is the correct way round as shown in the illustration.

8x70mm screws



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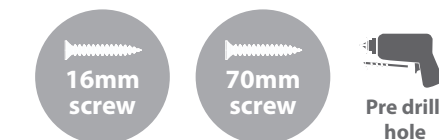
Step 10

Parts Needed - No.11 QTY 1
- No.24 QTY 1
- No.34 QTY 2

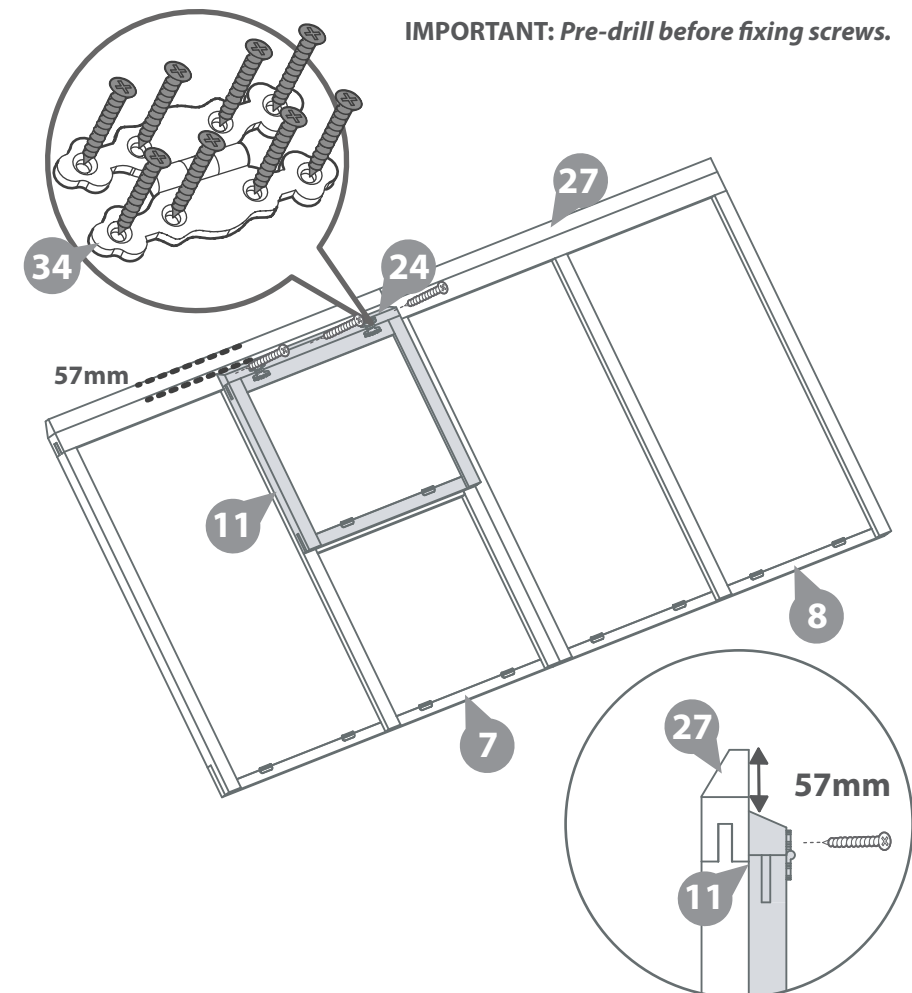
Place the Opening Window (**No.11**) and Window Frame Block (**No.24**) on top of the Opening Window Glazed Roof (**No.7**). Ensure there is a 57mm gap between the window frame and top end of the Window Glazing Joining Frame (**No.27**). Fix the window block with 3x70mm screws.

Place the small hinges (**No.34**) as shown in the illustration and fix with 16mm screws.

16x16mm screws
3x70mm screws



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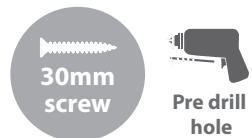
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Parts Needed - No.9 QTY 2
- No.20 QTY 2

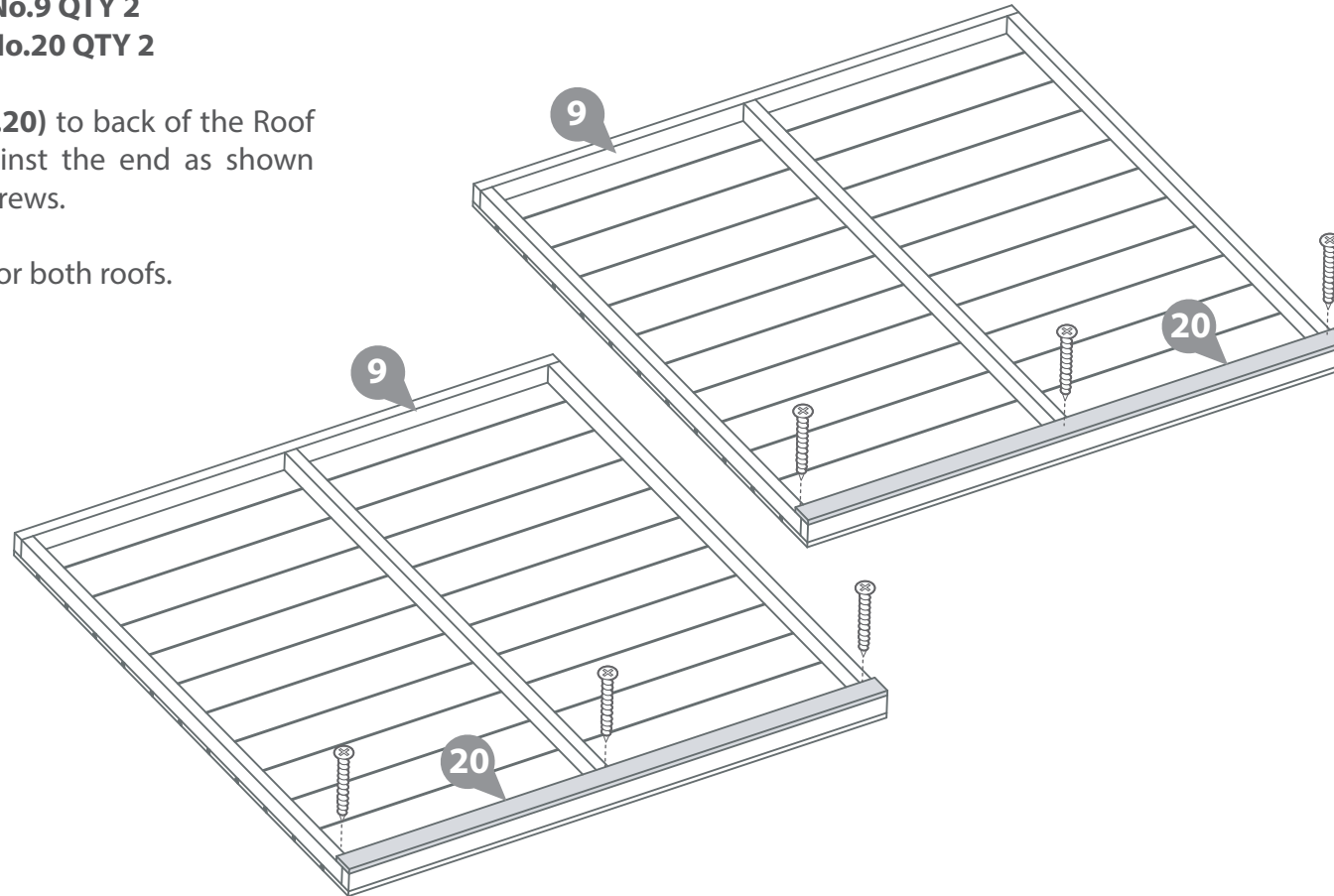
Fix roof strip (**No.20**) to back of the Roof Panel (**No.9**) against the end as shown using 3x30mm screws.

