

Outdoor Living Today Assembly Manual

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Safety Points and Other Considerations

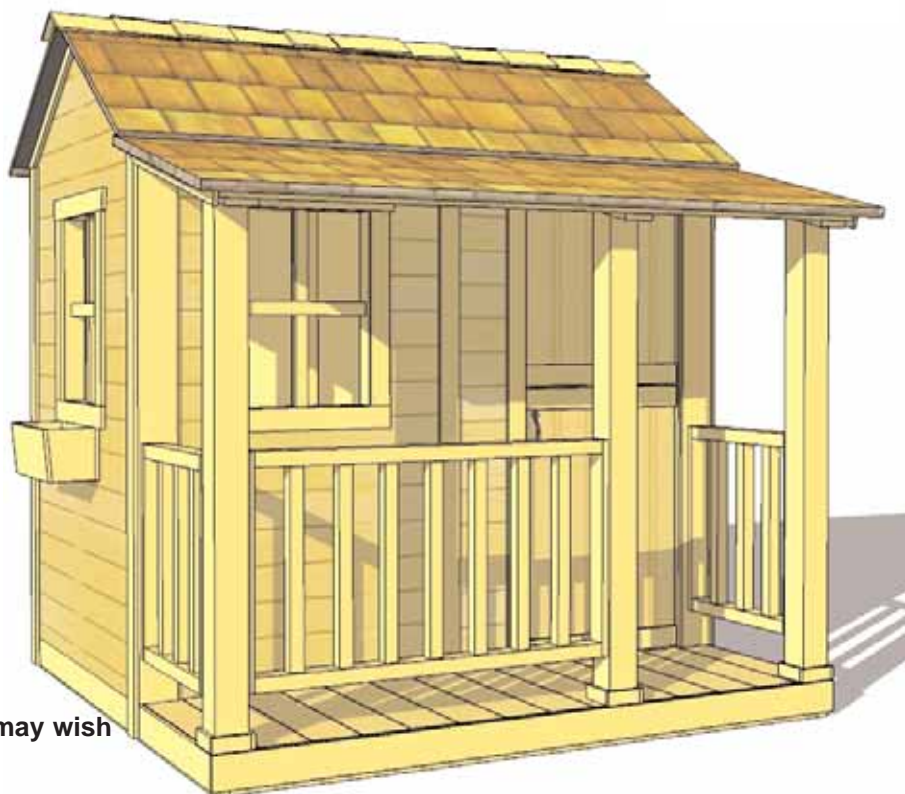
Our products are built for use based on proper installation and normal residential use, on level ground. Please follow the instruction manual when building your Playhouse and retain the manual for future maintenance purposes.

Some of the safety and usage measures you may wish to consider include:

- snow load ratings vary by geographical location. If heavy or wet snowfall occurs, it is advisable to sweep the snow off the roof(s).
- if the product is elevated, any structural and building code requirements are solely the customer's responsibility, and should be abided by.
- in high or gusty wind conditions it is advisable to keep the structure securely grounded.
- have a regular maintenance plan to ensure screws, doors, windows and parts are tight.

Customers agree to hold Outdoor Living Today and any Authorized Dealers free of any liability for improper installation, maintenance and repair of any products sold by Outdoor Living Today.

In the event of a missing or broken piece, simply call the Outdoor Living Today Customer Support Line @ 1-888-658-1658 within 30 days of the delivery of your purchase. It is our commitment to you to courier replacement parts, free of charge, within 10 business days of this notification. Replacement parts will not be provided free of charge after the 30 day grace period.



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Parts Lists:

A- Floor Section

- 2 - Floor Frame Sections - 35" x 75" (2x4's)
- 4 - Floor Joists - 72" (2x4's)
- 4 - Floor Runners - 70" (2x4's)
- 1 - Plywood Floor - 5/8" x 45 1/2" x 75"
- 14 - 3/4" x 24" Deck Boards (12-5 3/8" & 2-4 1/2"w)

B- Wall Section

- 2 - Solid Backwall Panels - 35" x 60"
- 2 - Bottom Wall Plates - 1 1/2" x 2 1/2" x 35"
(for Backwall Panels)
- 2 - Gable Side Window Wall Panels - 45 1/2" x 74 1/2"
(at peak)
- 1 - Front Window Wall Panel - 35" x 60"
- 1 - 10" x 58 1/2" Narrow Front Wall Panel
- 1 - Right Side Door Jamb - 1 1/2" x 2 1/2" x 58 1/2"
- 1 - Door Header - 1 1/2" x 2 1/2" x 35"
- 1 - Roof Ridge Beam - 1 1/2" x 2 1/2" x 70"
- 2 - Plywood Ridge Beam Supports- 5/8" x 3 1/2" x 6"

C- Porch Section

- 3 - Porch Posts - 3 1/2" x 3 1/2" x 52 1/2"
(cut 13.5 degrees on top end)
- 3 - Porch Rafter - 3/4" x 3 1/2" x 27"
- 1 - Front Porch Railing - 41 1/2" x 23"h
- 2 - Side Porch Railings - 20" x 23"h
- 1 - Left Front Corner Filler Trim - 1/2" x 2 1/2" x 59"
- 1 - Right Front Corner Filler Trim - 1/2" x 4 1/2" x 59"
- 2 - Front Corner Wide Trim - 1/2" x 4 1/2" x 56 3/4"
- 1 - Door Stop Trim - 1/2" x 2 1/2" x 56 3/4"
(used also to support Center Porch Rafter)
- 1 - Above Door Trim - 1/2" x 1 1/2" x 33 1/2"
- 1 - Porch Narrow Trim - 1/2" x 2 1/2" x 59"

D- Roof Section

- 3 - Roof Panels - 30" x 81"

E- Miscellaneous Section

Trims

- 2 - Rear Corner Filler Trim - 1/2" x 2 1/2" x 58 3/4"
- 2 - Rear Corner Wide Trim - 1/2" x 4 1/2" x 64"
- 5 - Wall Narrow Trim - 1/2" x 2 1/2" x 64"

Facia

- 4 - Side Facia Trims - 1/2" x 1 1/2" x 28 5/8"
(angled on both ends)
- 2 - Porch Facia Trims - 1/2" x 1 1/2" x 28"

Misc. Continued

Skirting

- 2 - Front & Rear Bottom Skirting - 1/2" x 3 1/2" x 76"
- 2 - Side Bottom Skirting - 1/2" x 3 1/2" x 70"
- 12 - Porch Post Base Trim - 1/2" x 1 1/2" x 4"

Doors and Windows

- 1 - Bottom Door - 23" x 32 1/2"
- 3 - Window Inserts
- 1 - Top Door (**Optional) - 23" x 25"
(Top Door Includes: 2 Door Hinges, Thumb Latch, & Hardware)

Miscellaneous

- 12 - Shingle Ridge Caps for Roof
- 2 - Flower Boxes
- 1 - Kids Table and 2 Chair Box - complete in box
(Assembly required)
- 1 pc - Spare Wall Siding
- 2 pcs - Spare Shingles- use to shim door, etc

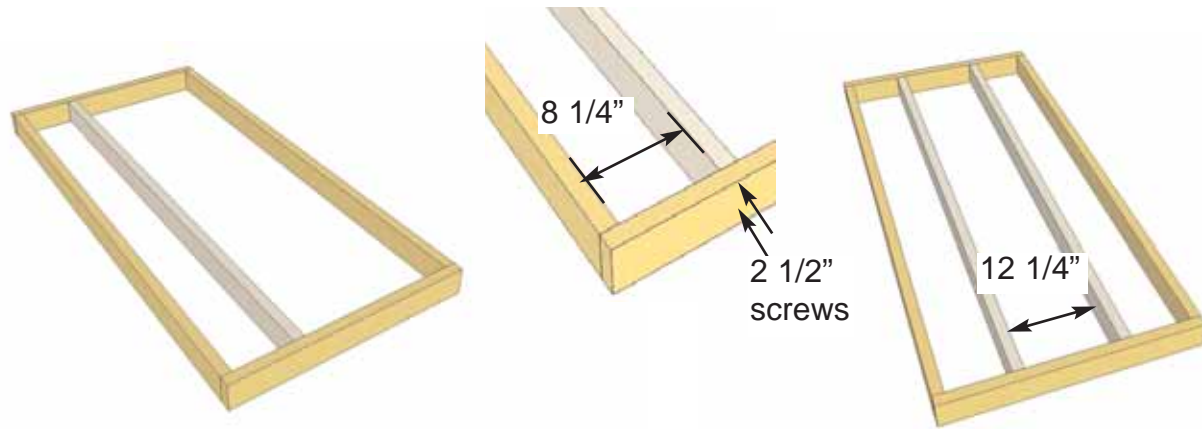
Hardware Package

- 3" Screws
- 2 1/2" Screws
- 2" Screws
- 1 1/4" Screws
- 1" Screws
- 2 1/4" Decking
- 1 1/4" Finishing Nails
- 1 1/4" Shingle Nails
- 2 - Door Hinges with 3/4" Silver Screws (8)
- 1 - Black Door Handle and Black Screws
- 1 - Silver Barrel Bolt and Hardware
- 5 - Simpson Strong Ties
- 1 - Square Drive Bit for Screw Gun

Tools Required:

- Work Gloves and Safety Glasses
- Screw Gun
- Level
- 2 Large Ladders
- Hammer
- Wood Clamps
- 1/8" Drill Bit for Pilot Holes.

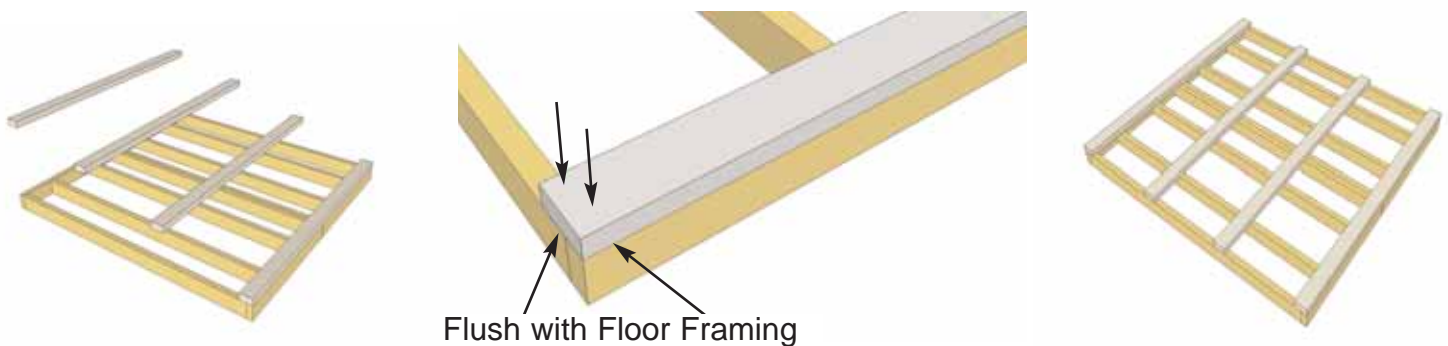
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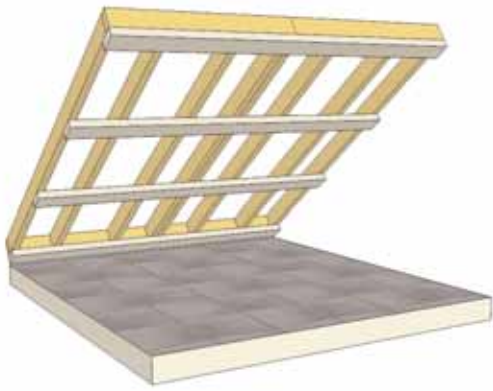
1. Complete Floor Joist Frames. Frames require 2 interior Floor Joists attachment. Measure Joist (8 1/4") from inside of Floor Joist Frame to inside of Floor Joist and attach with 2 - 2 1/2" screws per end. Complete attachments of both Floor Joists and both Floor Joist Frames.



2. Position completed Floor Joist Frames together and attach with 5 - 2 1/2" screws per section. Attached together, your floor joist section should be 75" wide x 70" deep.



3. Attach Floor Runners to completed floor frame. There are 2 Floor Runners per 70" side and 4 completed runners in total. Use 6 - 2 1/2" screws per Runner to secure.

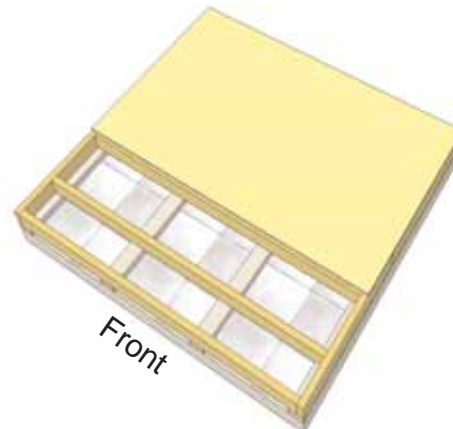
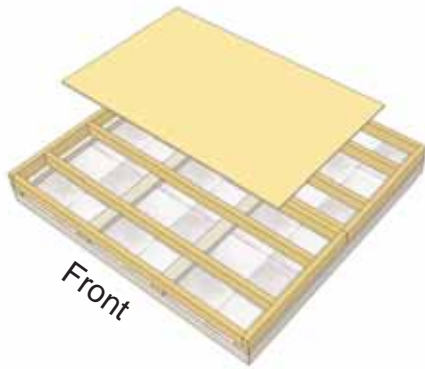


4. With Floor Runners attached, carefully flip the floor over and place on your foundation.

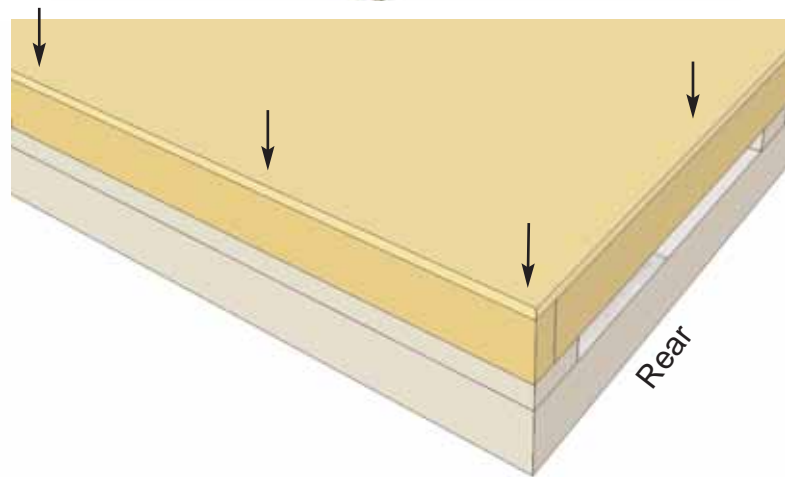
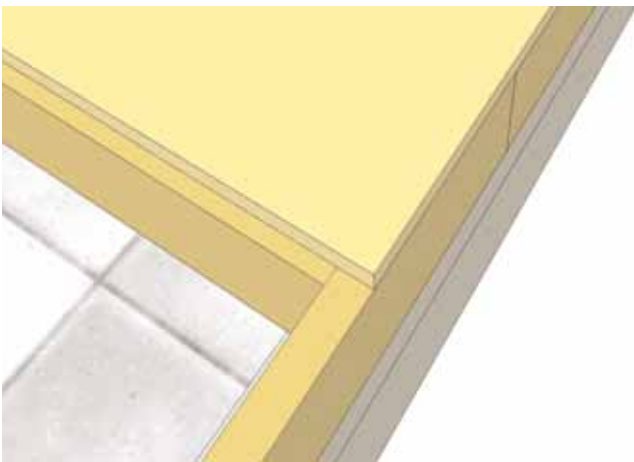
Caution- you will need 2 people to assist you. Be careful when laying floor down not to bend or twist floor. When in place, level floor completely.

