

Shed Building Checklist

7 Things that must be done before building your new storage shed.

1-Check For Building Restrictions: Check with your city or county building department for accessory building requirements or building permits. Make sure to complete any requirements that affect your project before building. Things like maximum square footage and heights, minimum building setbacks from property lines and existing structures and wind anchoring for areas with high winds are the types of things that need to be considered before picking the shed plan to build.

2-Choose Your Shed: Pick out the shed design and size that best fits your Storage and Design needs. Get a materials list so you can find out the cost of materials.

3-Get cost estimates: Use the free materials list on each respective shed plans page. TIP: You can turn in several different shed materials lists into the lumber salesperson at the same time. If you are hiring out the construction you will want to contact at least 3 contractors that have good references to bid the cost of construction.

4-Determine your shed building budget: Make sure that you have enough money to complete your shed. The larger the shed and the more elaborate the shed interior and exterior finishes are the more costly the shed will be. If the shed is built on sloping ground you may need to install concrete piers and beams to build the shed on. These are the types of things that need to be assessed and included in your shed building budget.

5-Pick the spot to build your shed: Layout the shed location in your yard or garden. This can be as simple as taking your garden hose and using it to mark the outline of the shed floor on your grass or you can use 4 stakes hammered into the grass. If you need to make a plot plan we have a How To Make A Plot Plan tutorial here. Seeing the shed marked on the ground will give you a feel for its size and how it will affect the space you are building it in.

6-Learn about shed building: You can read this tutorial and view our shed building videos to learn as much as possible before lifting any tools. All of our shed plans come with our FREE How To Build A Shed Manual which teaches you how to build all the different parts of your shed including, foundation and floor framing, wall framing, rafter building for all our different rafter styles, installing siding, building the roof and door.

7-Order The Building Materials: Pick the lumber yard you want to work with and order the materials to build the shed with. After getting the best price for your materials you are ready to order the materials. If you don't have a way to get the lumber home you can have the lumber yard deliver the materials.

8-Start Building Your Shed Today! Follow the step by step How To Build A Shed instructions and videos to build your new storage shed!

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