

Victorian Playhouse Manual

6x8 and 8x8



Tools Needed:

- Cordless Drill (12V or higher)
- #2 Square Drive Bit
- Hammer
- 6' Step Ladder
- Tape Measure
- Square utility knife
w/ blade & hook blade
- Speed Square



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1



Lay (2) 4x4 flooring sections side by side. Make sure it is on a level area.

2



Make sure the plywood is even before fastening! If it is not you will have an uneven floor.

3



Screw the sections together. Put one screw towards the plywood, and the other toward the top. Put 4 screws on each side roughly 8"-10" apart.

4



Next add additional sections. Note: 8x8 floor will be larger.

5



Again, make sure the plywood is even or you will have an uneven floor.

6



Fasten these in the same manner. Space screws in sets of two 8"-10" apart.

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This shows optional 4x4 runners, you will need three in order to have one under the joint. If you use only 2 the floor will sag. Note: these aid in moving the building later, but are optional, unless you are adding the deck & rail, then you MUST add them or the child door will not clear the deck.

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Turn the floor on the back with the plywood facing up. Make certain the ground is level where the floor sets or you may have problems with the panels or roof.

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Install section A.

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make sure it is even with the edge of the floor.

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Push the wall in as shown so the siding is against the floor. Fasten the panel to the floor.

12



Install header block B.

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Fasten, make sure it is even on top.

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Install panel C onto the header block.

15



Measure from 2x3 to 2x3 in the doorway. not from the door stops. This should measure 20".

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Fasten panel C.

17



Fasten front of the header block.

18



Note: the edge on panel D. Panel E's edge will fit over panel D.

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Fasten this panel.

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Install panel E to panel D.

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Fasten onto the floor.

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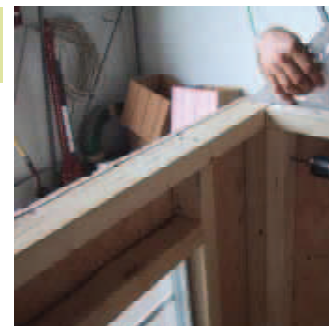
Install panel F. Keep top even with the other panel.

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Keep the siding in against the floor

24



Install panel G, keep level with the other panel.

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The edge of panel G will fit over panel F.

26



Make sure these are even, and fasten on top.
Note: If your floor is uneven, it may start to show up here.

27



Fasten on the bottom.

28



Fasten 1 screw approximately 8"-10" apart from each other.

29



Fasten panels H&I to each other. Make sure they are even on the bottom. Fasten. Piece may bow slightly, this can be made straight in the following steps.

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Fasten the top together.

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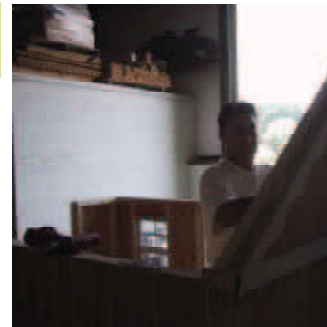


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Push in the top of the gingerbread together and fasten.

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Install these on top of panels G&F.

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Align, mark by the edge of the 2x3 and put a screw in to hold in place. Note: If there is no mark you can measure in 5.5" and make your own mark.

34



Have someone push the trim in against the siding. This will take the bow out of the top piece.

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While the other person pushes from the outside, fasten on the inside. Put screws on either side of the splice. Do this on both splices.

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Install panel J.

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Install panel K.

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Next fasten panels L&M together. Note keep the edge even. This will be the top of the door so this is very important.

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Put these on top of panels J & K.

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Keep the edge of the door frame even and push in trim against the siding.

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Do the same thing on the other side of the door.

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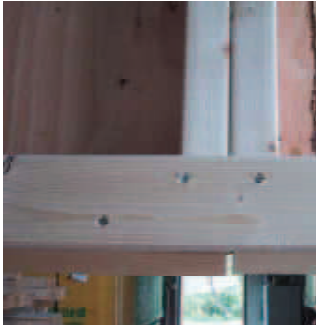
Install (3) 2x3x36" pieces over top of the door and sides over joints. This will provide strength for the door. Keep even with the edge of the door.

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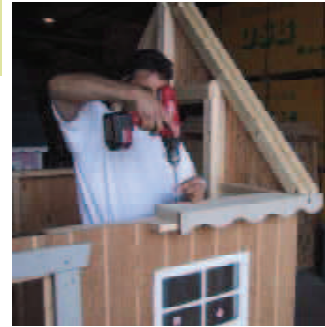


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Install screws over the joints as shown.

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Install 2x6 gingerbread, match sets of 3 with numbers on the pieces.