Foundations

Note, the floor will be flipped over and floor runners will sit on your foundation. It is important to note that having a level foundation is critical. Choosing a foundation will vary between regions. Typical foundations can be concrete pads or patio stones positioned underneath the floor runners.

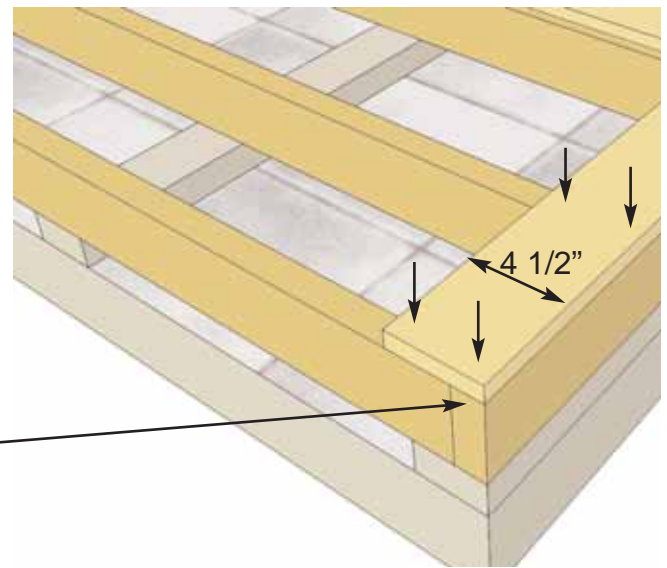
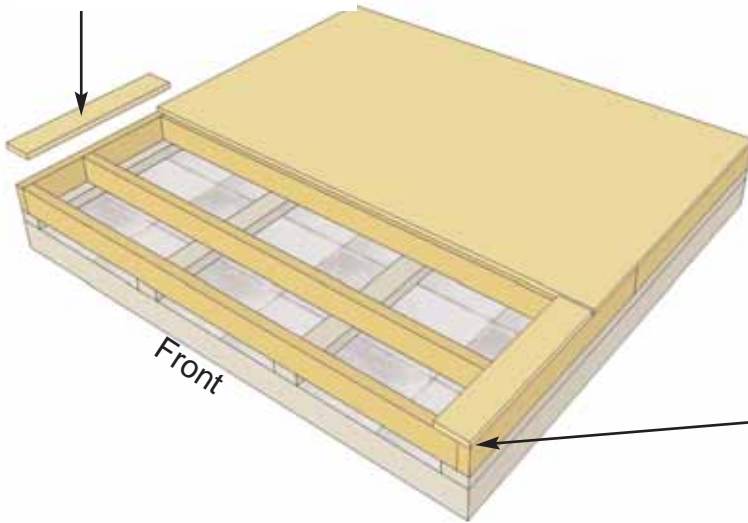


5. Position **Plywood Floor** piece on top of completed floor joists. Plywood will sit flush with outside of floor joist frame.

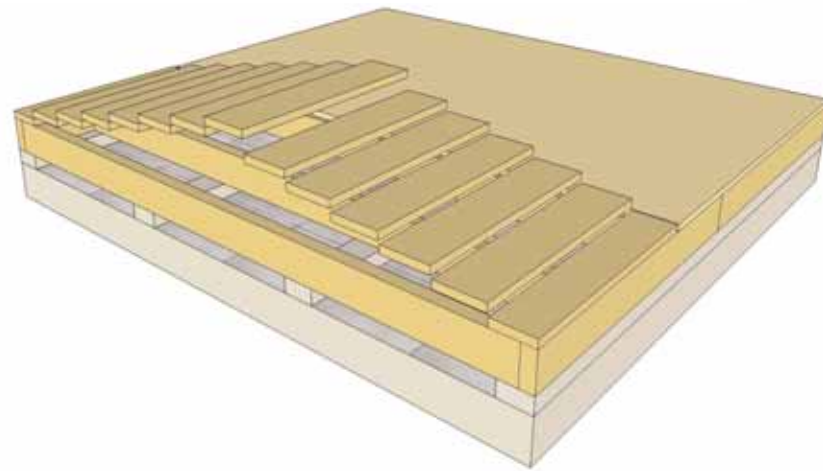
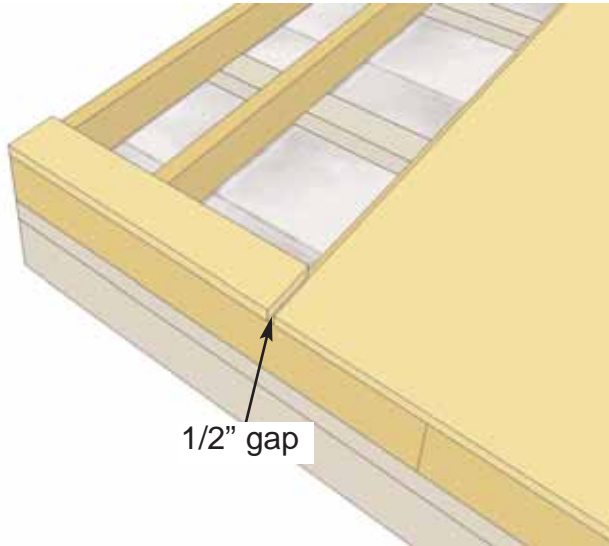


6. When Plywood Floor is correctly positioned, attach with 1 1/4" screws. Use screws every 16".

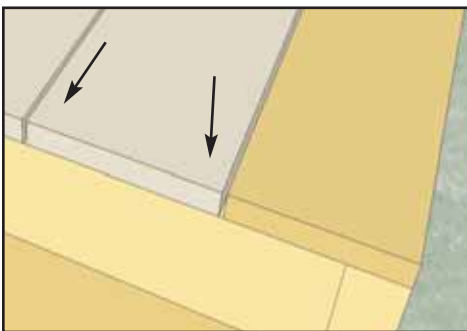
Outside Deck Board



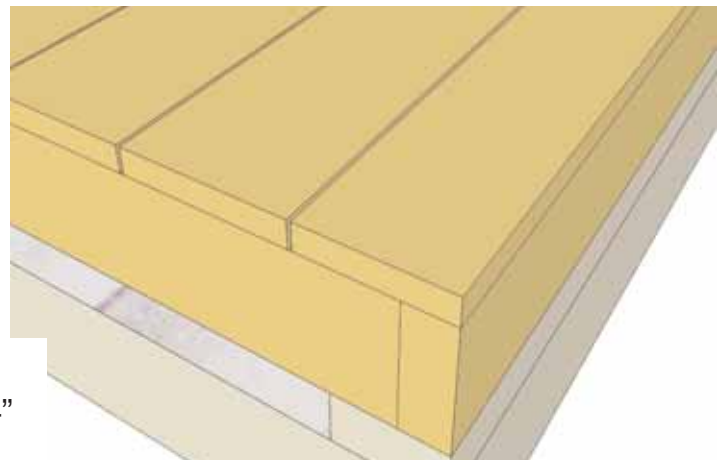
7. Locate Deck Boards (12 - 5 3/8" and 2 - 4 1/2" wide 3/4" x 24" long). Start by positioning both 4 1/2" wide boards to the outside of Floor Framing flush to the front. A 1/2" gap will exist between plywood floor and Dek Board. When correctly positioned, attach both outside boards with 6 - 2 1/4" Deck Nails.



8. Position remaining interior Deck Boards (12 at 5 3/8" wide) between outside Deck Boards.

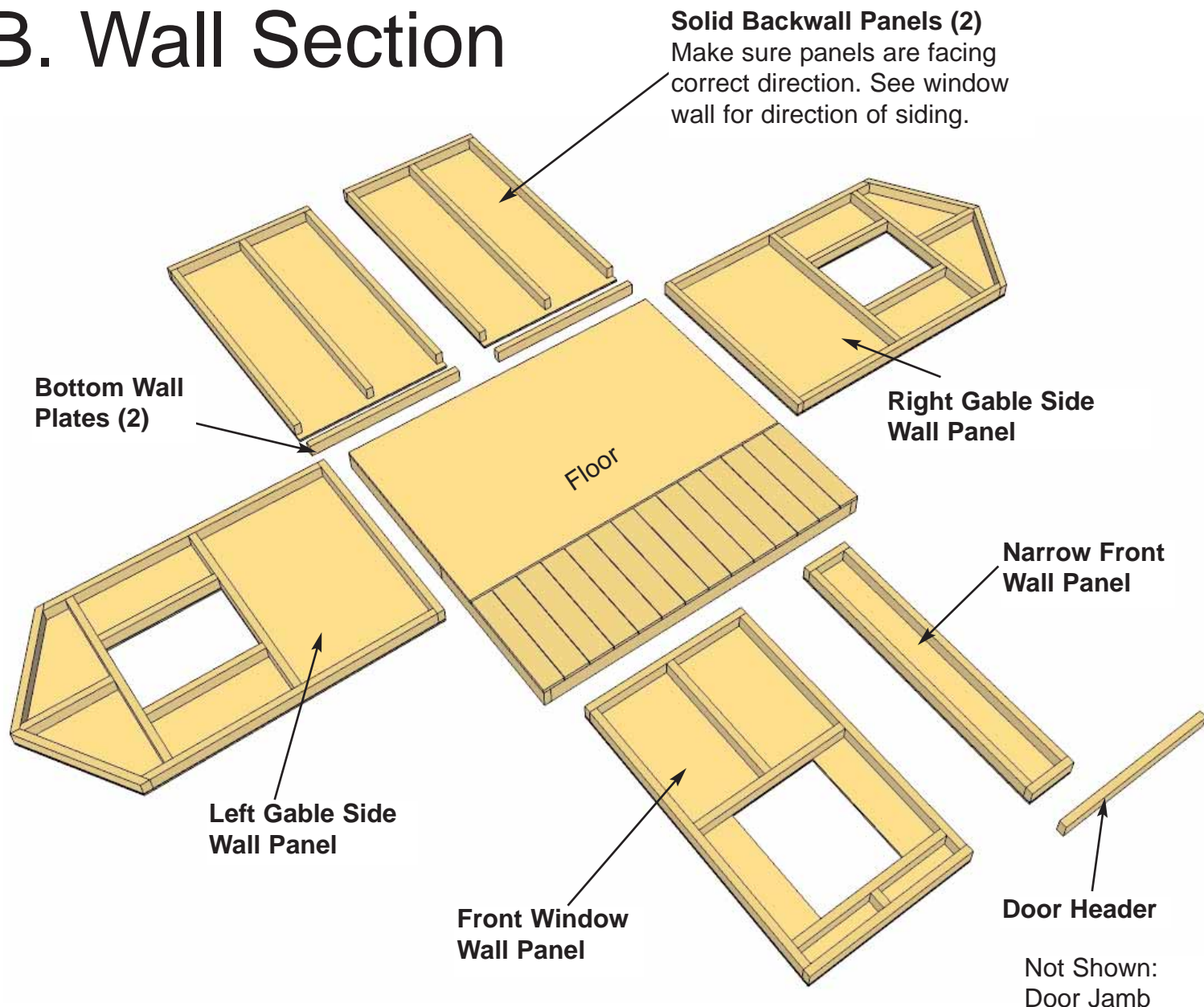


9. Space Deck Boards so there is approximately 1/8" gap between boards and attach with 6 - 2 1/4" Deck Nails per piece.

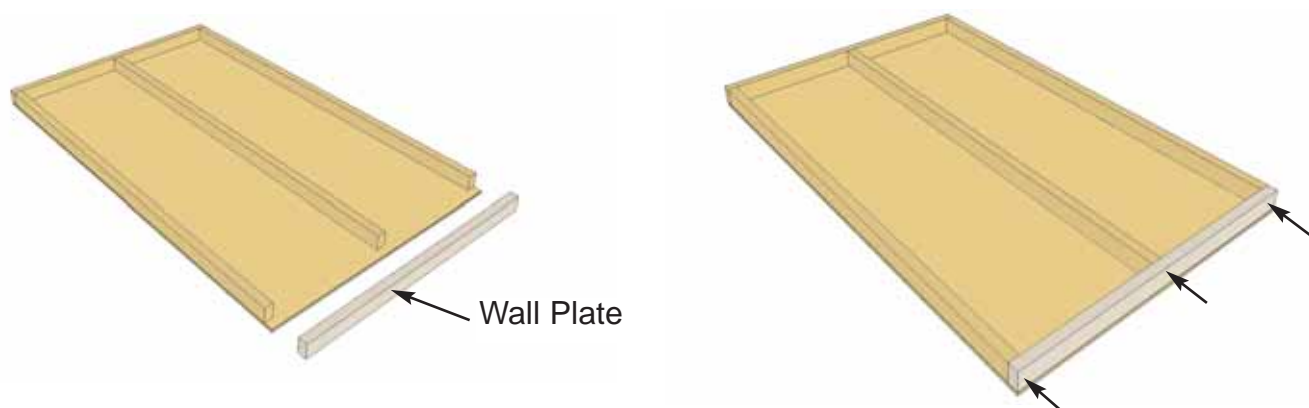


Note- When floor is completed, make sure the floor is still level and make adjustments if required.