Repeat this step for both roofs.

6x30mm screws



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Step 13

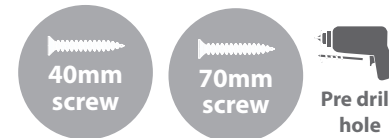
Parts Needed - No.7 QTY 1
- No.8 QTY 1

Position Glazed Roofs (**No.7 & No.8**) on top of Side Gables and up against the Gable Top.

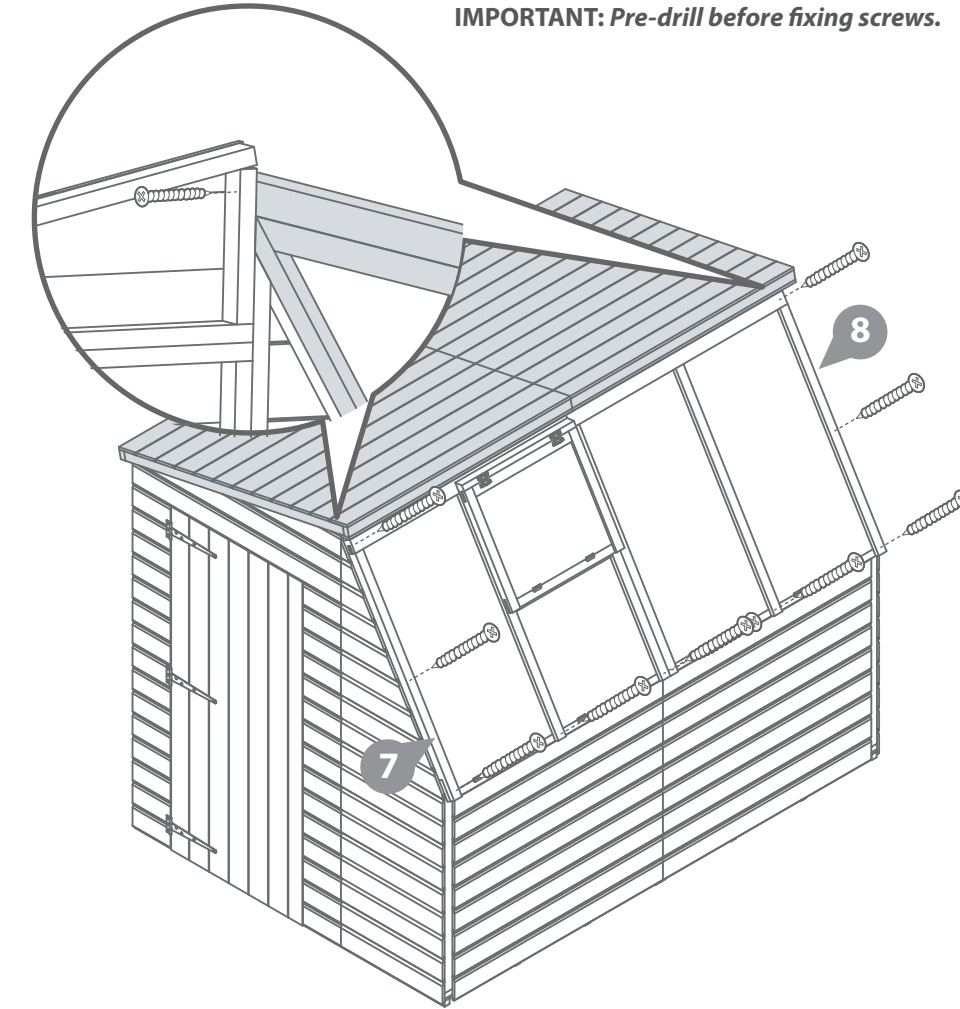
One person holds the Glazed Roofs in position whilst the other person fixes it to the Front Panel and the Gable Panels with 10x70mm screws.

Secure the Glazed Roofs to the Gable Tops from the inside with 2x40mm screws as shown in the illustration.