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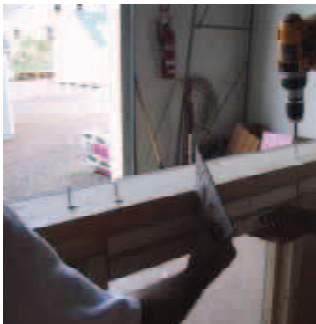
Install the other side.

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Next install the center piece.

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Note: the speed square will keep these edges even. Fasten, be sure to use enough screws.

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Fasten the 1x3 to the center section using black screws. This will straighten the 2x6 and make it stronger.

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Put the truss angles together. Note: 8x6 angles are the same, but you will need to match the correct 8x8 angles that match the truss scabs. Do not use the rear truss it is slightly shorter.

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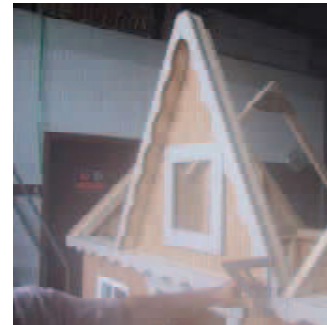
Fasten the truss scabs, keep top even. Install one scab on either side of the truss.

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Install the trusses in the premarked spots. Place them to the edge of the 2x6 as the picture shows, not on the gingerbread.

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Install dormer piece. Keep gingerbread even in the front.

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Fasten the dormer.

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Fasten the dormer on the inside.

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Fasten 2 pieces together to form a T-bar. Use premarked center to make sure it is centered. Make sure to use the correct pieces.

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Slide the T-bar piece on top of the dormer, and in between trusses.

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Slide to the front against the gingerbread and fasten.

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Center the T-bar on the trusses and fasten.

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Install the rear truss centered between the trusses and on the T-bar.

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Now fasten the rear truss.

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Put 4x4 piece of OSB on trusses. Fasten only on the bottom outside corners. Use black headed screws.

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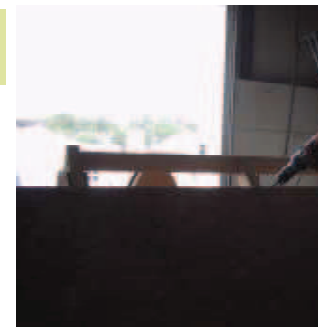
Install the next piece of OSB.

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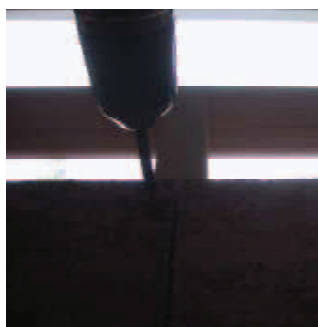
Fasten only on the bottom outside edges.

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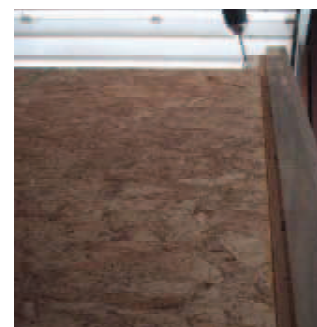
VERY IMPORTANT: Center the OSB on the rear truss. A mistake here will throw the whole roof off!

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Once centered as the picture shows fasten. The rear truss must be in the center of the overall building.

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Then fasten onto the edgewall truss. Note the gap between the 2x2 and OSB. The picture shows as it should look. Then fasten onto the rest of the truss.

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Install the top 2 sheets. Install the front dormer piece.

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Fasten this piece on the bottom.

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There should be a gap between the 2x2 and OSB like there was on the back side.

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Install the front piece of OSB with angle cut. Note: see how it "shoot's up" into the corner of the T-bar. Next install the top piece.

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Install the dormer piece and fasten. Then repeat the steps on the other side of the dormer.

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These are the V-channel roof braces.

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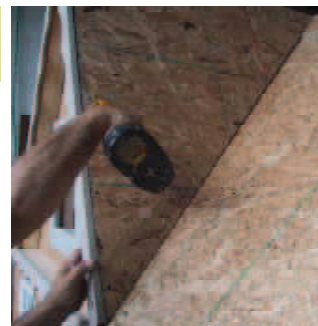


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Have someone hold these in place from the inside. Make sure all 3 pieces of OSB are included with the correct angle of the V-brace to the top of the roof.

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Fasten using black headed screws from the top.

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Next install the dripedge, purchased at a local home improvement store.

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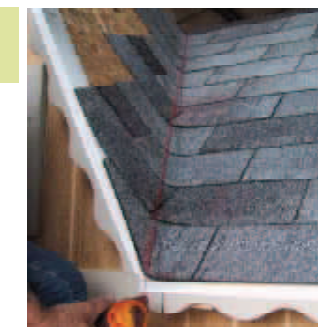
Next cut the tabs off of the shingles and install a starter strip. Use 3/4" roofing nails.