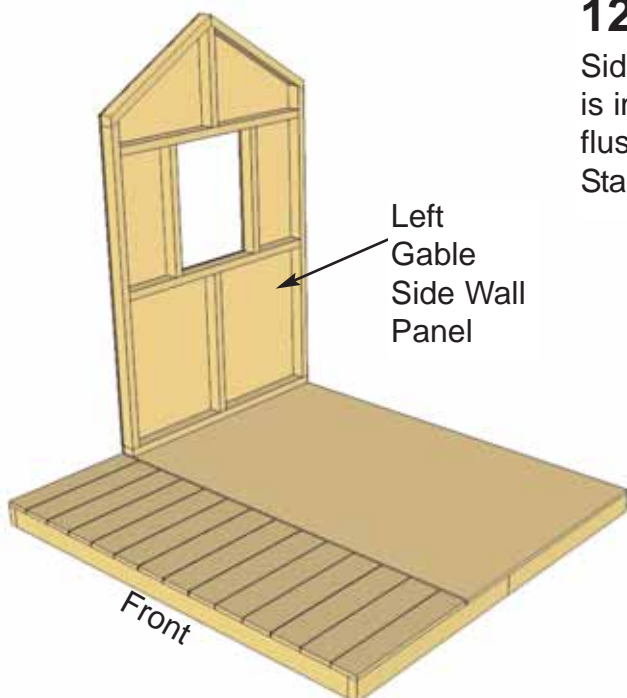
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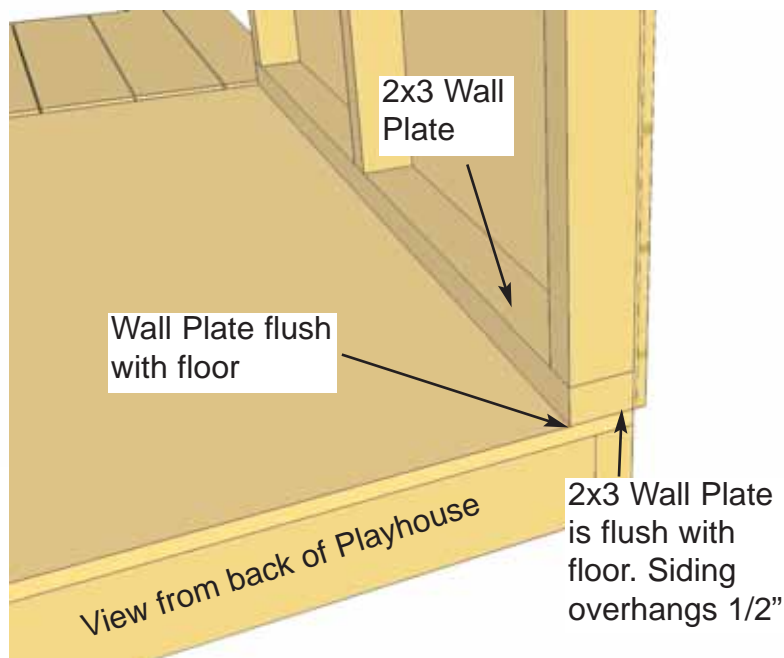
10. Lay out all the wall panels and become familiar with their location.



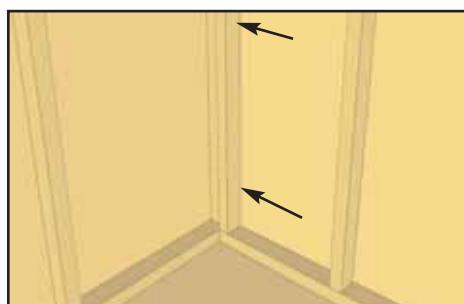
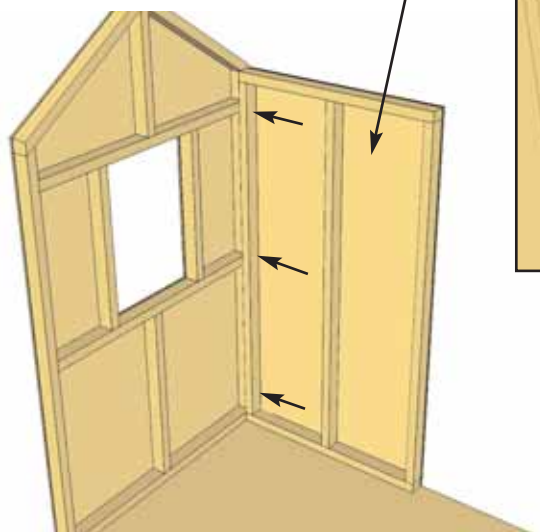
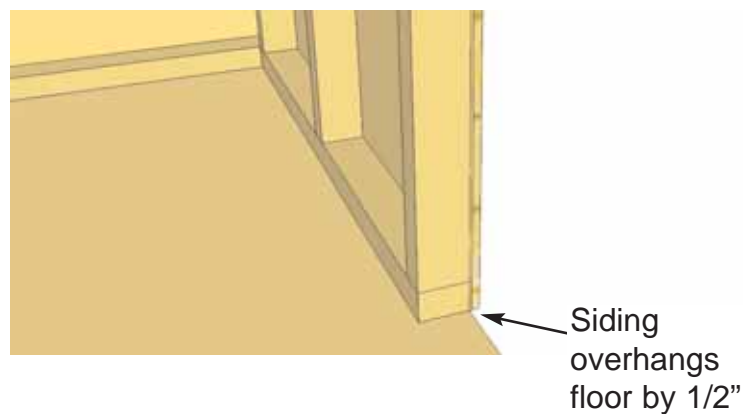
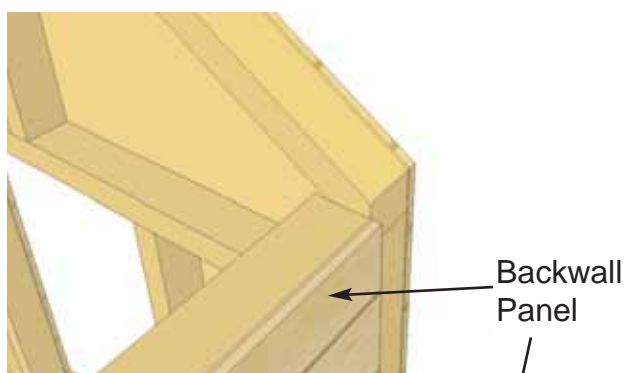
11. Starting with **Solid Wall Panels**, carefully lay panel face down. Position and attach **Wall Plate** to bottom of wall studs of each wall panel with 6 - 2 1/2" screws. Position so plates are flush with framing.



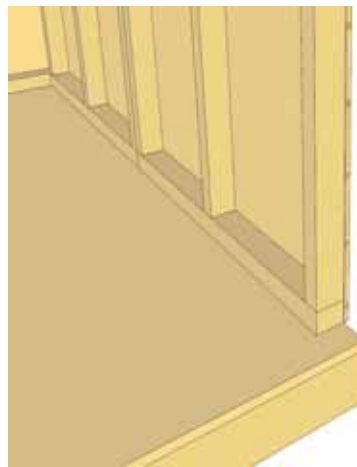
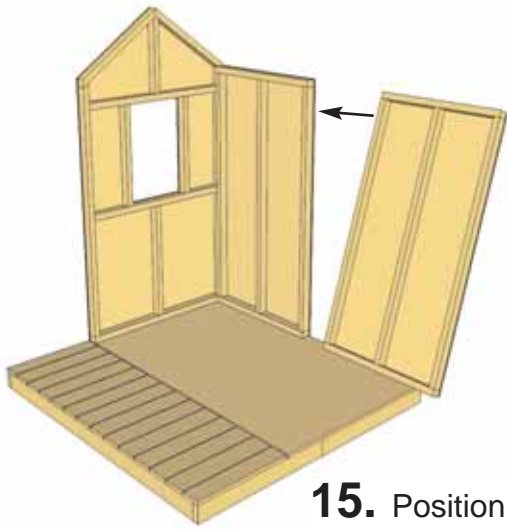
12. Starting at the left rear corner, move the Left Gable Side Wall Panel into place on floor. Proper wall positioning is important. From the rear, make sure wall framing sits flush on the floor. Do Not Screw Wall Panel to Floor At This Stage.



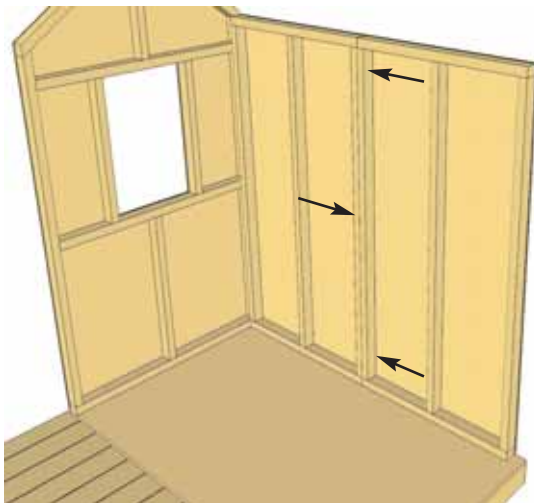
13. Position 1st Backwall Panel in the corner next to left Sidewall Panel.



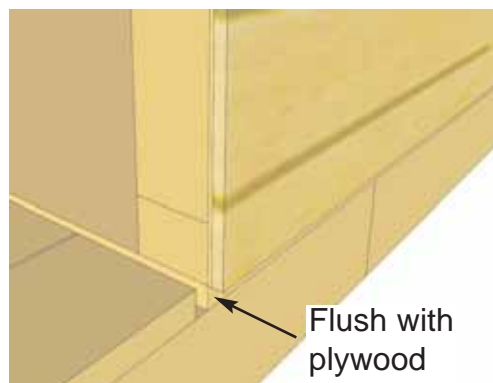
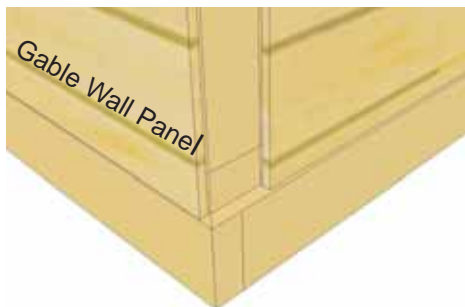
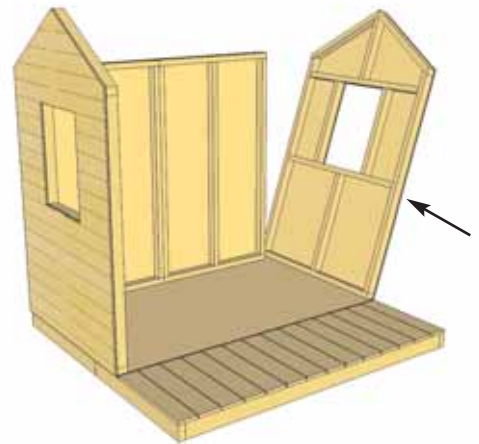
14. Align Backwall Panel Bottom Wall Plate flush with floor. When positioned correctly, screw both panels together with 3- 2 1/2" screws into vertical studs at the bottom, middle and top locations.



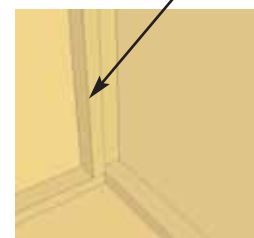
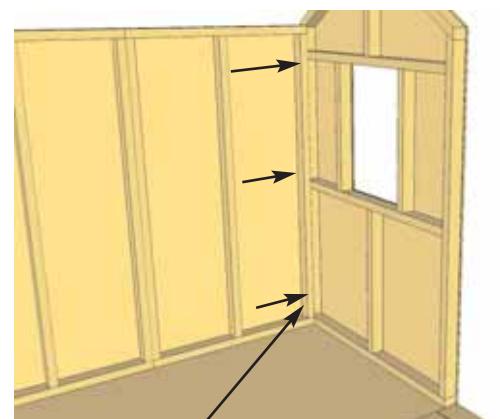
15. Position 2nd Backwall Panel on floor and align vertical studs of both Backwall Panels.

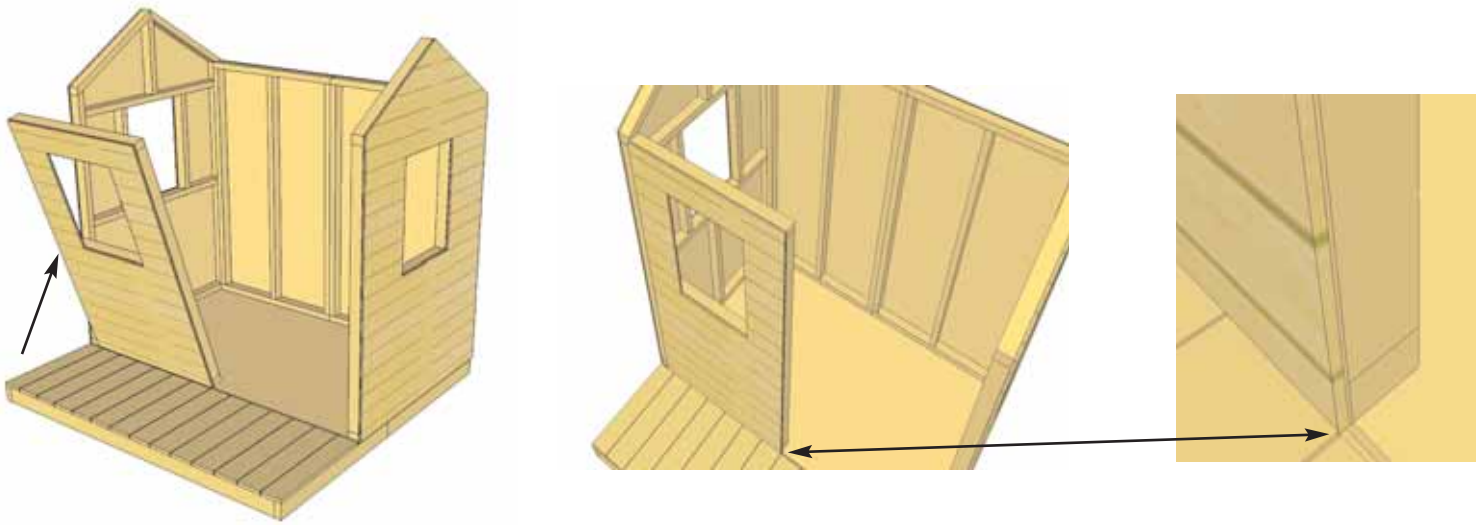


16. Position 2nd Backwall Panel on floor and align vertical studs of both Backwall Panels. Top wall framing of both panels should also align with each other. With Backwall Panels correctly aligned, attach vertical studs together with 3 - 2 1/2" screws. Locate and position Right Gable Side Window Wall Panel.