2x40mm screws
10x70mm screws



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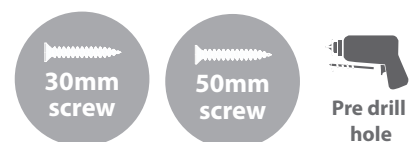
Step 12

Parts Needed - No.9 QTY 2

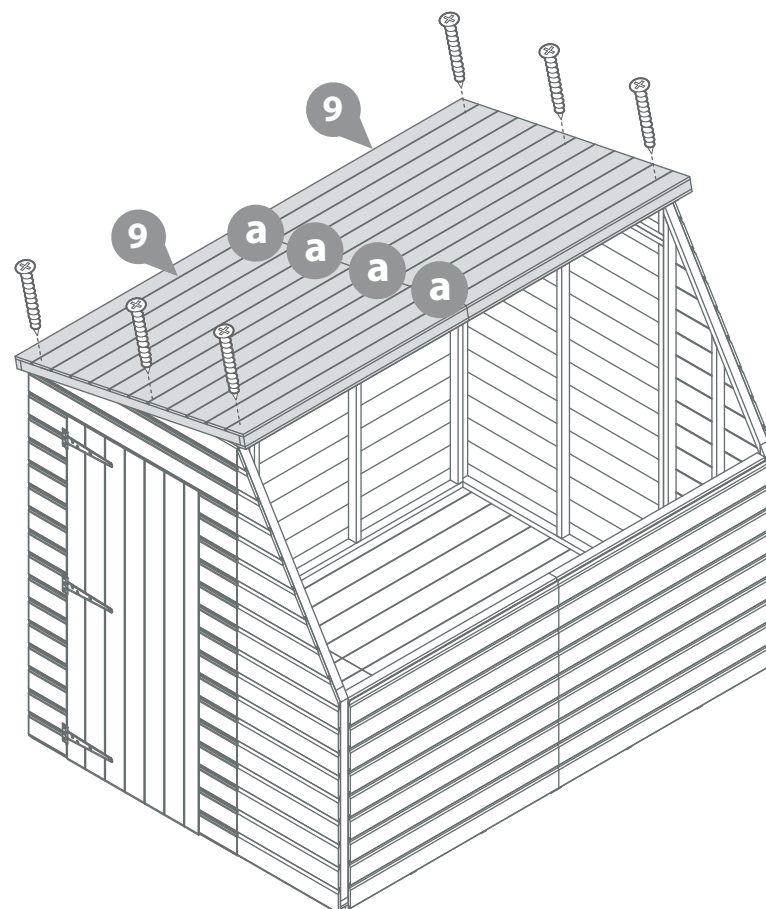
Place the Roof Panels (**No.9**) on top of the building with the newly attached strip side at the front and fix together from the underside with 4x50mm screws.

Position the inside rear edge of the Roof Panels to be in line with the back Panels. Fix in place with 3x30mm screws per side. Make sure that you fix into the framing below within the Top Gables.

6x30mm screws
4x50mm screws



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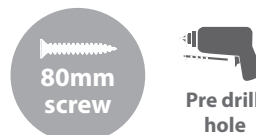


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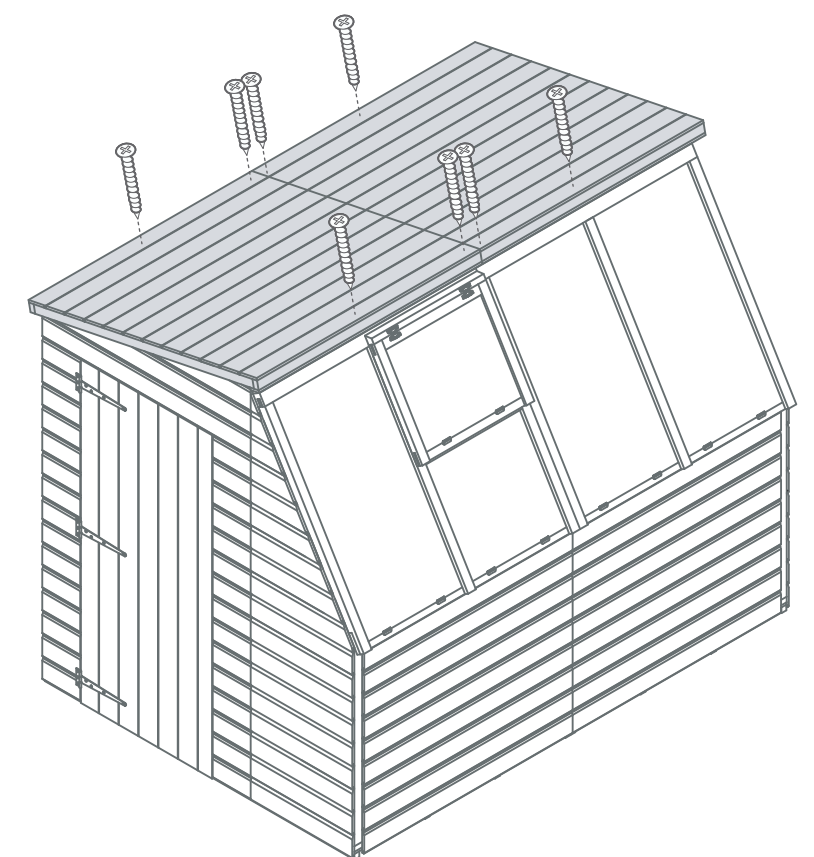
Starting from the front, have another person pushing the Glazed Roof from the inside so that it is straight and secure through the framing within the Roof Panels from above into the Glazed Roof framing below using 4x80mm screws.

Followed by securing the rear of the Roof Panels to the back panels using 4x80mm screws.

8x80mm screws



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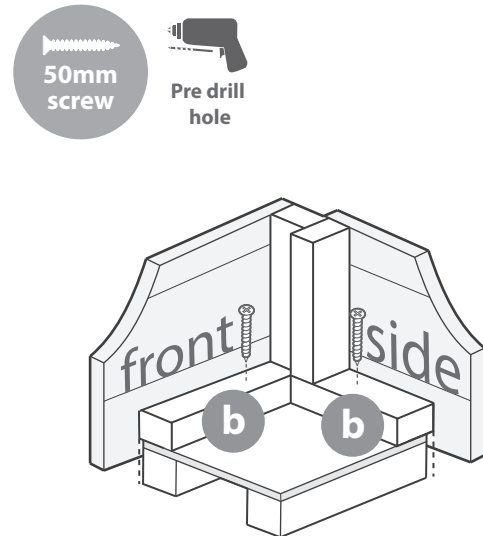