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Install more shingles allowing them to go up the dormer as pictured.

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When you have installed the shingles up one side, snap a chalk line down the center of the valley.

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Install the shingles on the dormer side, then use the hook knife to cut the excess shingles. Do not cut into the next layer of shingles. Do this on both sides.

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Next shingle the back side.

81



Cut pieces for the ridge cap. See instructions on the shingle package. A regular utility knife will work good to cut this, cut the shingles from the back side. Then install on the top using 7/8" roofing nails.

82



When you reach the center make the cuts as the picture shows.

83



Install more ridge caps making cuts as needed.

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Cut a ridge cap with a rounded edge as pictured and install.

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Finish the ridge cap with the tab as pictured.

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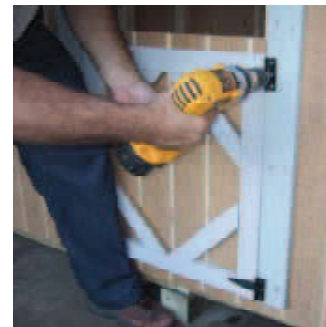
Install the small pieces of siding beneath the door.

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Place the provided spacer bar by edge.

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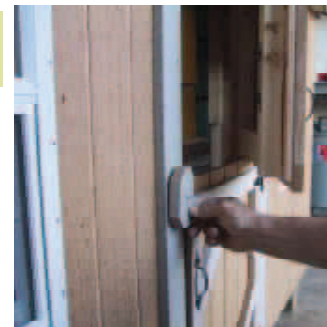
Place the door on the spacer bar. Fasten using only one screw per hinge. This way if adjustments are needed you will not have to undo all of the screws.

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Next install the top door piece. Try to center the door between the header block and the bottom door. If both doors work well, install the rest of the screw and remove the spacer bar.

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Install the 3 door pulls and turner knob.

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Install the top door piece on the large door.

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Install the siding beneath the door and put the spacer bar on top. You may have to screw it in place to keep it from sliding away since it is a larger door.

93



Measure 34" between the door. You may have to loosen back wall slightly to obtain this measurement. Install the top of the door, centering between the top door trim and the bottom half of the door.

94



Install the latch.

95



Install the shutters, then the top of the window and the flowerboxes.

96



Install the heart window using the small OSB strips. Then install the corner trim using small white nails. Be careful to not "wrinkle" the corners when installing.

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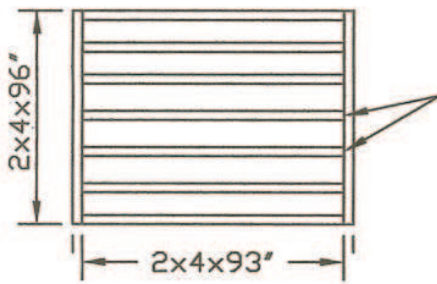


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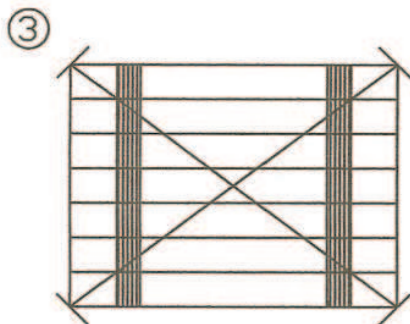
Material List

- 2 - 2x4x96"
- 7 - 2x4x93"
- 2 - 5/8x4x8 sheets plywood
- 2 - 4x4x96" pressure treated runners

- ① First make 2x4 frame exactly 8' x 8'

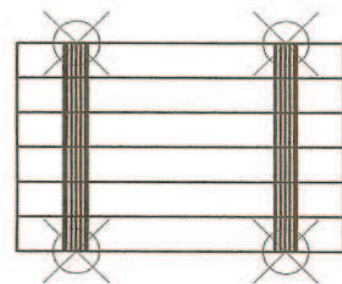


Space these so that the 2x4s are 16" apart from center to center of 2x4s



Next measure from corner to corner. These measurements must be the same in order to be square!!!!

- ② You can set 4x4s in 1 foot from edge of frame



Place 2 - 4x4s underneath frame. Fasten only by X's initially

- ④ Once the frame is square fasten the rest of 2x4s to 4"x4" runners.

- ⑤ Lay 2 sheets of plywood on top of frame and fasten.

Playhouse Deck & Rail



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Playhouse Deck & Rail



1



Layout each floor piece for the floor as shown, then slide together.

