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# ASSEMBLY MANUAL

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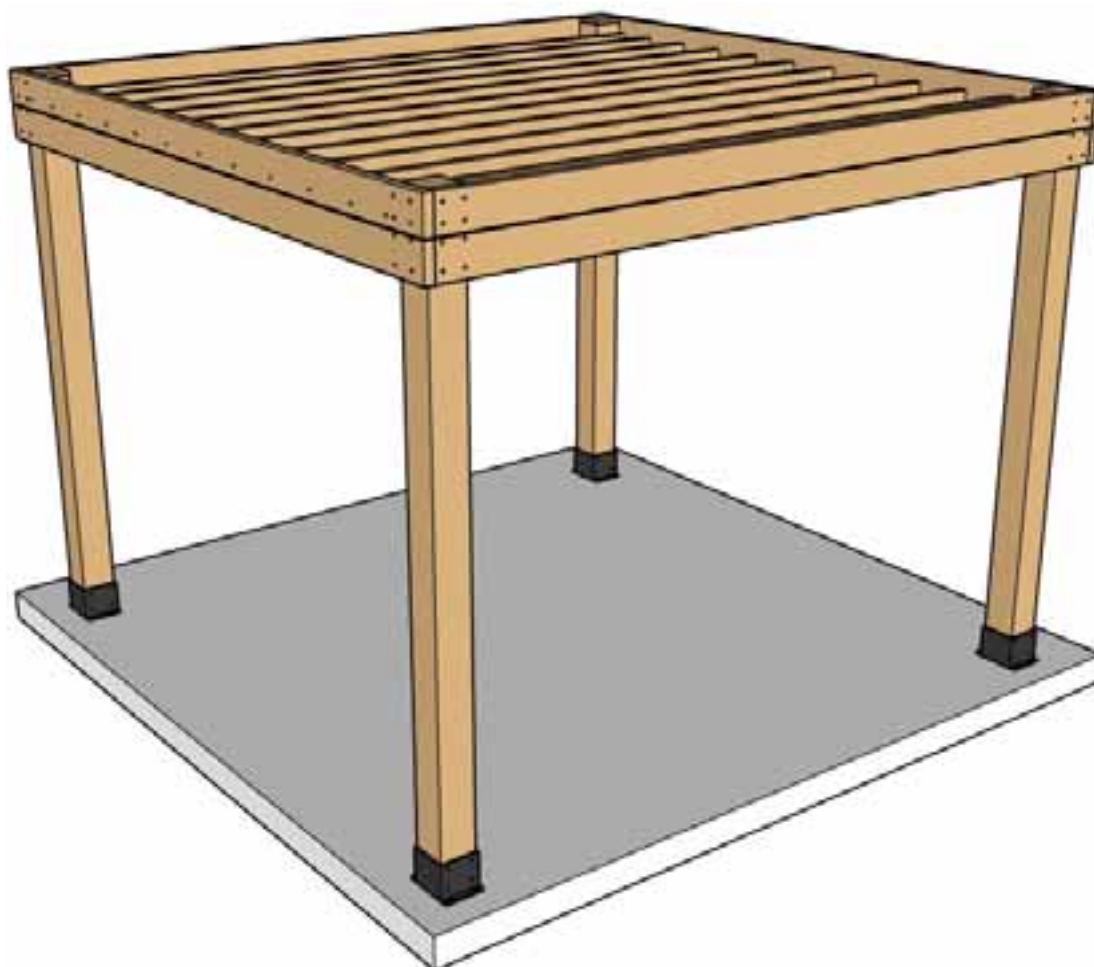
## Urban Escape

Stock Code:

ESCAPE

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# What You Need to Know

Thank you for purchasing a Urban Escape.

*Please take the time to identify all the parts prior to assembly.*

## IMPORTANT INFORMATION

It is the sole responsibility of the customer to check with your local municipal or county by-laws before ordering this product to confirm it complies with building codes in your area.

If the product is elevated, any structural and building code requirements are solely the customer's responsibility, and should be abided by.

All structures purchased from Outdoor Living Today are covered for a period of one year for defects in manufacturing and workmanship. Costs incurred for customer installations are not included.