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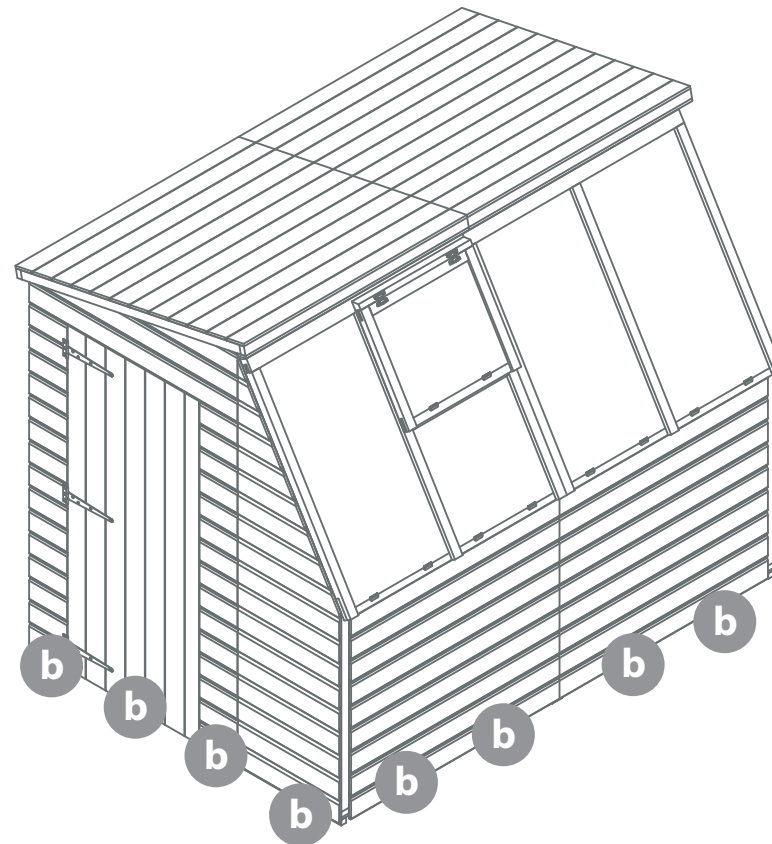
Once the roof is fixed, attach the building to the Floor with 50mm screws.

Ensure the screws go through the panel into the Floor framing.

16x50mm Screws



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Step 16

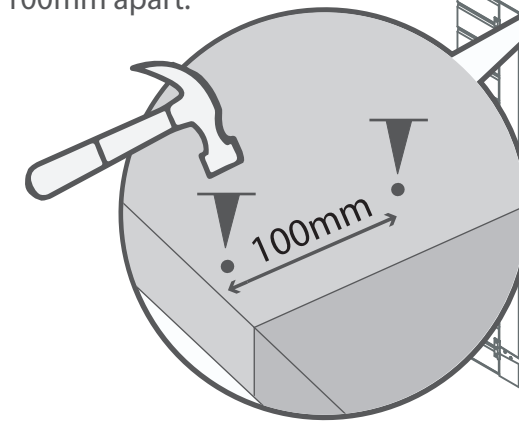
Parts Needed- No.29 QTY 1

Cut two strips of felt (No.29) to 2650mm lengths and place onto the roof.

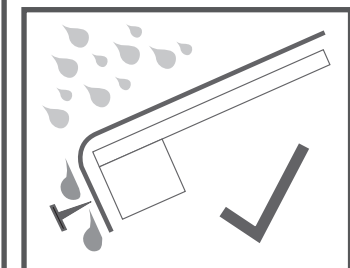
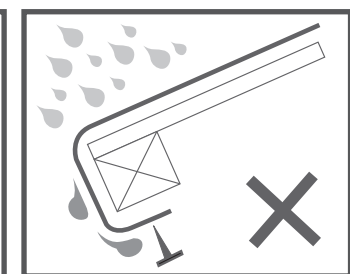
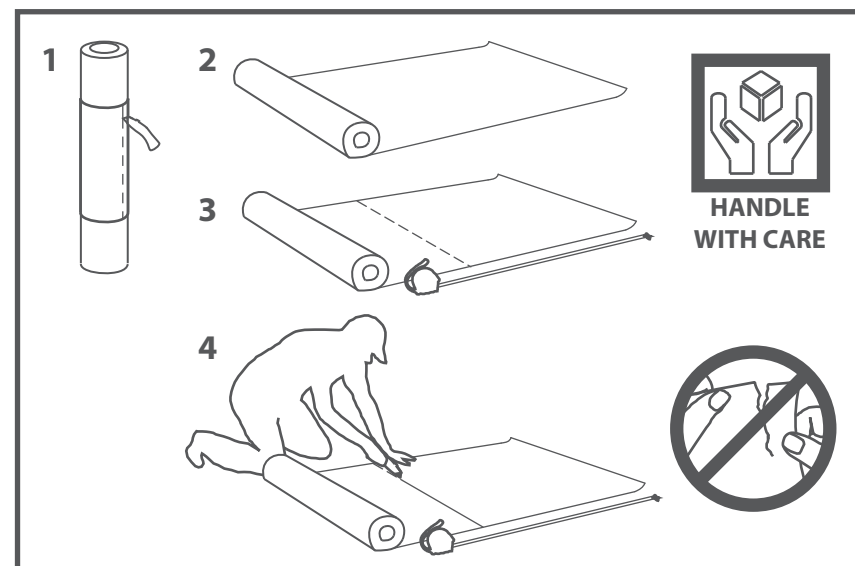
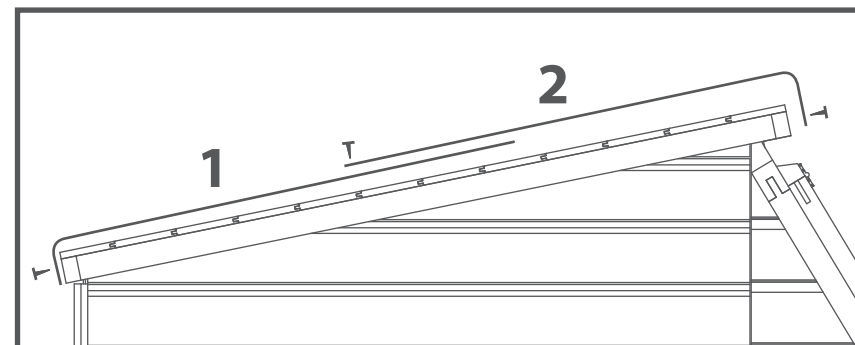
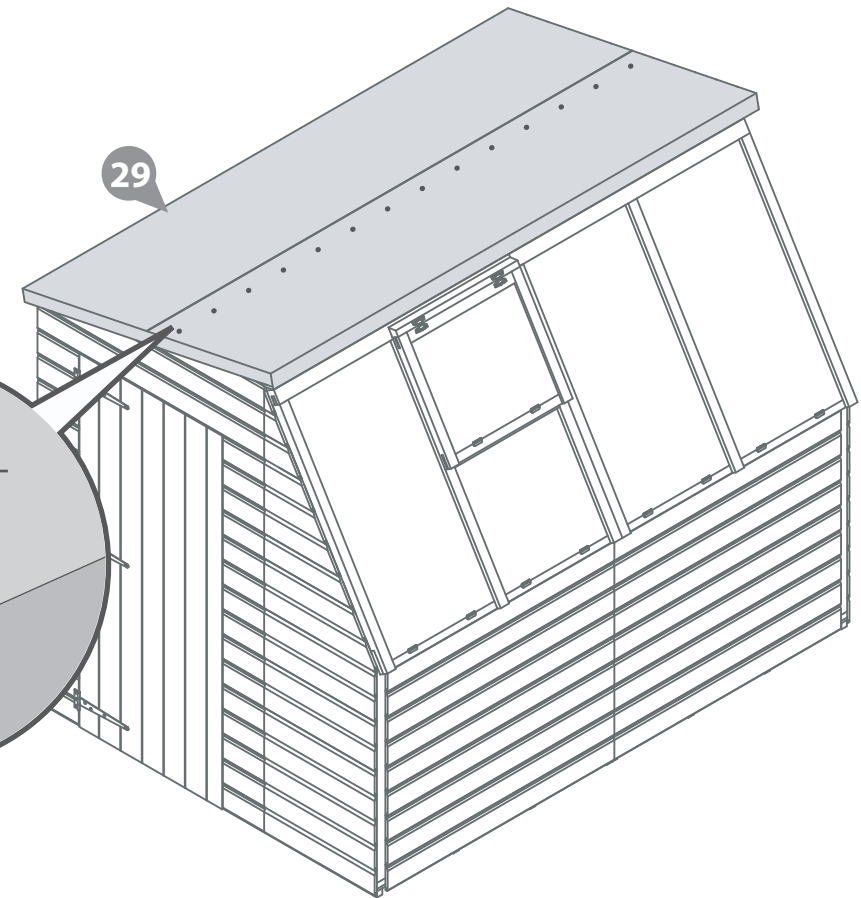
Place the felt flat onto the roof in the order that is stated on the diagram below with a 50mm overhang over each end..