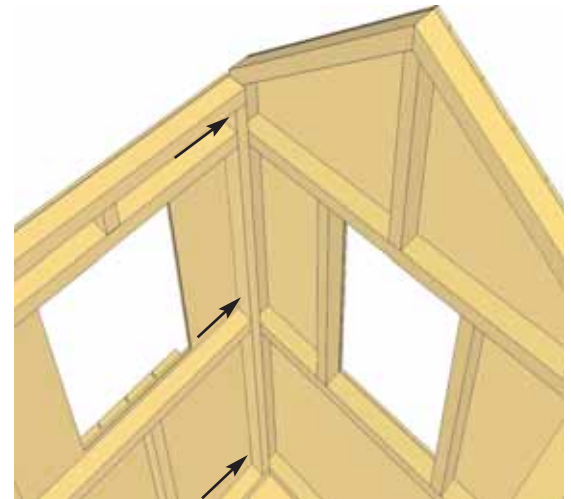
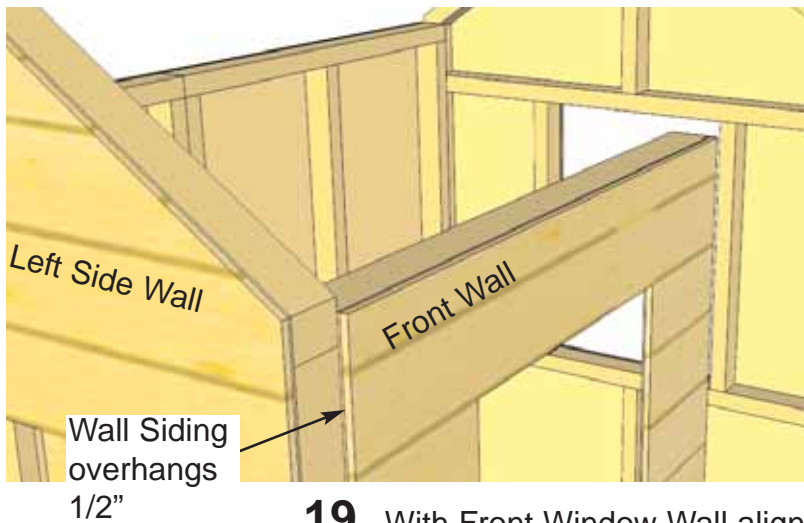


17. Align Right Gable Wall as per **Step 12**. Attach wall framing with 3 - 2 1/2" screws.

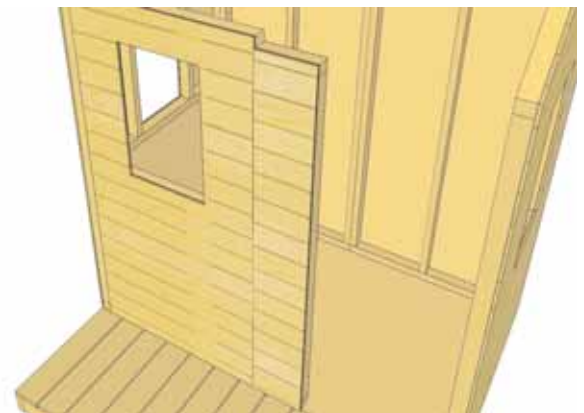
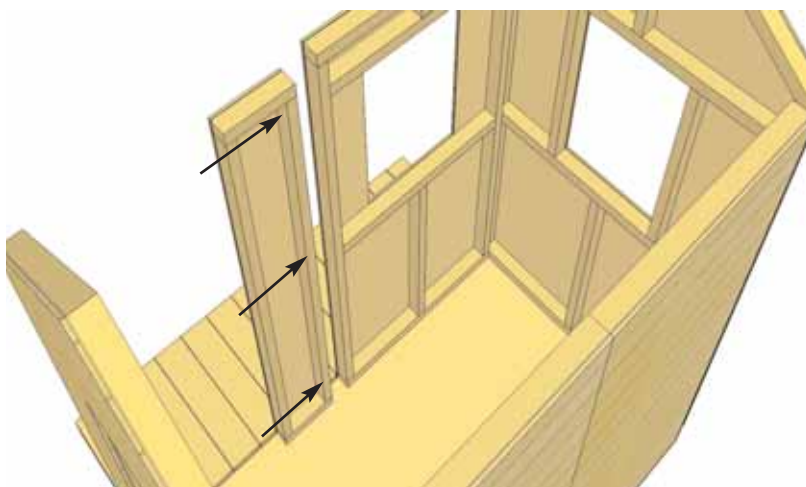




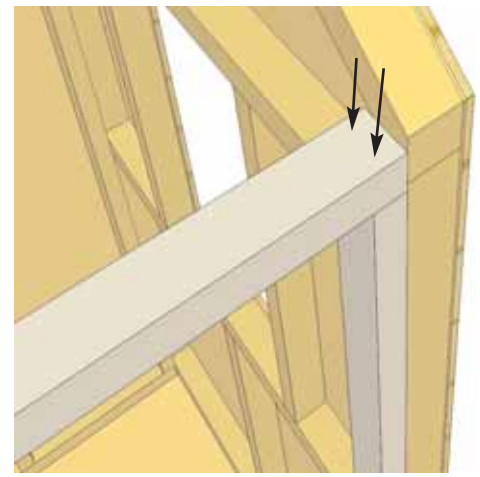
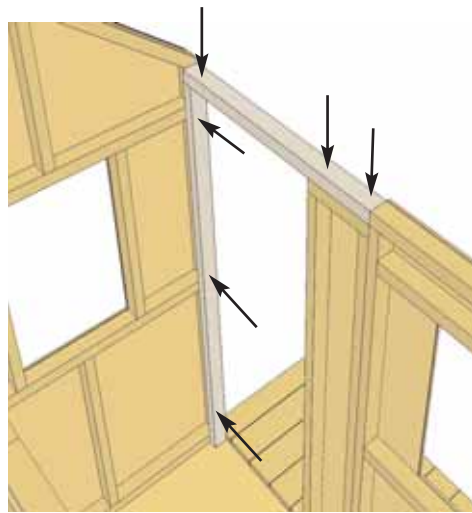
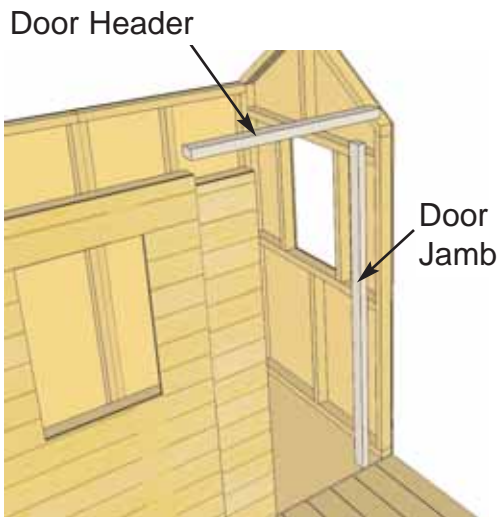
18. Position Front Window Wall Panel in the left front corner. Align bottom wall framing flush with Plywood Floor (siding overhanging once again).



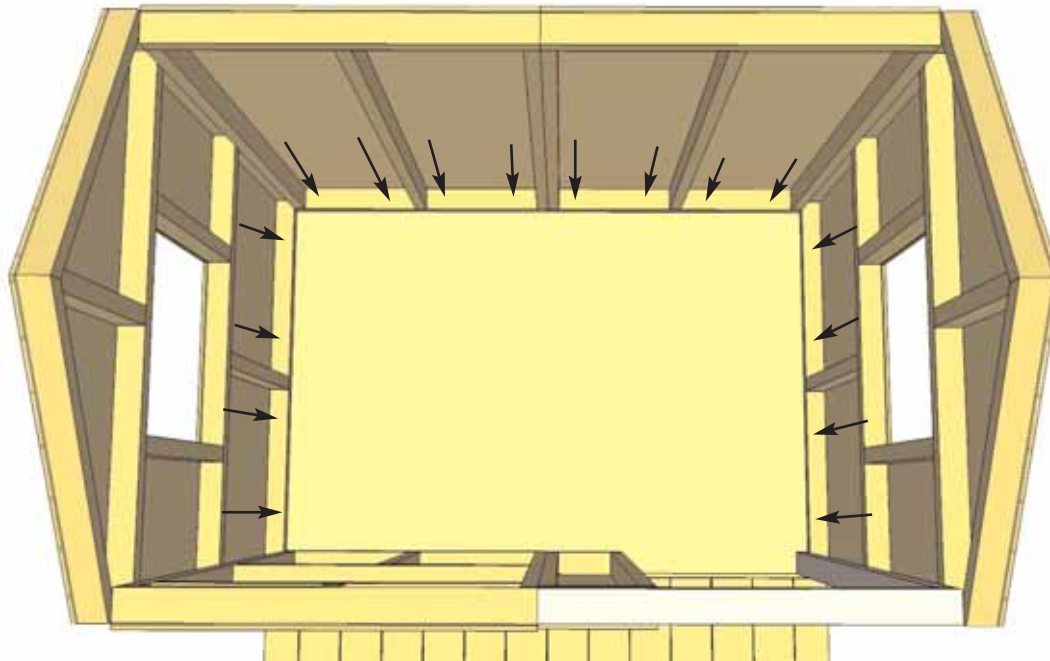
19. With Front Window Wall aligned correctly, attach vertical wall studs with 3 - 2 1/2" screws.



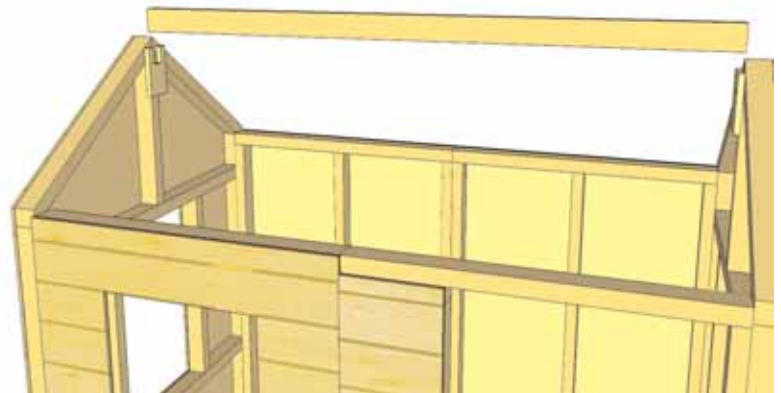
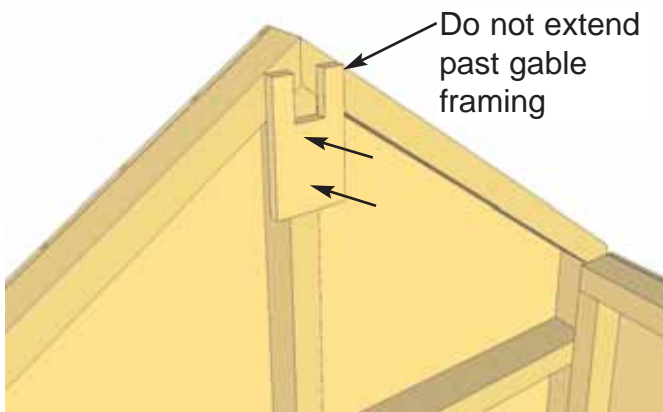
20. Position Narrow Front Wall Panel adjacent to Front Window Wall. Line up vertical wall studs. Note; Narrow Wall height is only 58 1/2". Attach together with 3 - 2 1/2" screws.



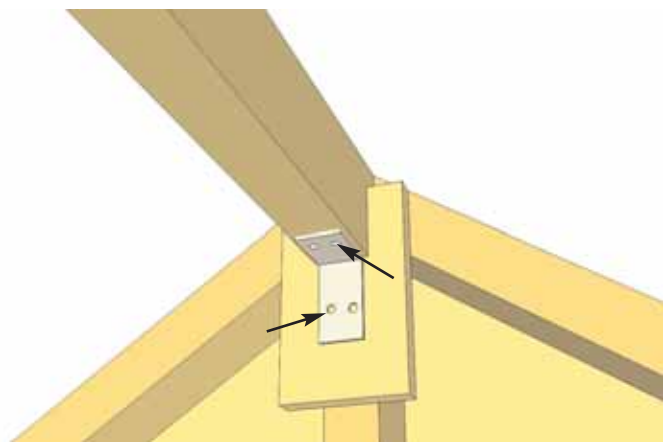
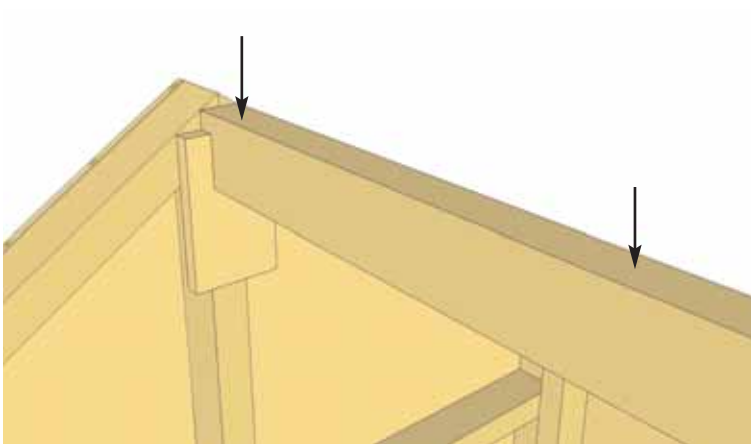
21. Attach the Right Side Door Jamb to right side Gable Wall Panel stud. Make sure jamb is flush with floor and flush with wall stud. Use 3 - 2 1/2" screws to secure. Next, attach the Door Header to Door Jamb and top plate of narrow wall. Use 3 - 2 1/2" screws to secure.



22. Before fastening walls to floor, check wall alignment. Once again, the walls 2x3 bottom framing should sit flush on outside of floor with Wall siding overhanging by 1/2". When positioned correctly, attach walls to floor with 4- 2 1/2" screws per panel. Screw from bottom wall framing into floor.