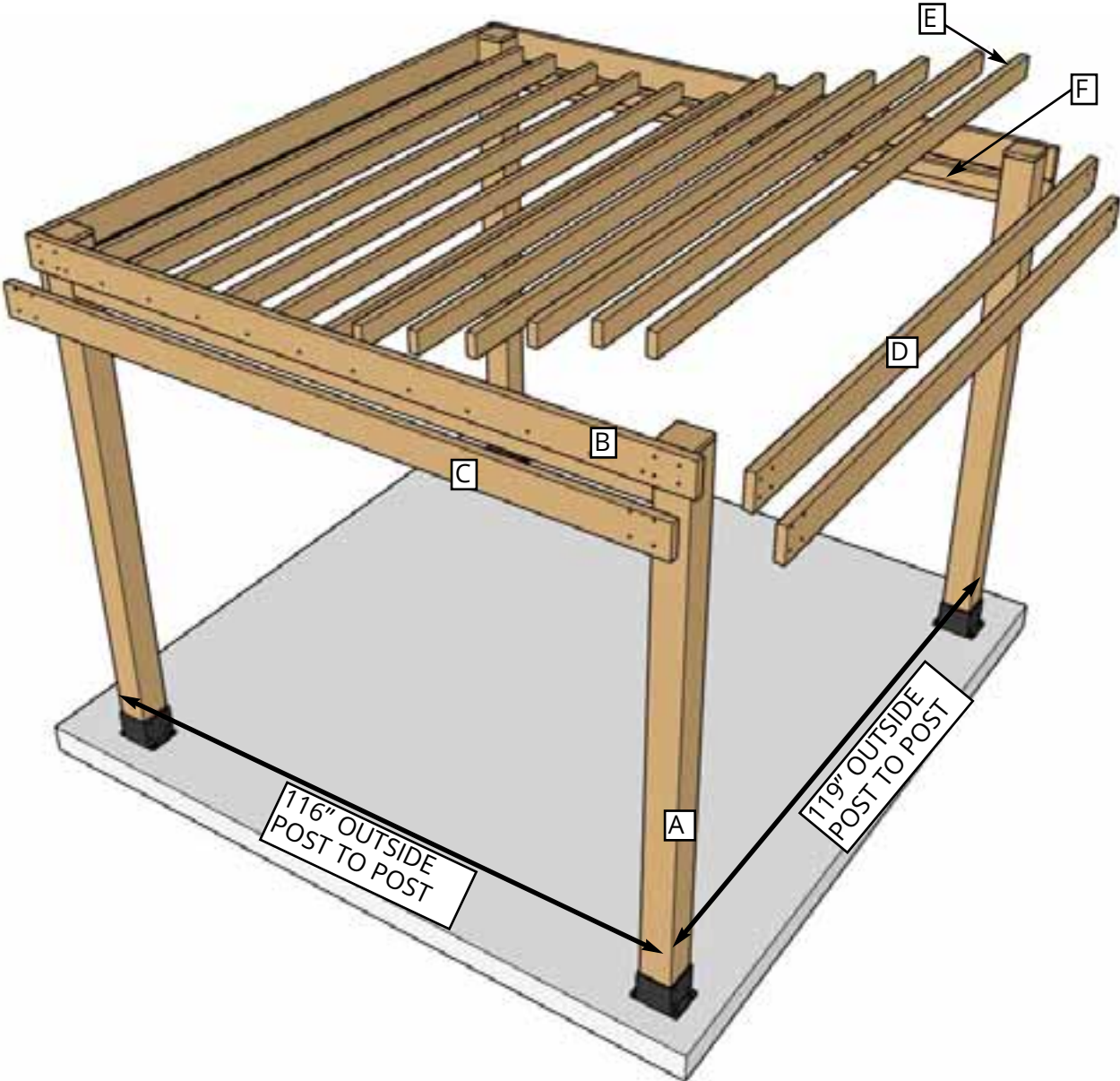
*Failure to use supplied parts included in this kit could result in poor product performance and may void your warranty. Please contact Outdoor Living Today's Customer Toll Free Line if you plan to deviate from our written instructions.*

## Warranty

In the event of a missing or broken piece, please contact Outdoor Living Today Customer Support at [olmsupport@outdoorlivingtoday.com](mailto:olmsupport@outdoorlivingtoday.com) 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.

Customer agrees to hold Outdoor Living Today and any Authorized Dealers free of any liability for improper installation, maintenance and repair.