Once the sheets are laid out fix them onto the roof with tacks 100mm apart.

80 x Felt tacks



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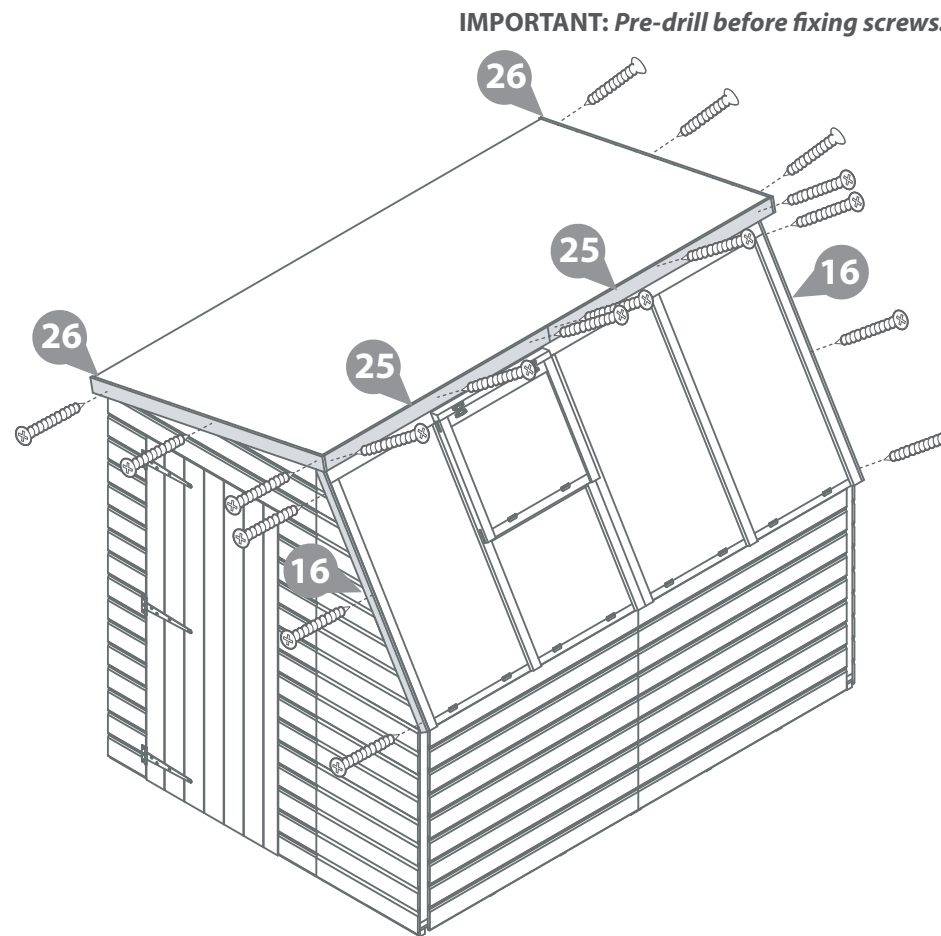
Step 17

Parts Needed - No.16 QTY 2
- No.25 QTY 2
- No.26 QTY 2

Fix the Glacia Roof Fascias (**No.16**) to the side of the Glazed Roof using 3x40mm screws per fascia.