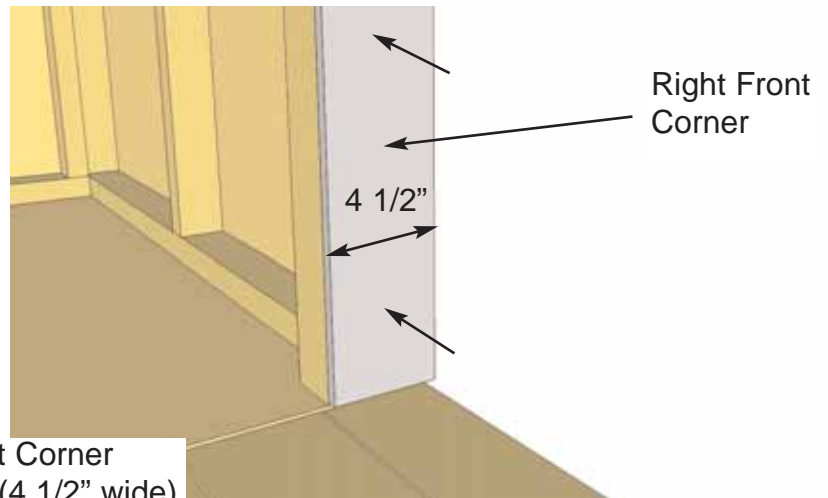
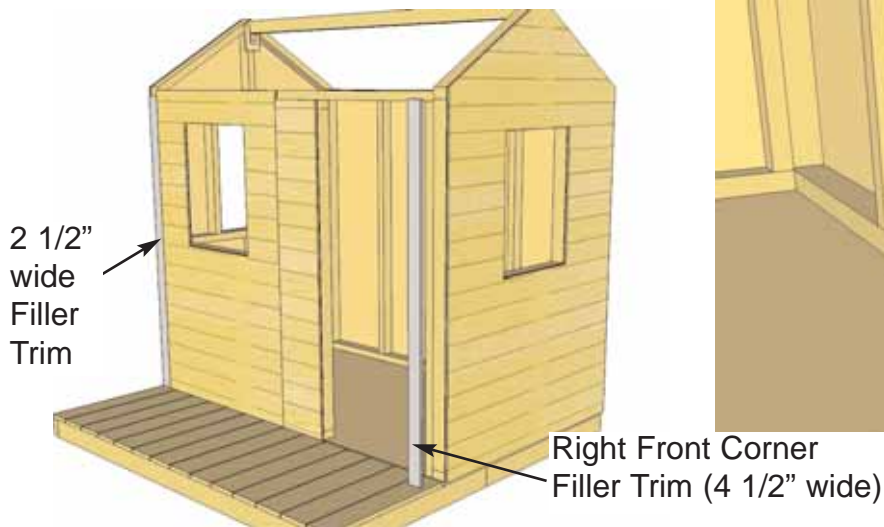


23. Locate and attach Plywood Ridge Beam Supports to gable peaks with 2 - 1 1/4" screws. Place Roof Ridge Beam between gables into Ridge Beam Support pocket.

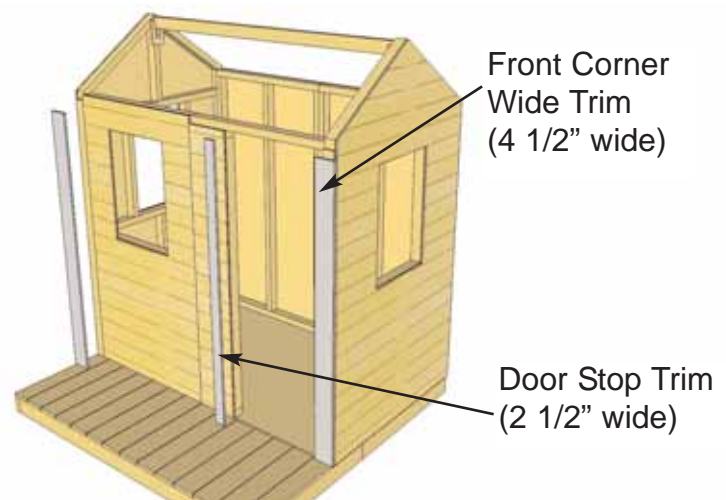
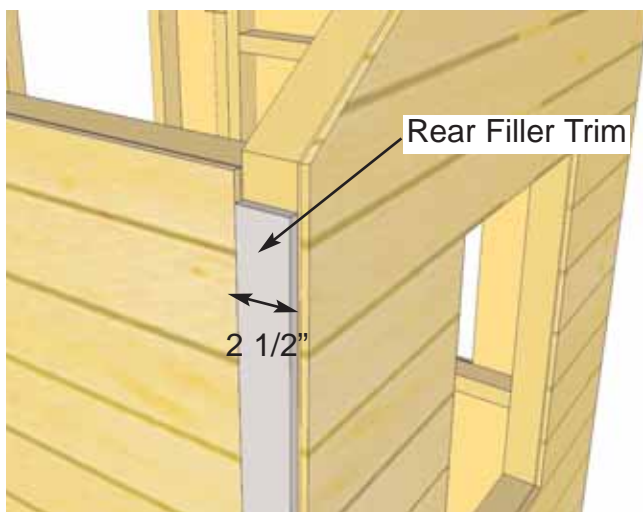


24. Push Roof Ridge Beam down into support pocket making sure beam does not extend higher than gable framing. Attach with 2 Simpson Strong Ties using 4 - 1 1/4" screws per side.

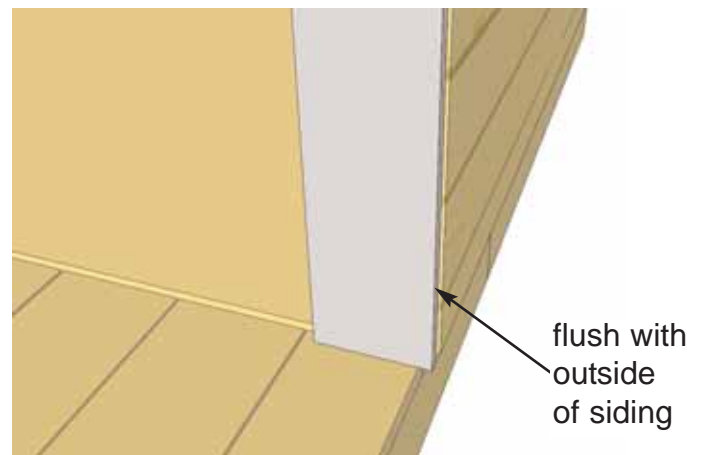
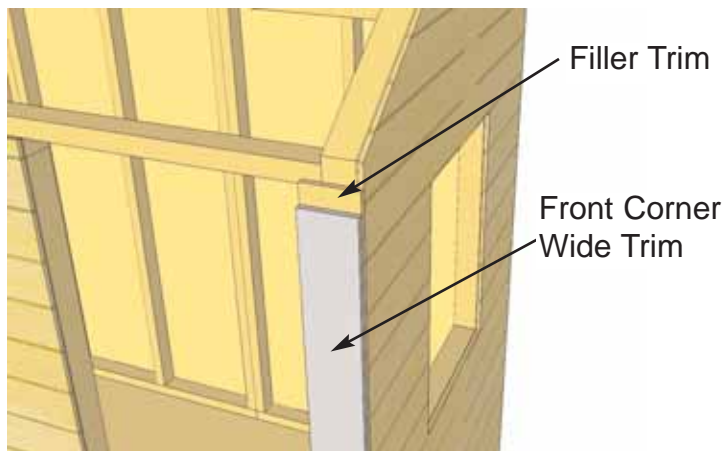
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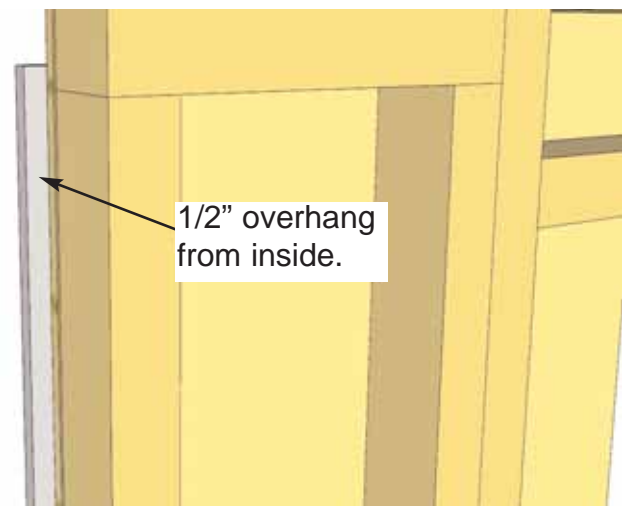
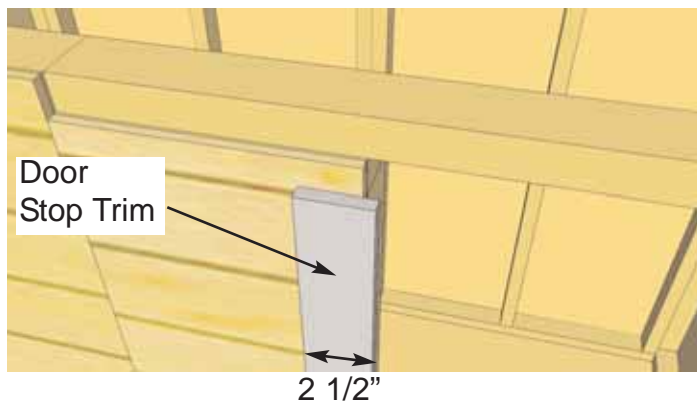
25. Locate all Corner Filler Trim. Filler Trim will be positioned in each corner. Filler Trims are 2 1/2" wide except for the Right Front Corner which will be 4 1/2" wide. Attach each with 6 - finishing nails.



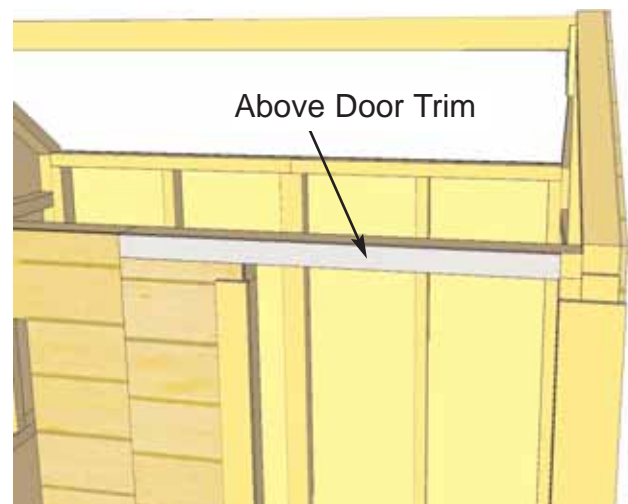
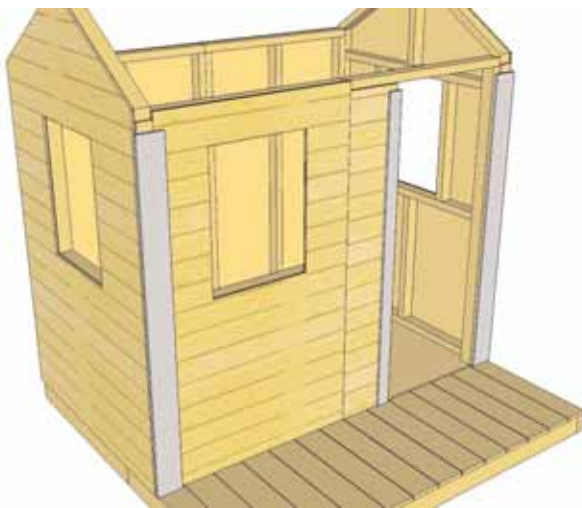
26. Attach Rear Corner Filler Trims (both are 2 1/2" wide) using 6 - finishing nails per piece. Locate Front Corner Wide Trim and Door Stop Trim.



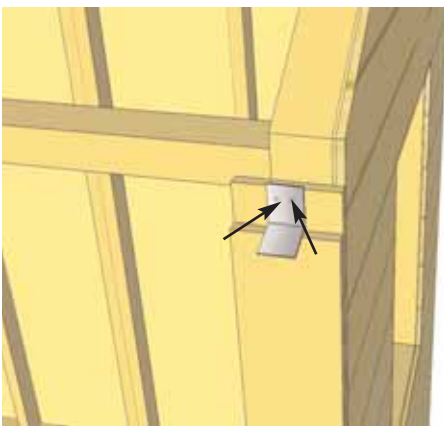
27. Attach both outside Front Corner Wide Trims with 6 - finishing nails per piece. Align flush with outside of wall siding. Complete Rear Corner Wide Trims as per front. **Note-** Rear Corner Wide Trims are 64" long.



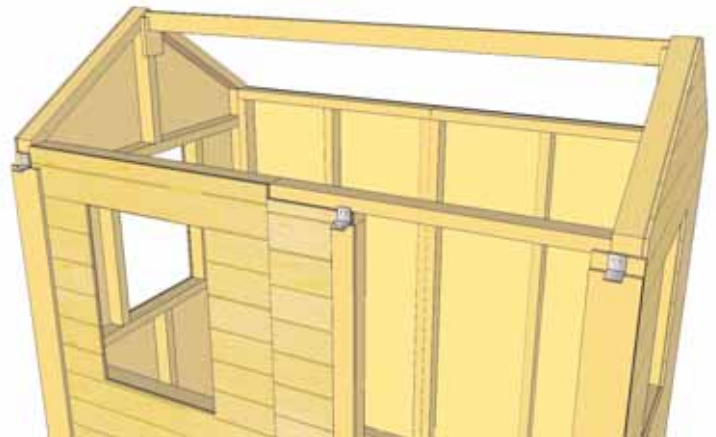
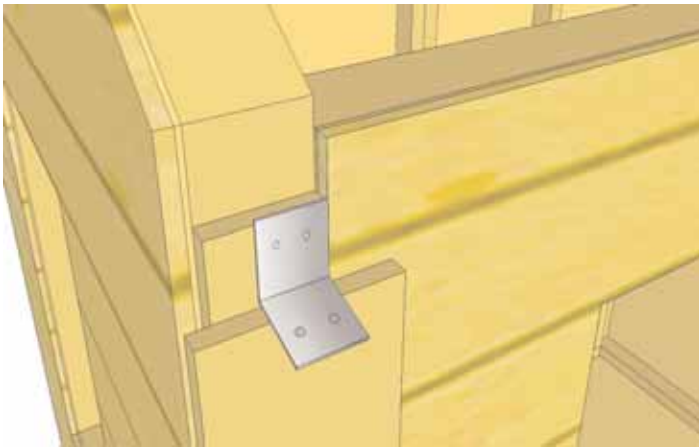
28. Attach Door Stop Trim to left side of door opening with 6 finishing nails. Position Trim so it overhangs vertical framing 1/2" on inside.



29. To complete Porch Trim, attach the Left Sided Corner Trim over the left side filler piece. Position so Corner Trim is flush to the outside of the siding on the outside and flush to the floor. When positioned correctly, secure with 6 finishing nails. Attach Above Door Trim on Door Header with 4 finishing nails.