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| Parts Lists:             |                       | Finished Size |        |      |    | Qty. | Specifications:   |
|--------------------------|-----------------------|---------------|--------|------|----|------|---|
|                          |                       | T             | W      | L    |    |      |   |
| <input type="checkbox"/> | A - Posts             | 5 1/2"        | 5 1/2" | 96"  | 4  |      | Wood Species - Western Red Cedar<br>Grade - Architectural<br>Knotty or Better Posts -<br>Laminated Western Red Cedar -<br>Zinc Plated 4" & 2 1/2" & 2" -<br>Brown Screws 2" Screws -<br>Stainless Steel 2 1/2" Finishing<br>Nails - Stainless Steel |
| <input type="checkbox"/> | B - L&R Girder Top    | 1 1/2"        | 5 1/2" | 119" | 2  |      |   |
| <input type="checkbox"/> | C - L&R Girder Bottom | 1 1/2"        | 5 1/2" | 119" | 2  |      |   |
| <input type="checkbox"/> | D - F&B Girder        | 1 1/2"        | 5 1/2" | 119" | 4  |      |   |
| <input type="checkbox"/> | E - Joists            | 1 1/2"        | 3 1/2" | 119" | 12 |      |   |
| <input type="checkbox"/> | F - Brace             | 1 1/2"        | 2 1/2" | 105" | 2  |      |   |
| <input type="checkbox"/> | Hardware Box          |               |        |      | 1  |      | Overall Outside Dimensions:<br>116" x 119" x 96 3/4"high<br>Height (Ground to Bottom of<br>Girder) 85 1/2"  |
| <input type="checkbox"/> | Post Mount Brackets   |               |        |      | 4  |      |   |
| <input type="checkbox"/> | Assembly Manual       |               |        |      | 1  |      |   |

# URBANESCAPE HARDWARE PACKAGE

## Hardware Kit (Provided)

2 1/2"  96 Pcs.

Square Drive Bit  1 Pc.

Wooden Plugs 

Post Mount Bracket  
4 Pc.



Wooden Spacer  
2 Pcs.



## Tools Required (Not Provided)



Hammer



Screw Gun/Drill



Tape Measure



Wood Clamp



9/16" Wrench



Level



Pliers



Ladders



1/8" & 1/4" Drill Bits

## Safety Equipment Required (Not Provided)



Safety Glasses



Work Gloves

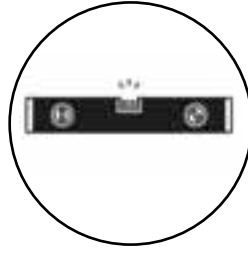
# Helpful Tips for Assembly



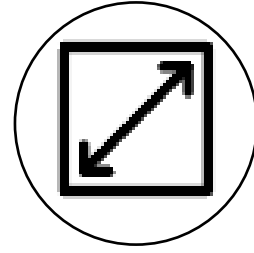
Follow Symbols



Have Helper



Build on Level  
Foundation



Check  
Measurements  
are Square

## SYMBOLS

Throughout this assembly manual, symbols are provided at the top right-hand corner of the assembly step:



### Use Help

Use help where this is shown. Two or more people are required to safely complete this step. To avoid injury or damage to the assembly, make sure to get some help.



### Pre-Drill

Pre-drill a pilot hole before fastening screw or lag to prevent splitting of wood.



### Use a Measuring Tape

Use a measuring tape to assure proper location.