Fix the Roof Fascias (**No.25 & No.26**) to the front and sides of the Roof using 3x40mm screws per fascia. Ensure to trap the felt between the fascia and building.

18x40mm screws



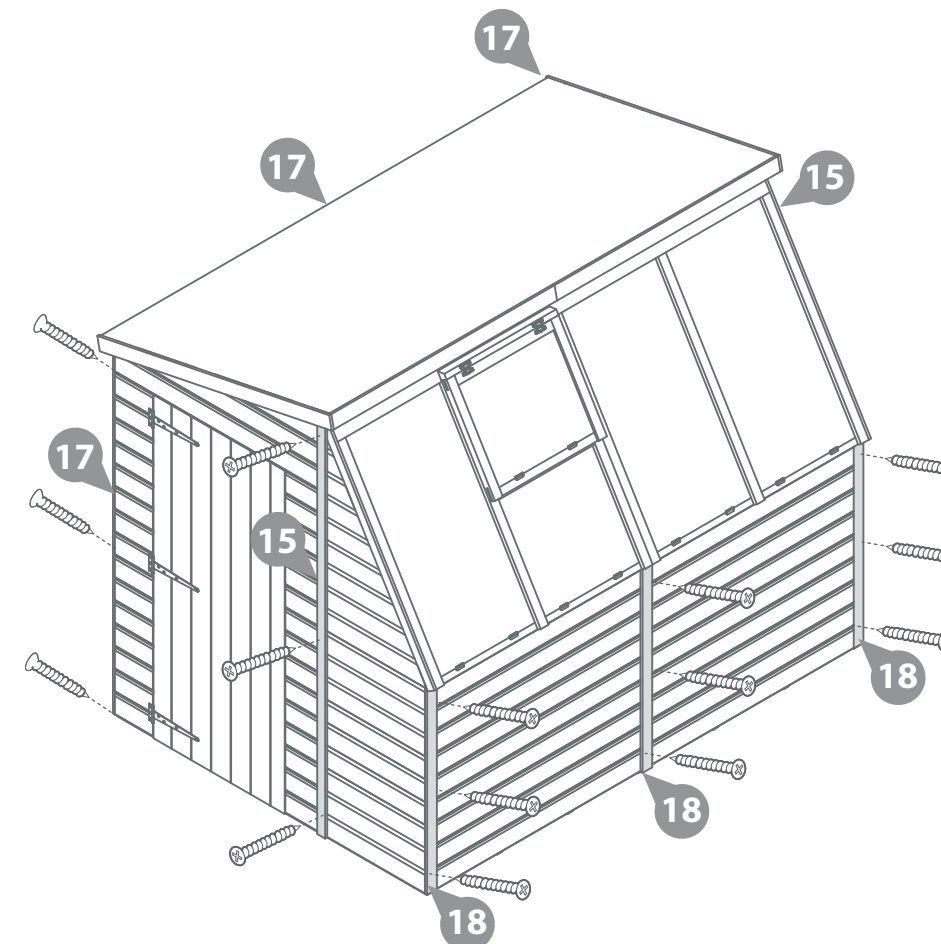
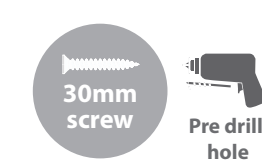
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Step 18

Parts Needed - No.15 QTY 2
- No.17 QTY 3
- No.18 QTY 3

Fix Cover trims (**No.15, 17 & 18**) using 3x30mm screws per trim as shown in the illustration.

24x30mm screws



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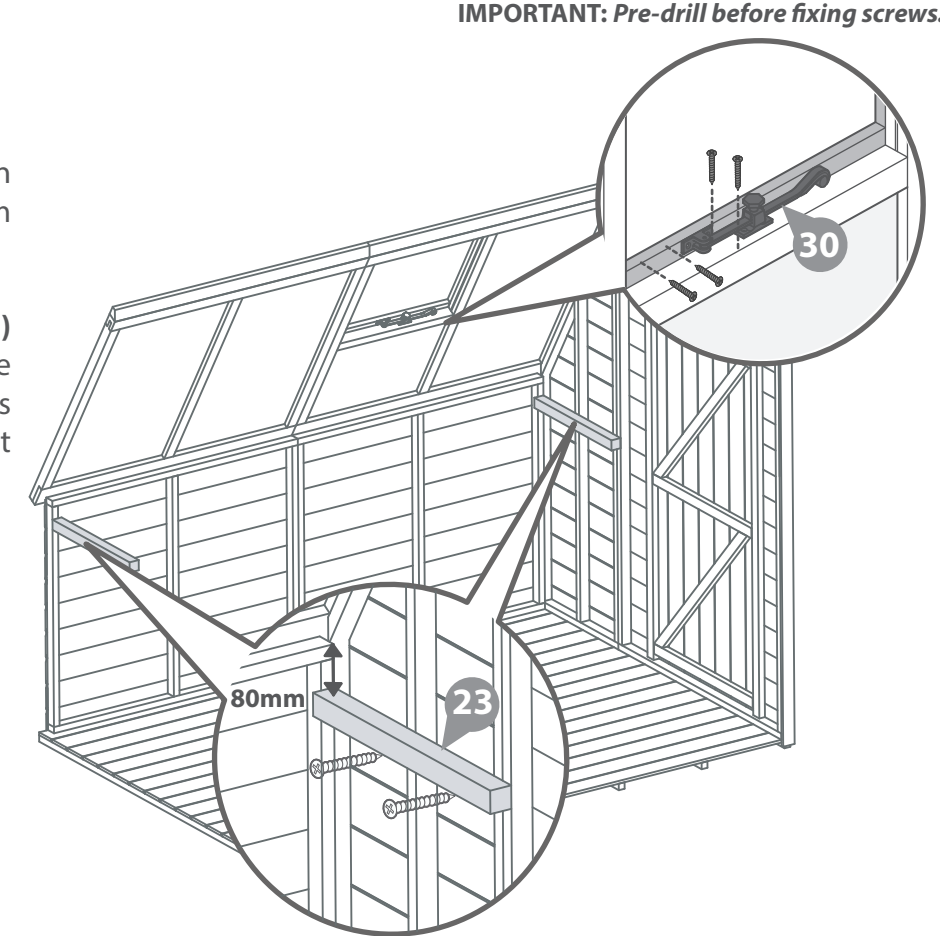
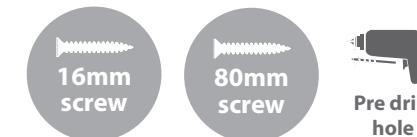
Step 19

Parts Needed - No.23 QTY 2
- No.30 QTY 1

Fix casement stay (**No.30**) to glazed roof in the centre of the opening using 4 x 16mm screws.