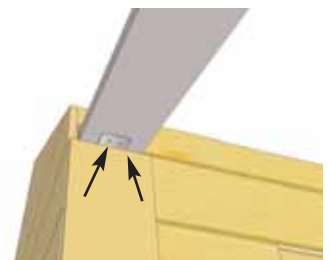
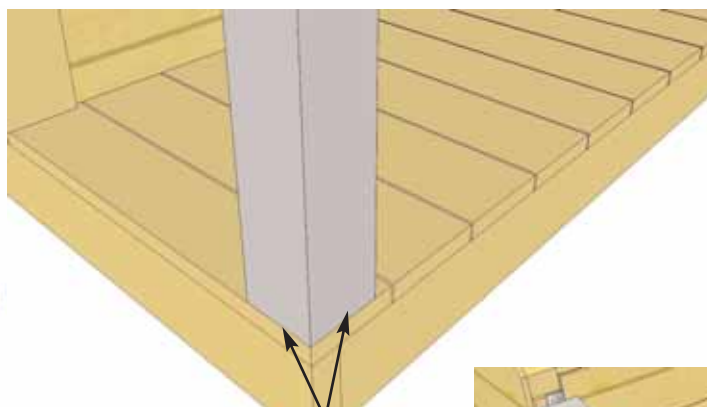
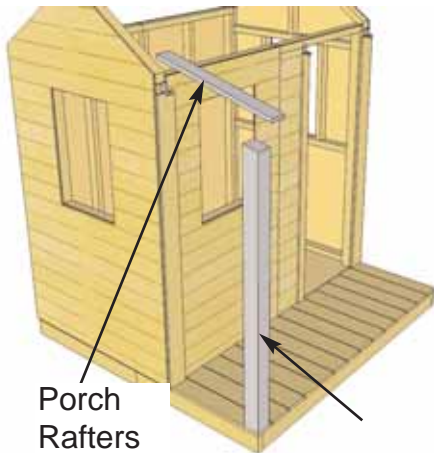


30. Attach Simpson Strong Tie to Right Filler Trim with 2 - 1 1/4" screws. Make sure Tie is evenly positioned and sitting on the Front Corner Wide Trim. Attach 2nd Simpson Strong Tie on top of Door Stop Trim. Equally space Tie on Trim and screw directly into wall panel / Door Header.

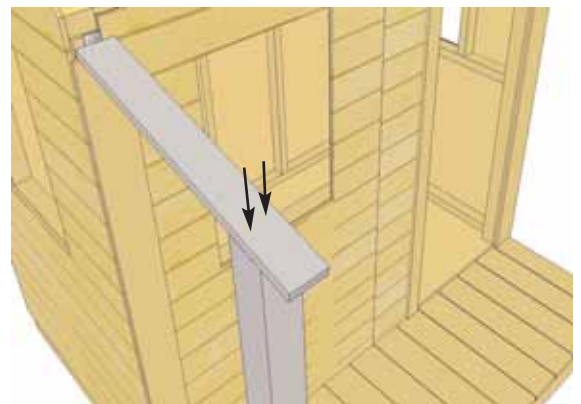


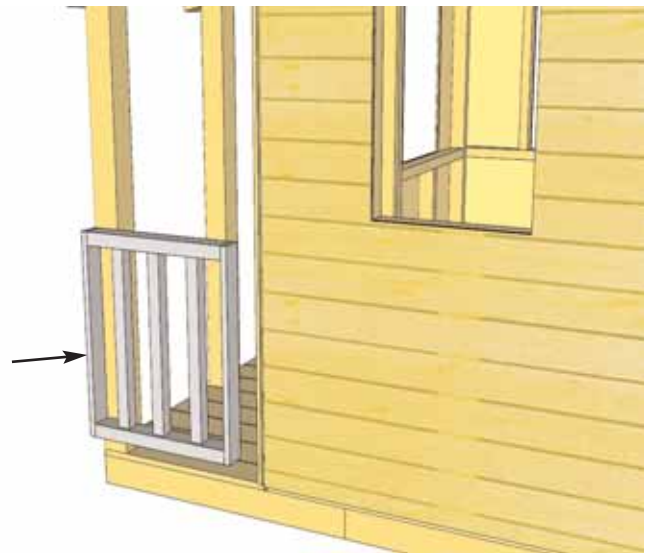
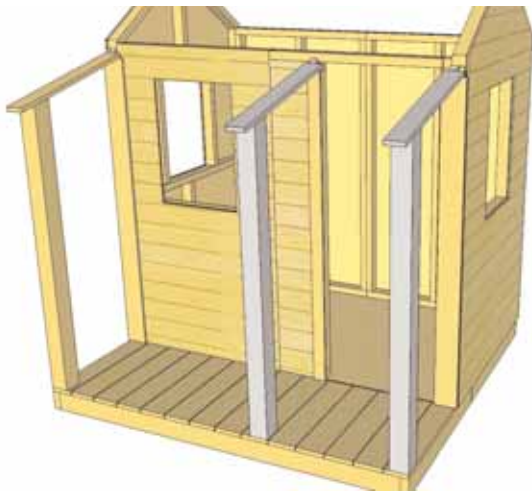
31. Complete Left Side Simpson Strong Tie attachment as shown above using 2 - 1 1/4" screws. Once again, equally space Tie on Front Corner Wide Trim.

Important - Be careful of protruding Simpson Strong Ties until **Step 33** is completed.

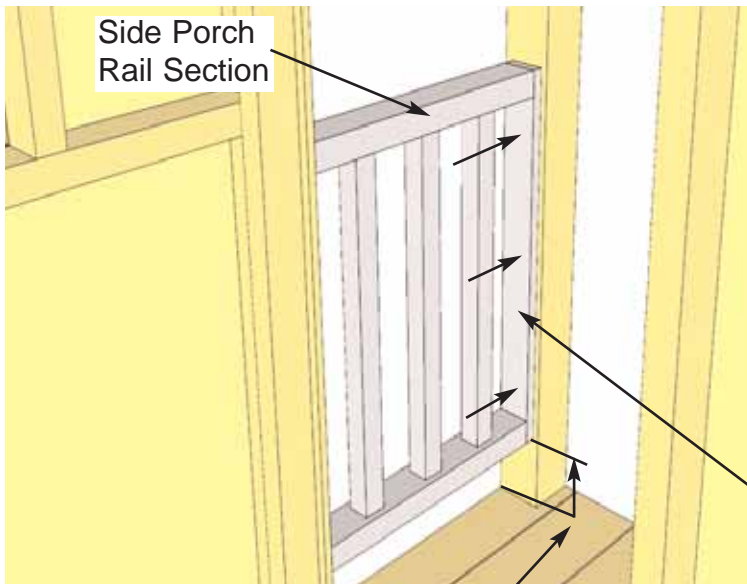


32. Locate Porch Rafters (3) and Porch Posts (3). Starting with left side, have helper position Porch Post flush to outside of Deck Boards in corner. Position Porch Rafter on Strong Tie and attach from underneath with 2 - 3/4" screws. Use level to square Porch Post and attach Porch Rafter from top into Post Post with 2 - 1 1/2" screws.

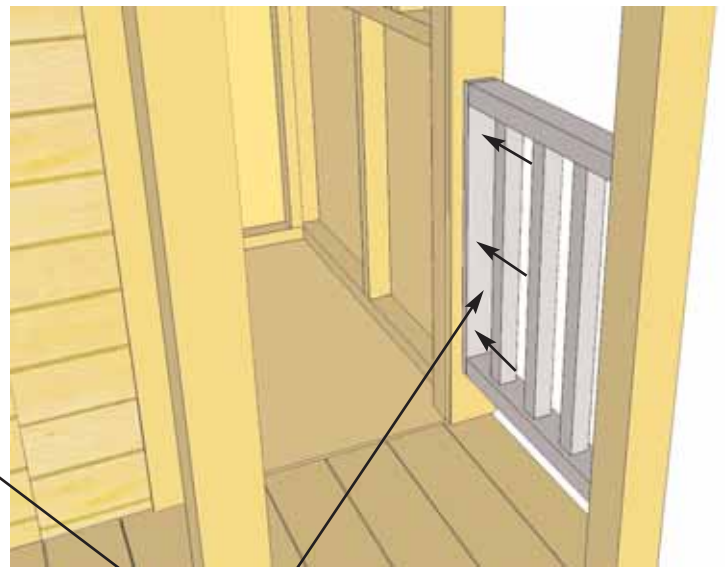




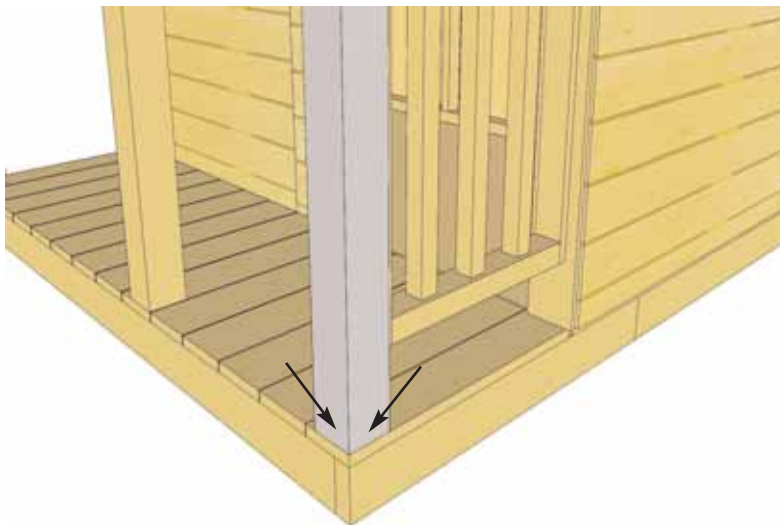
33. Complete all 3 Porch Rafter/ Post assemblies as per Step 32.



Rail should be positioned
3 1/2" from floor.

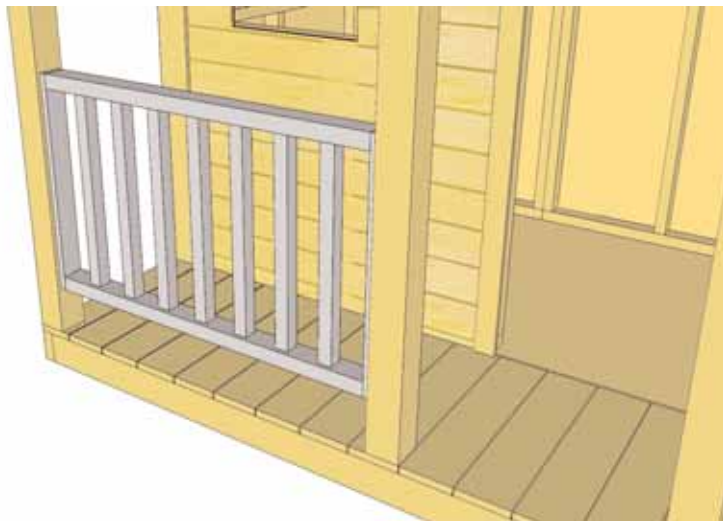


3 - 1 1/2" screws



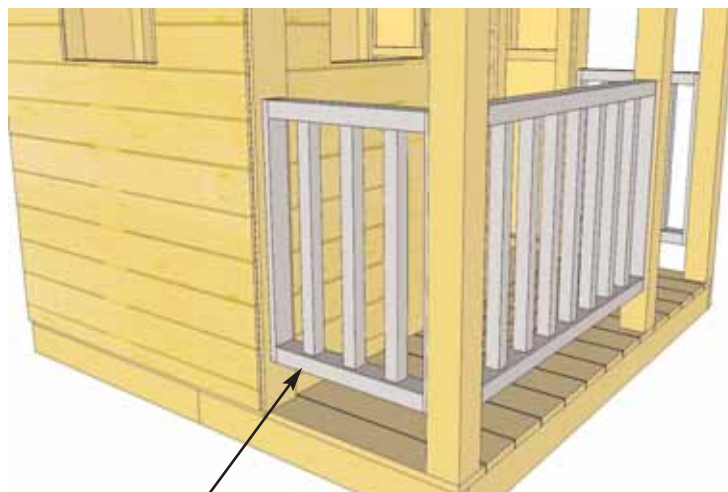
34. Position Side Porch Rail on the Porch Post 3 1/2" up from the floor. Attach to porch post with 3 - 1 1/2" screws making sure to position Rail evenly on Porch Post. Attach Porch Rail to Corner Wide Trim with 3 - 1 1/2" screws once again aligning evenly on Corner Trim.

Secure Porch Posts to floor by toe-nailing 4- 3" screws on an angle from post into floor. Drill pilot holes to prevent wood from splitting. Porch Post should sit flush with outside of Deck Boards. (some variation may occur).



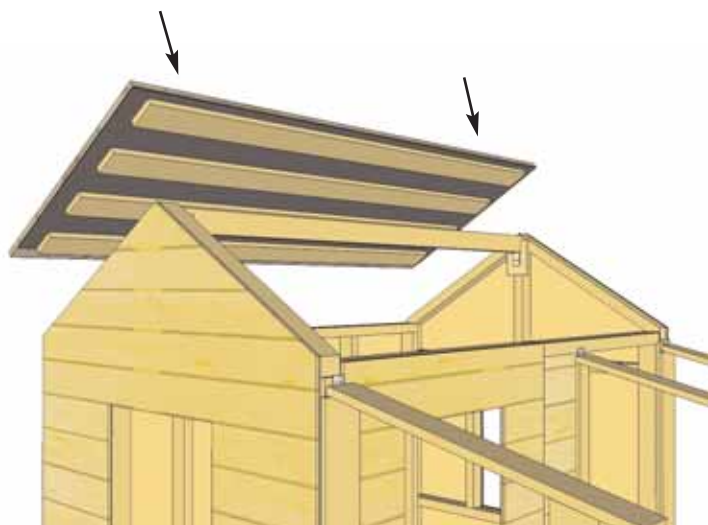
35. Position and attach Front and Left Side Porch Railing similar to **Step 34**. Use a level to confirm both Railing and Porch Posts are square.

If building a Little Squirt Playhouse with Elevated Platform for Sandbox DO NOT INSTALL Left Side Porch Railing.

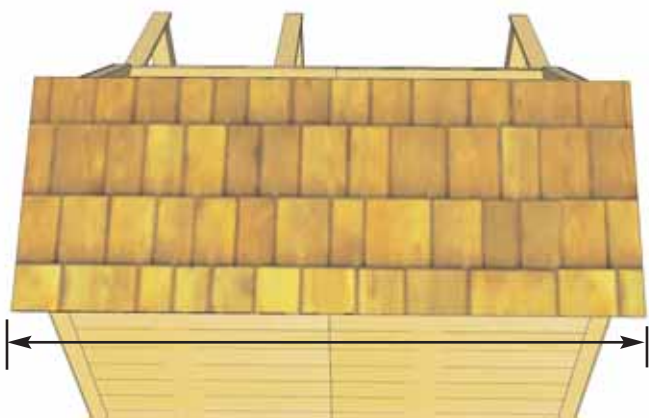


Important-
Do not install Left Side Porch Railing on Kits with Elevated Platform for Sandbox.