2



Once you slide together, fasten with 2 1/2" screws.

3



Install deck in front of playhouse.

4



Set deck up against the playhouse.

5



Use your speed square to make sure rails are flush.

6



Continue installation...

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Fasten with 2 1/2" screws in predrilled holes.

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Fasten top rail just as you did the rail on picture #7.

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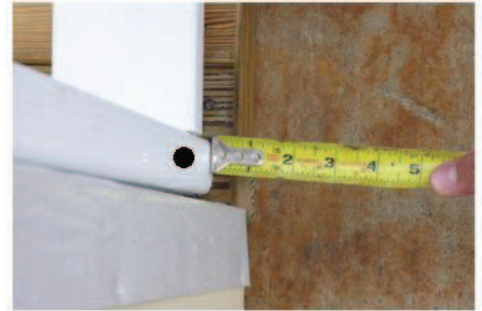


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Set rails on the top of the deck.

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Measure 3/4" from the corner of playhouse and fasten with 2 1/2" screw where the dot is.

11



Fasten post with 2 1/2" screw in at an angle.

12



Measure 1 1/2" from edge of deck and fasten with 2 1/2" screw at an angle where dot is.

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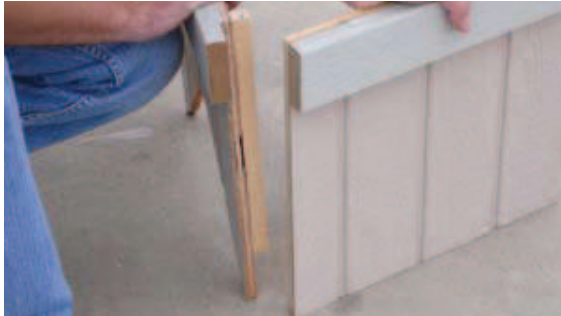


Your finish product!

Chimney Option



1



Locate and prepare to assemble chimney sections.

2



Secure corners of chimney using two (2) 1 1/4" black headed screws per side.

3



Complete chimney assembly.

4



Carefully lift chimney to the roof. Measure inward 6" from end of roof and set chimney in place.

5



Secure chimney to roof using two (2) 2 1/2" screws along base of chimney on both sides.

Playhouse Additional Window



Tools Needed:

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Playhouse Additional Window



1



Install window frame where needed. Fasten with 1 1/2" block head screws.

2



Drill a hole in each corner for routing purpose.

3



This picture you can see the four drilled holes, one in each corner.

4



Use router or saw and cut out where drilled holes are.

5



Use router or saw and cut out where drilled holes are.

6



Continue routing for window opening.

Playhouse Additional Window



7



Secure duratemp to 2x3 frame with 1 1/4" screws.

8



Install window.

9



Secure window with 1 1/4" screws as shown.

10



Install trim and secure with 1 1/4" trim

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Please note: Window above the loft is an option

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1



Place two pieces of loft beside each other.

2



Slide loft pieces together and fasten with screws in front. Make sure loft pieces are tight together or loft may not fit in the house.

3



Turn loft around and fasten with screws from front

4



Use a 36" 2x3 brace to the front bottom of loft. Use plenty of screws.

5



Add a 36" 2x3 brace to the back bottom of the loft.

6



Install the two loft bottoms. This is what the loft will rest on. Install the slanted edge toward the front. From the top of the 2x3 to the floor it should measure 42 1/4".

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9



Install the loft bottom or main piece, this slides on top of the loft bottoms. Fasten this with screws. Make sure it is secure.

10



Install left and right railing. Note how it is fastened on the inside of the 2x6.

11



Install the ladder. Put screws in the top and bottom by the floor. Make sure everything is fastened securely before using.

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You will need to buy the following to complete your 8*8 kit.

5- Bundles shingles (There are usually 3 bundles per square if they want to sell it by the square)

5-10' foot long pieces drip edge with 1" face

Floor-If floor kit was not purchased (Refer to build your own floor instructions) **You must either purchase a floor kit or build your own floor, it does not work to place it directly on the ground.**

Optional-3-Pressure treated 4"*4"*8' **These are NOT optional** if you want to put deck and rail in front of playhouse. Otherwise the child door will hit the deck. These posts are to use beneath the floor. Be sure to use one under the center splice so that the floor does not sag. When building your own floor you only need to use 2-4*4'

Note- Deck and rail are not attached to playhouse. The deck just "sits" in front of the house.

Hardware Box (included with kit)

Use:

3/4" Roofing nails for main part of roof.

7/8" Roofing nails for the ridge cap.

2 1/2" Screws to fasten main parts of playhouse.

1 1/4" Black headed screws to fasten roof and doors.

1" White aluminum nails for outside corner trim.

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