Position Bench Support Frames (**No.23**) 80mm below the top of the framing of the Front Panels (**No.6**) to both Gable Panels using 2x80mm screws per Bench Support Frame. Ensure screws go into framing.

4x16mm screws
4x80mm screws



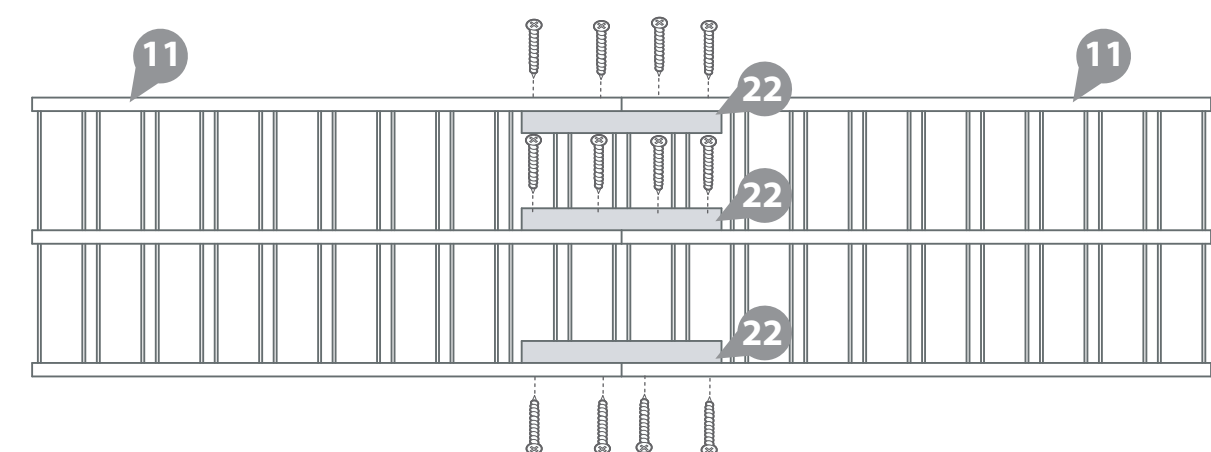
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Step 20

Parts Needed - No.11 QTY 2
- No.22 QTY 3

Place the two Benches (**No.11**) face down and attach three Bench Joining Blocks (**No.22**) using 4 x 60mm screws per block.

12x60mm screws



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Step 21

Parts Needed - No.19 QTY 1
- No.21 QTY 1

- a** Locate the assembled Bench (**No.11**) on top of Bench Support Frames (**No.23**).

Fix the bench by screwing 2x60mm screws through the bench framing into the framing of the Front Panel.

- b** Further secure in place by screwing up through the Bench Support Frames into the bench framing using 3x60mm screws per side.

- c** Locate the Bench Upright Support Frame (**No.19**) to the underside of the bench. Ensuring it is central to the Bench Joining Block (**No.22**).

Secure in place against Bench Joining Block (**No.22**) using 1x60mm screw.

- d** Locate another Bench Support Block (**No.21**) flush to the bottom side of the Bench Upright Support (**No.19**), ensuring it is central.

Fix in place using 1x60mm screw, screwing through the upright into the block..

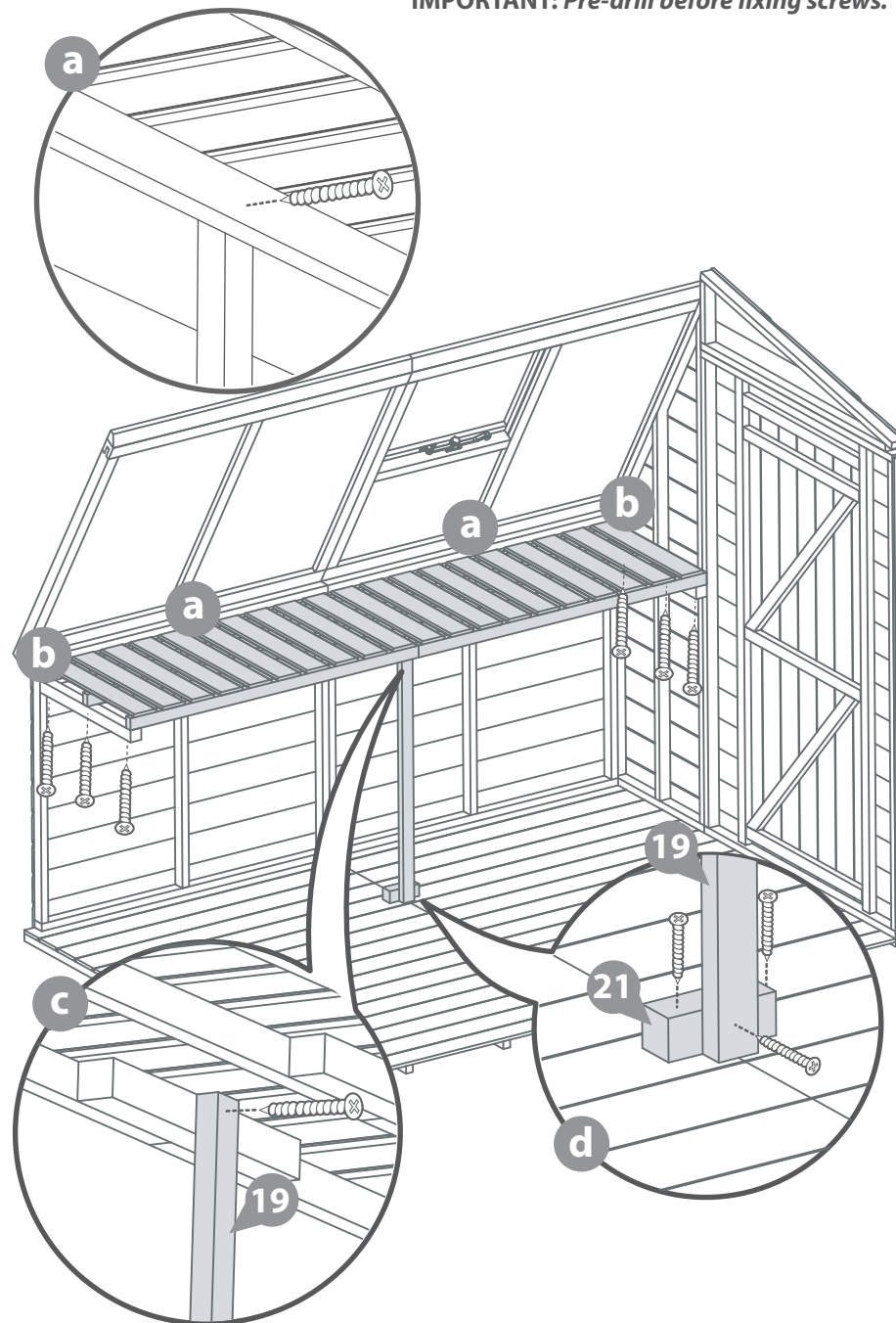
Secure the Bench Support Block (**No.21**) to the floor using 2x60mm screws, making sure to screw through the block into the framing below .