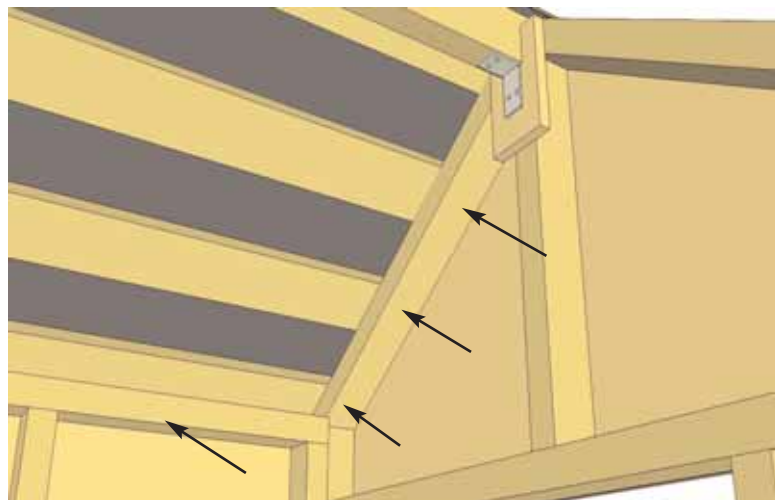
D. Roof Section



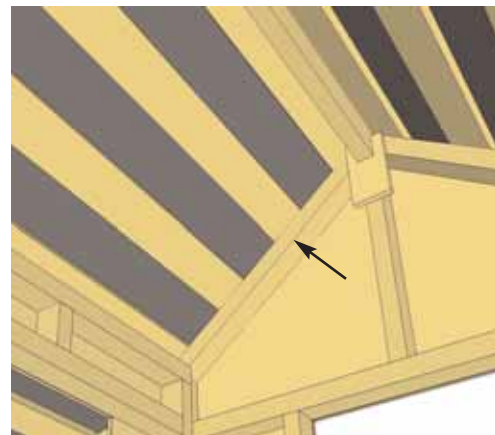
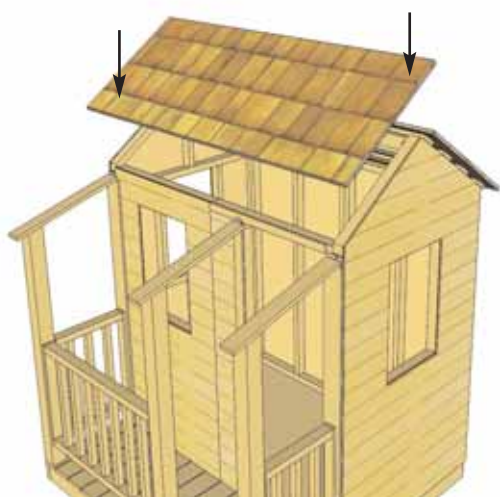
36. Starting at the rear, locate one of the Roof Panels (Roof Panels are all identical). Place on Gable Wall framing evenly from left to right. At top, Roof Panel should not exceed past the center of apex.



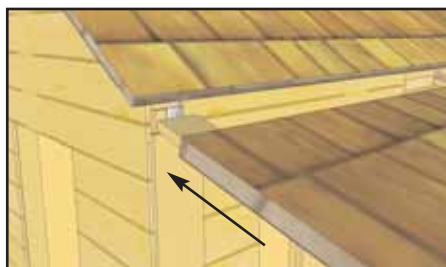
Evenly positioned left to right



37. With Rear Roof Panel evenly positioned on gable walls, tack Roof Panel down to framing from the inside with 3 - 2 1/2" screws per side. (tack= don't screw completely, roof may need adjusting later).



38. Position 2nd Roof Panel evenly on front gable framing. Tack down with only 2 - 2 1/2" screws. Porch Roof may need to slide under Roof Panel and some play is required before completely securing.

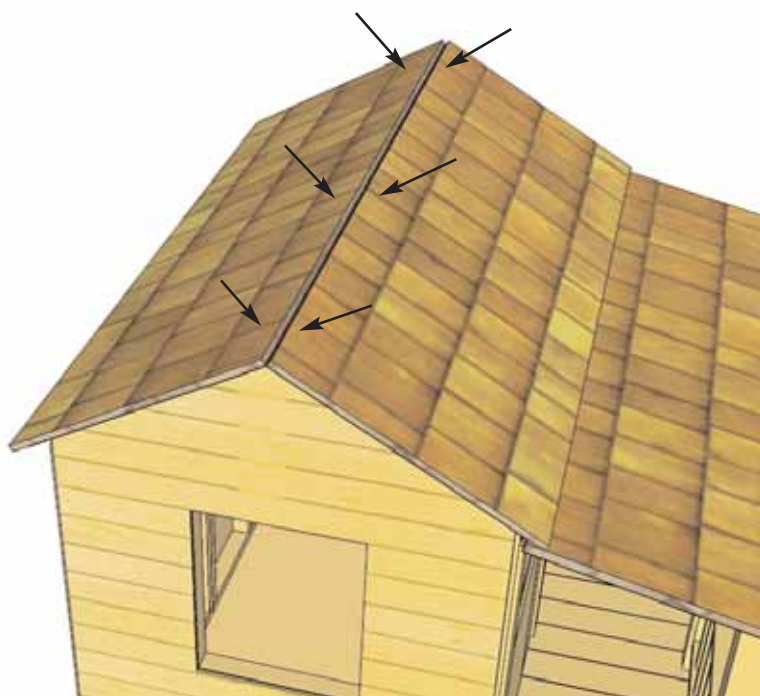


39. Place Porch Roof on Porch Rafters and slide up under Front Roof Panel until flush against playhouse wall. Make sure Porch Roof is evenly positioned from left to right as well.

40. From the inside of playhouse, complete the securing of the Front and Rear Roof Panels that were previously tacked down in **Steps 37-38**. Place 4- 3" screws from top wall framing on an angle into roof battens per side.



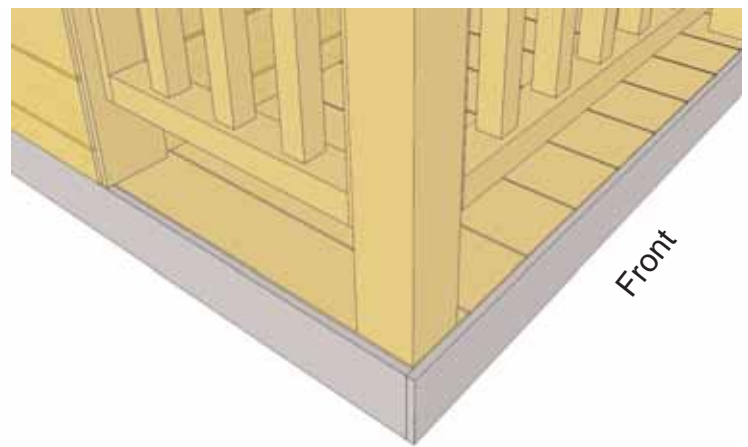
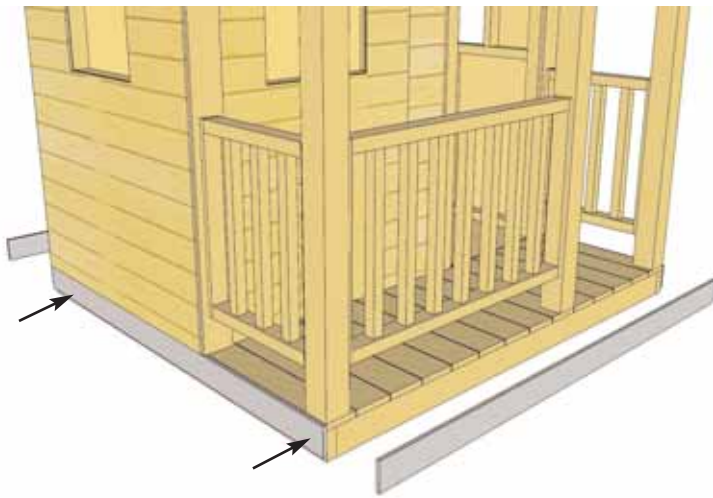
41. Using 1 1/2" screws, secure Porch Roof Panel to each Porch Rafters from underneath.



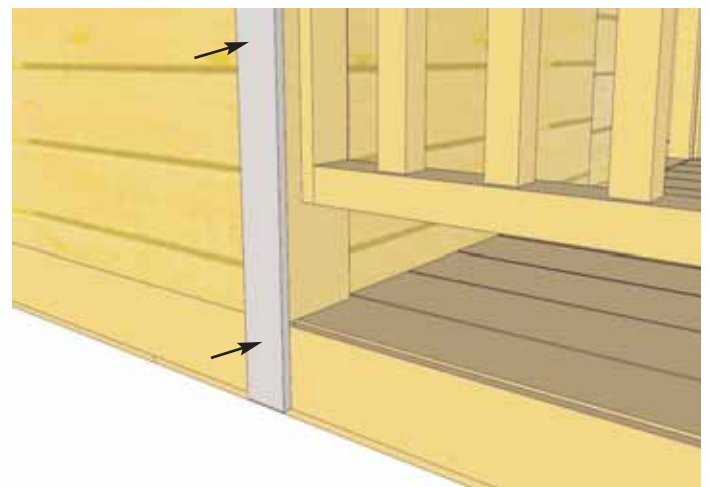
42. To complete Roof Section, attach Front and Rear Roof Panels from the top into the Roof Ridge Beam with 3 - 3" screws per panel.

Important- Make sure screws are angled so they are concealed completely into the Ridge Beam. Exposed screws could seriously harm a child or adult while standing up inside unit. Do a physical inspection inside the playhouse for all exposed screws and remove as required at this point.

E. Miscellaneous Section



43. Attach **Bottom Skirting** around the base of the playhouse. There are Front and Rear Skirting Pieces 76" long and Side Skirting Pieces 70" long. Starting with Side Skirting, attach with 6- 1 1/2" screws per piece. Position flush underneath wall siding. Complete Front and Rear Skirting with 6 screws also.



44. Attach Narrow Wall Trim on both Gable Side Window Wall Panels using 6 finishing nails per piece. Position Narrow Wall Trim so it caps Front Corner Wide Trim. See Step 46. for correct alignment.



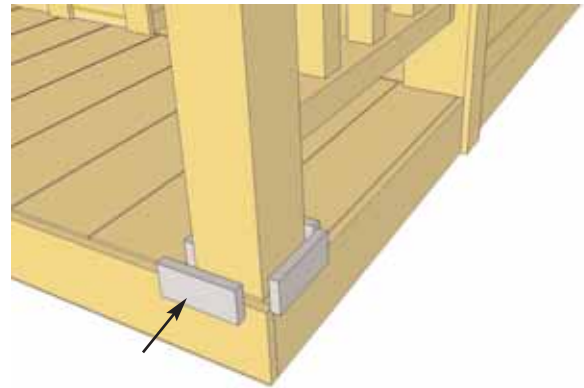
45. Attach Rear Narrow Wall Trim (64"long) and Porch Narrow Trim (59" long) where seam of of walls come together. Use 6 finishing nails per piece to secure.



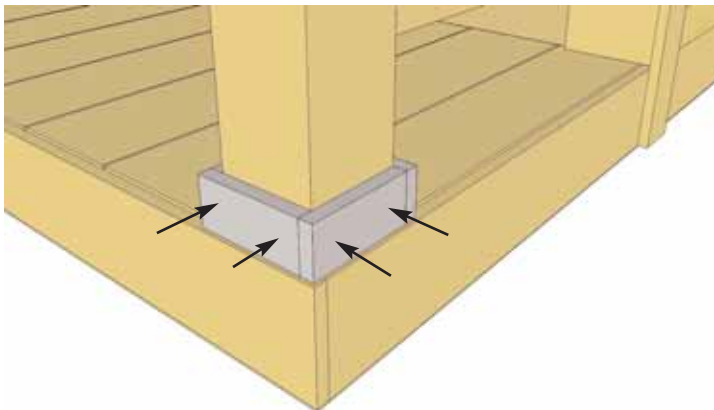
46. Position Side Fascia Trims on ends of roof battens. Align tight against roofing felt and so both Fascia Trims meet evenly at the peak. Attach with 4 finishing nails per piece.



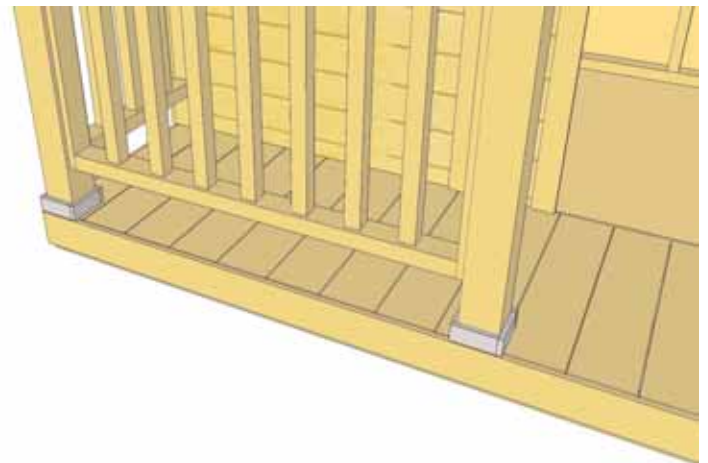
47. Position Porch Fascia Trims on ends of Porch roof battens. Align tight against roofing felt and flush with front batten. Attach with 4 finishing nails per piece.

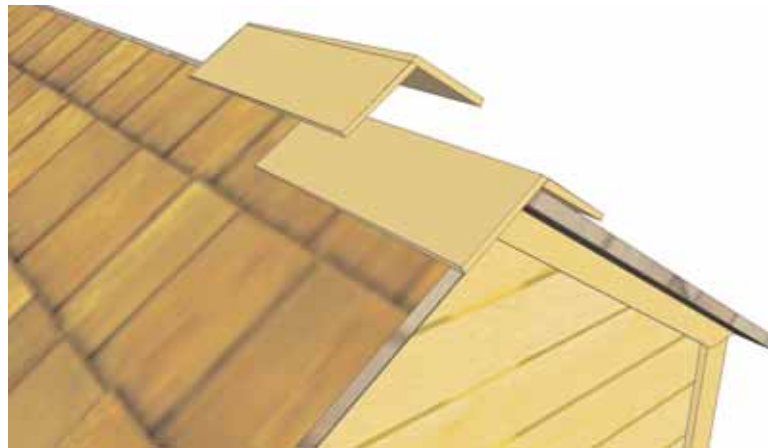
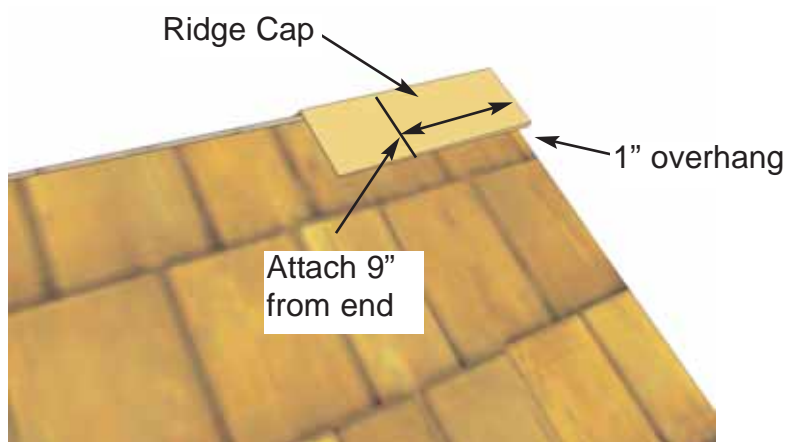


48. Locate Porch Post Base Trims (4 per Post) and position in a windmill fashion around the base of the posts.

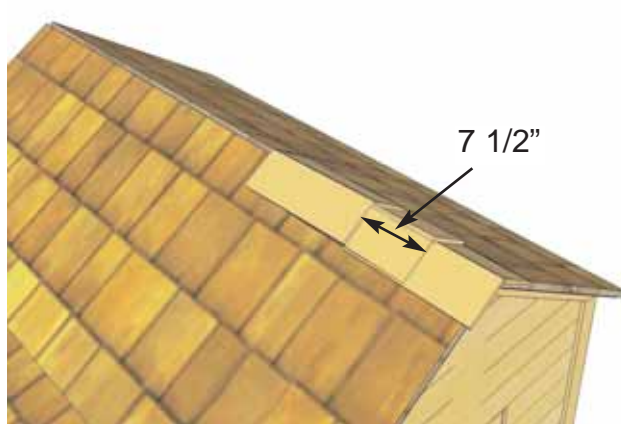
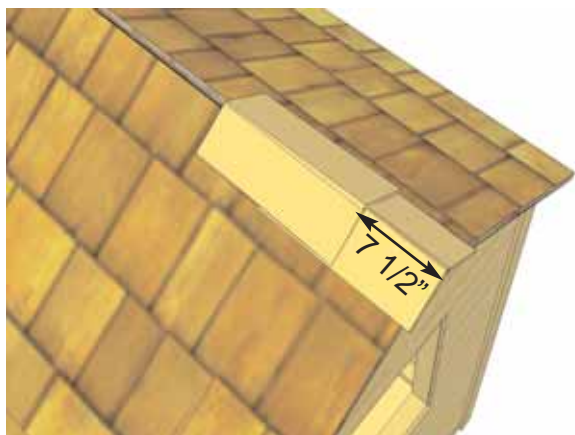


49. Attach Porch Post Base Trims with 2 finishing nails per piece. Complete all trims around all Porch Posts.

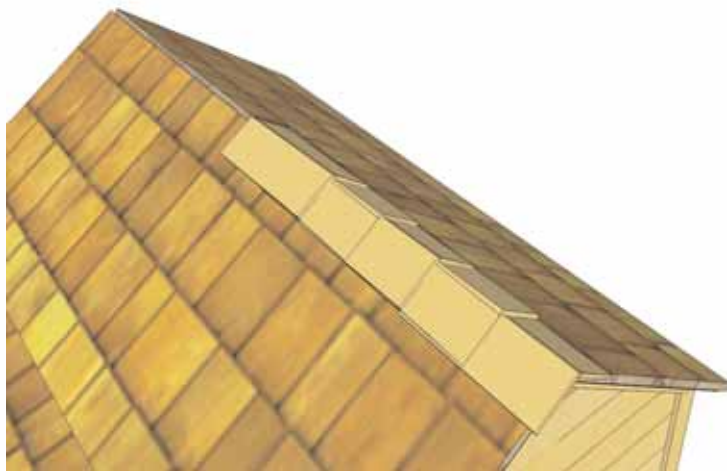
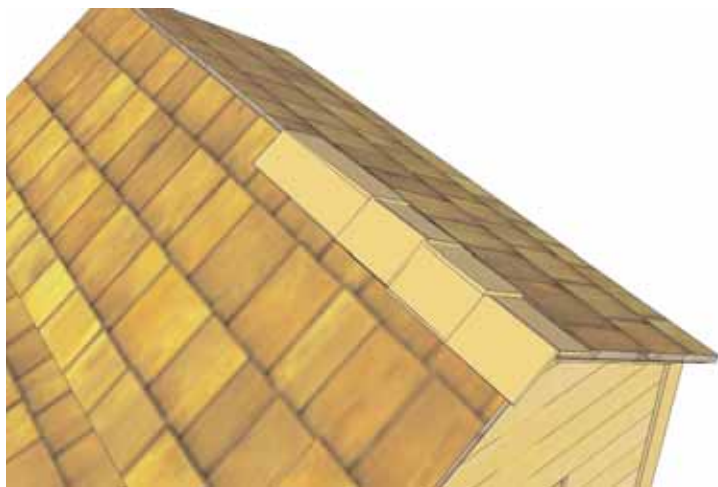




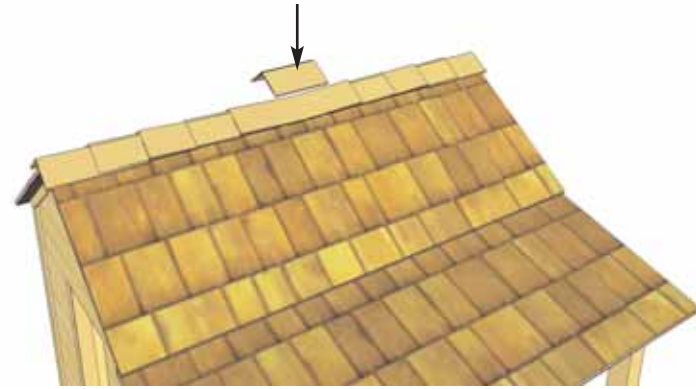
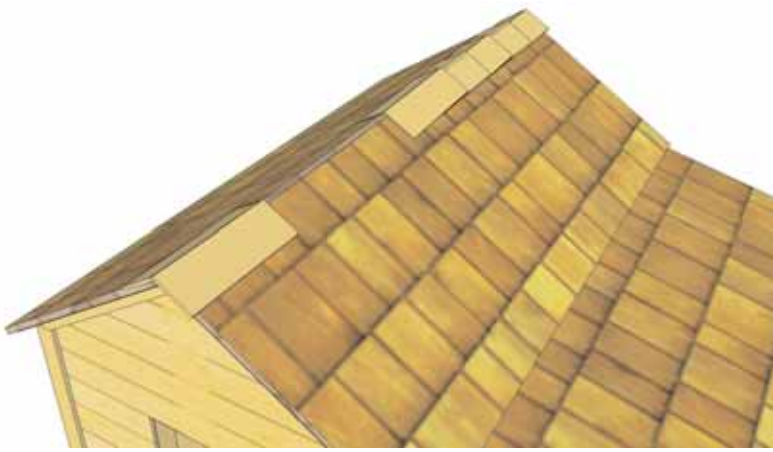
50. Place First Roof Ridge Cap on roof peak overhanging shingles by approximately 1". Attach with 2 - 1 1/4" Shingle Nails 9" from end with 2 - 1 1/4" Shingle Nails. Place 2nd Ridge Cap on roof peak. There are left/right Ridge Caps, alternate each Ridge Cap as you proceed.



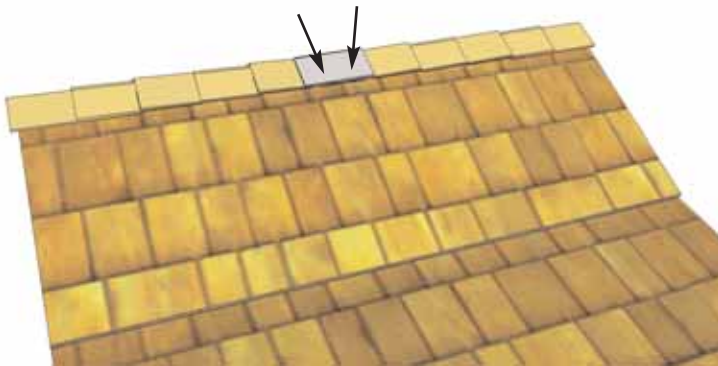
51. Attach 2nd Ridge Cap 9" from end with 2 - 1 1/4" Shingle Nails. Place 3rd Ridge Cap on Roof Peak.



52. Continue to position and attach Ridge Caps as per **Steps 50 -51** until half roof is complete.

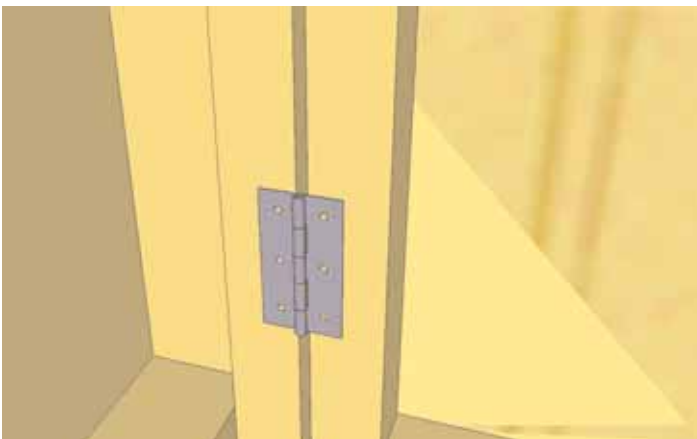


53. From opposite side, position and attach Ridge Caps as per **Steps 50-52**. Score/cut 1 Ridge Cap to 12" or to fit in the center of roof.

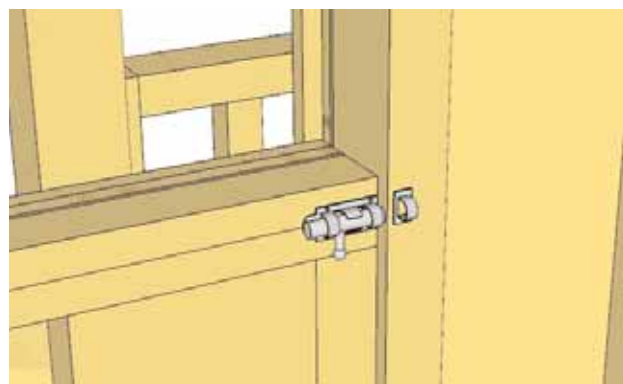


54. Attach center cap with 4 - 1 1/4" Shingle Nails.

55. Position Bottom Door Panel in door opening. Framing of door should be flush with door jamb. Leave a 1/4" gap between floor and bottom door.

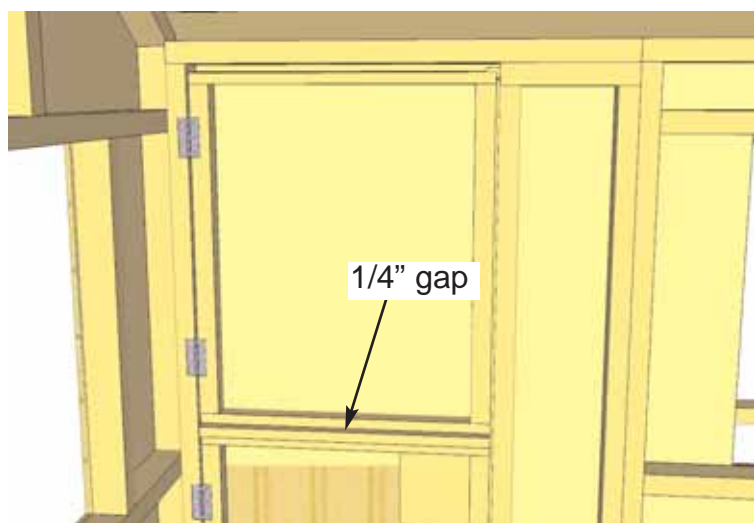


56. With Door correctly position, attach Hinges to Door Jamb and door framing with 3/4" Silver Screws. Before completely securing all screws, check door alignment by opening and closing door. Adjust hinges as necessary.

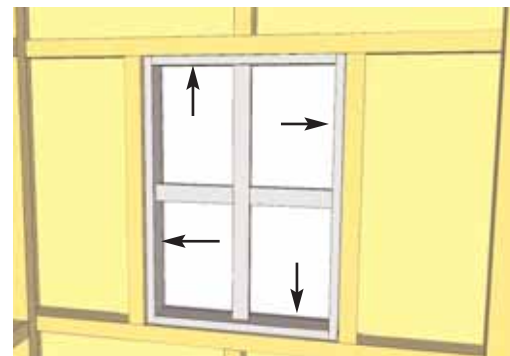


57. Attach **Door Handle**, and **Interior Barrel Bolt** to door with hardware provided. When mounting Interior Barrel Bolt, align door with Narrow Wall vertical wall framing and mark location. Drill with a 3/8" bit.

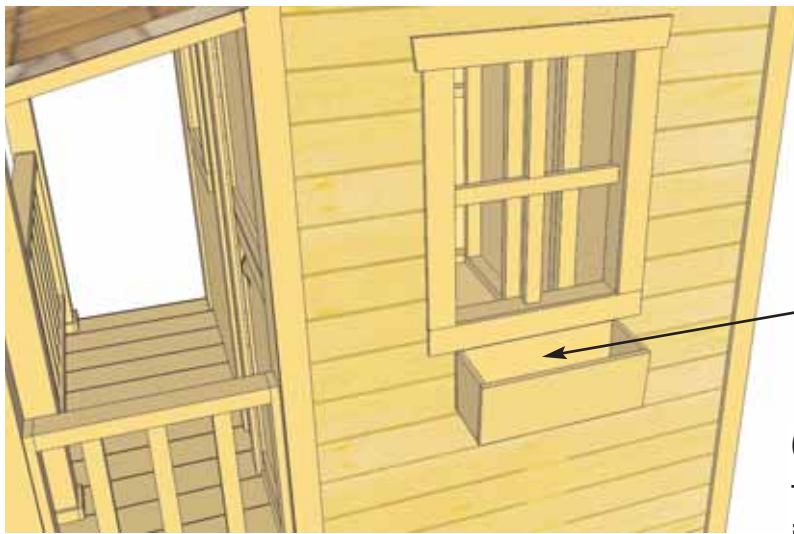
Optional Top Door Attachment



58. To attach Optional Top Door, follow same procedure as for Bottom Door. Leave 1/4" gap between doors. **Note**, to attach door hardware, follow instructions found in hardware kit. The bottom door has precut slot to accommodate the door handle thumb latch. When mounting Interior Barrel Bolt, align doors so they are in the proper closed position and mark location. Drill with a 3/8" bit. Use hardware provided in each kit.



59. Locate **Window Inserts**. Place Window Insert into wall opening tight to wall siding. On the inside, shim Window Insert evenly in cavity. Kits include one additional shingle for shimming of the window. When properly positioned, secure Window Insert to wall framing cavity with 4 - 1 1/2" screws.



60. Attach Window Boxes below bottom of window frame with 2 - 2" screw per box. Screw from inside of box into the center wall stud. Attach second screw 2" below top screw.

2- 2" screws in center wall stud.

61. Finally, assemble your complimentary Kids Table and Chairs. Follow the detailed assembly instructions found in the table kit box.

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