12x60mm screws

 60mm screw



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**Step 22**

Parts Needed - No.28 QTY 2
- No.31 QTY 2
- No.32 QTY 1

Align the lock (**No.32**) to the door, ensuring equal spacing across the doors and in line with the door framing.

Measure and mark the holes of the lock (**No.32**) and drill through the boards and through the framing and into the door blocks (**No.28**).

Fix the lock onto the door using 8x40mm screws.

Attach the turn buttons (**No.31**) to the Front Panel at the top and bottom using 1x30mm screw per turn button.

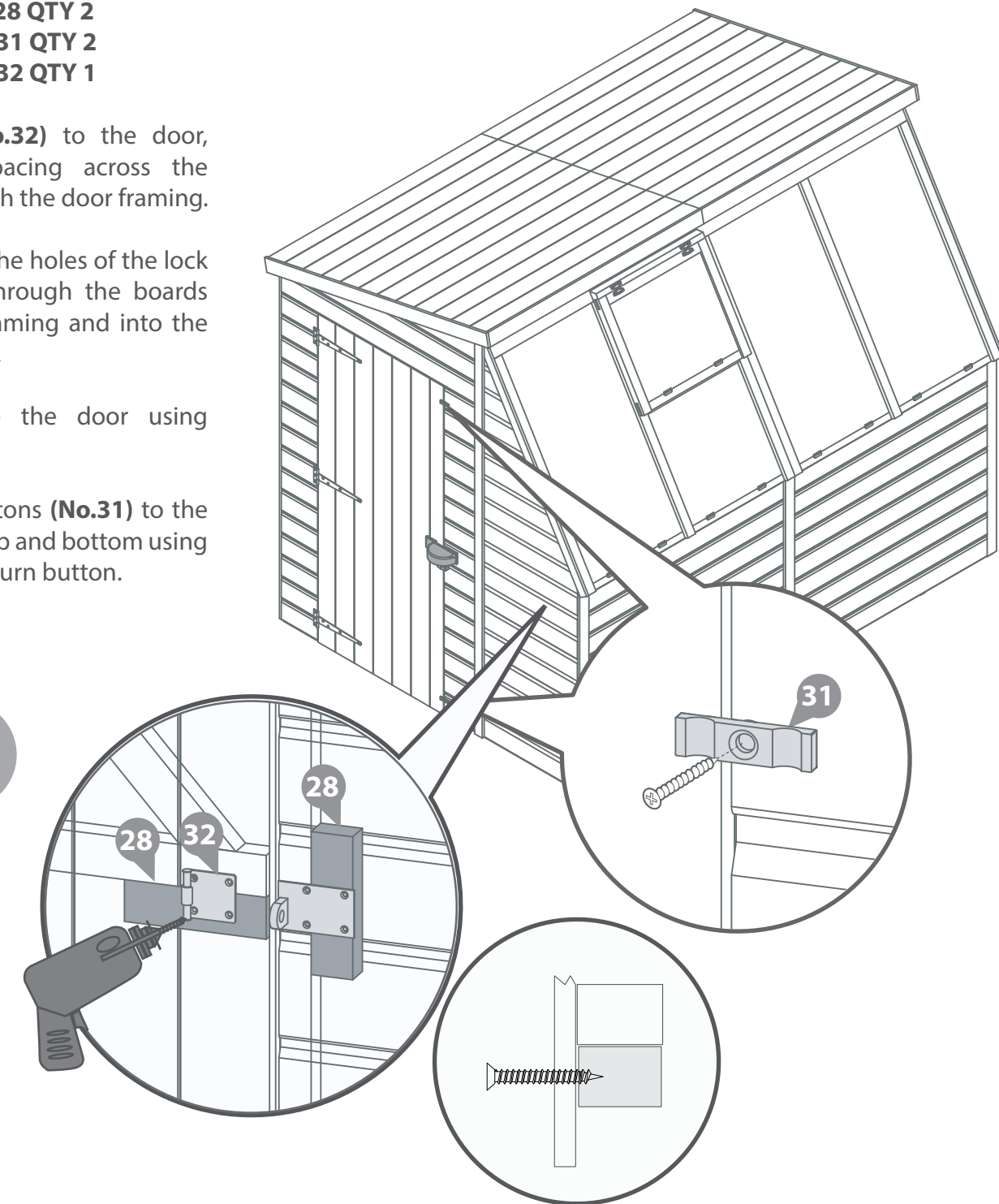
2x30mm Screws
8x40mm Screws

 30mm screw

 40mm screw

 Pre drill hole

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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
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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.



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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

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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.

To validate the guarantee, the building must be treated (as detailed within manufacturer’s recommendations) within 14 days (weather permitting) of assembly and annually thereafter.

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