### Use a Clamp

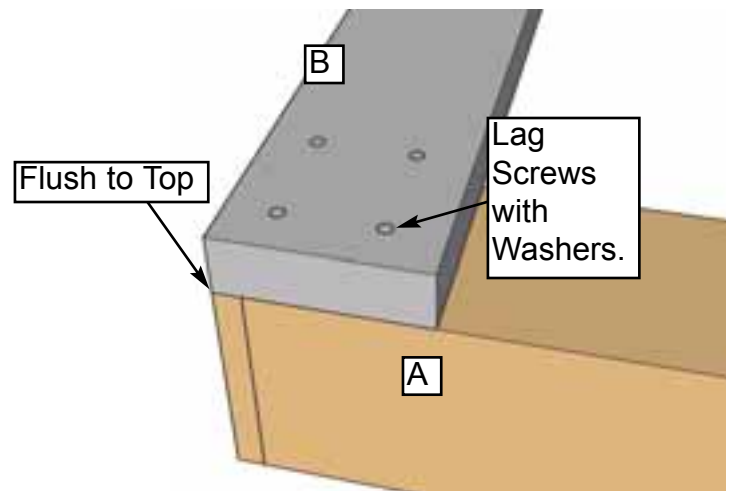
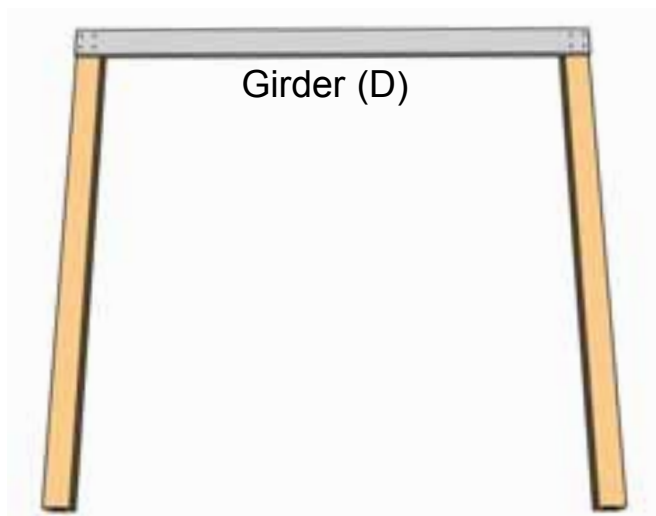
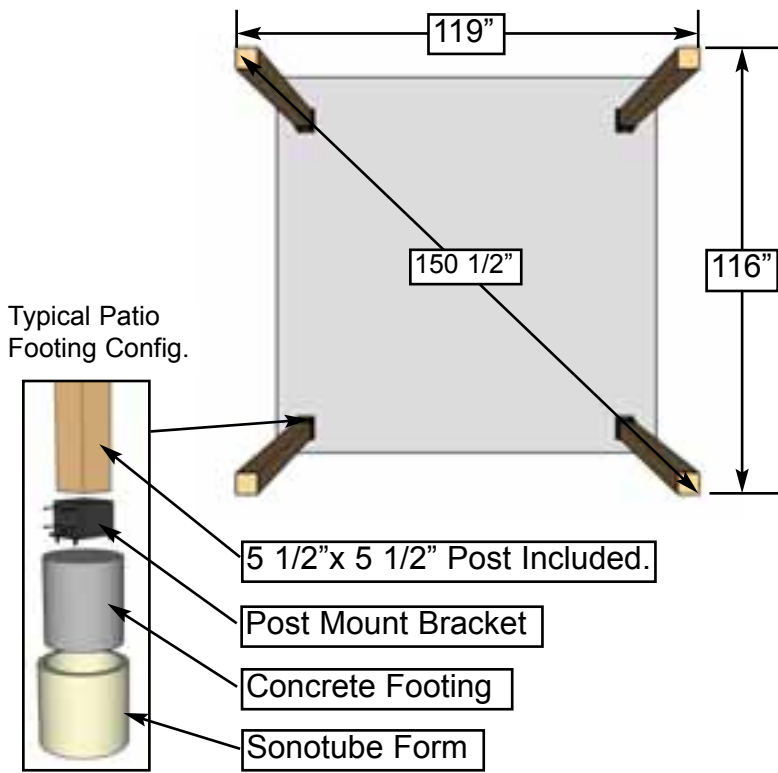
Use a clamp to help fasten parts together.

**Important - Western Red Cedar Lumber and Timbers** will have surface splitting that occurs as lumber seasons and dries to the moisture content in your area. Splitting or "checking", as it is referred to, can be 1/8" to 1/4" wide and can run several feet. This does not diminish the structural integrity of the material in any way.

## Laying out your Footprint

To determine the proper placement of your 5 1/2" x 5 1/2" Posts, see the exploded view on **Page 3** to find the measurements and to determine their correct positions. Outside Post to Post measurements for the **Urban**

**Escape** are: 116" x 119". Inside Diagonal Post to Post measurement is 150 1/2". Take diagonal measurements to check your layout for square. We recommend that you fix Posts to ground using Steel Post Bases or Saddle Brackets fixed on concrete footing. **Note - If attaching Posts to pre-existing deck, we recommend that you follow the manufactures manual of Mounting Brackets for for proper use and instellation.**



**1.** On flat level ground, screw the Top F&B Girder (D) to two Posts (A) flush to the top of Post. Complete 2 sets of Girder/Post Assembly's.

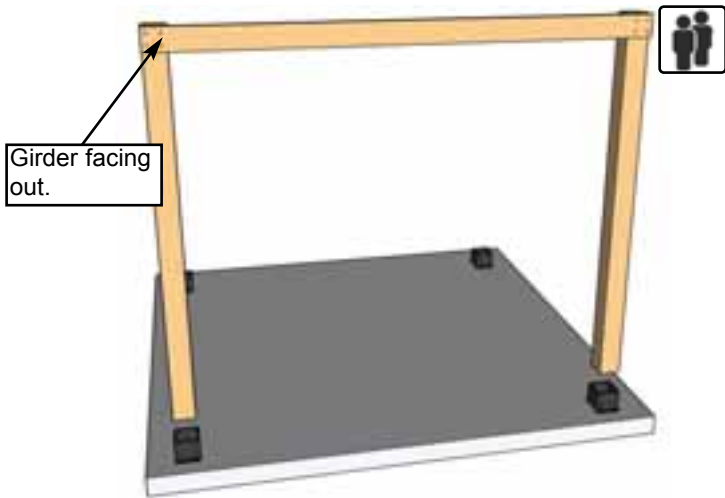
### Pieces:

- 4x Posts  
(5 1/2" x 5 1/2" x 96")
- 2x F&R Girders  
(1 1/2" x 5 1/2" x 119")

### Hardware:

- 16x 2 1/2" Screws

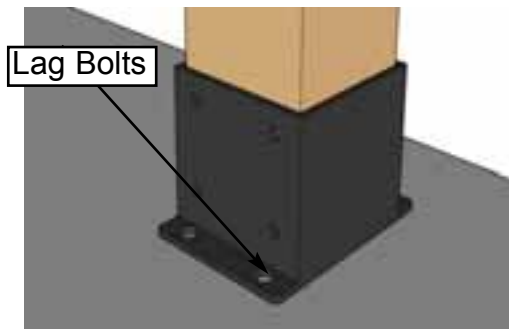
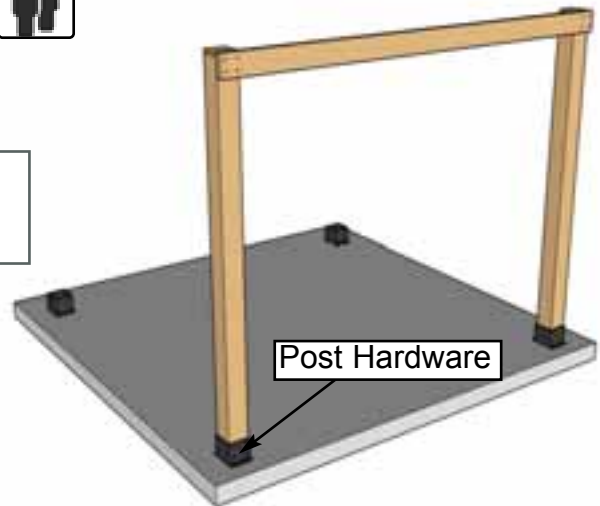




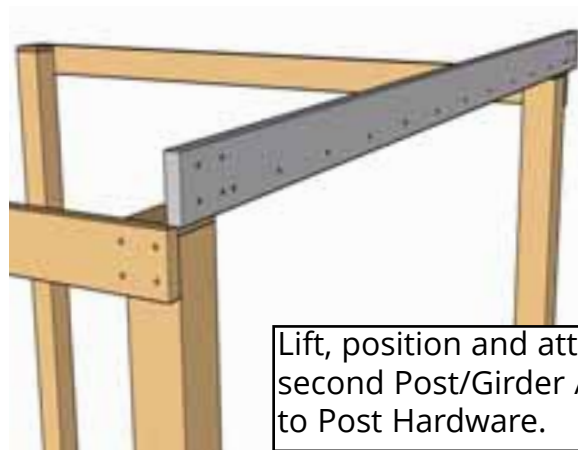
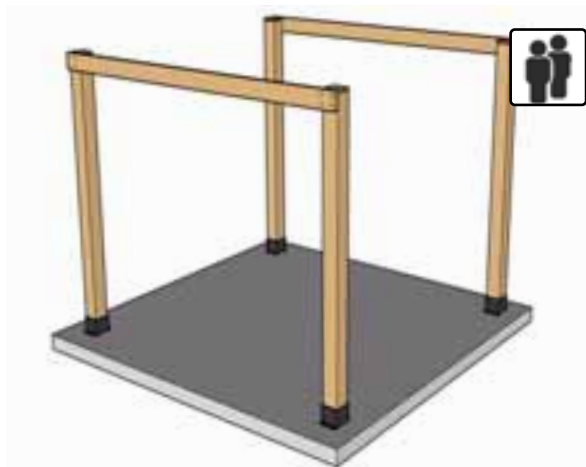
**2.** Lift up a completed Post/Girder Assembly slowly and carefully. Make sure Girder is facing outward. **Important-** You will require the assistance of 2 helpers to support the posts up to **Step 7**.



**3.** If Post Mount Hardware is installed, position bottom of Posts in Hardware.



**4.** Secure Post Hardware with appropriate hardware such as lag bolts or a sufficient number of screws. **refer to manufactures manual appropriate hardware.**

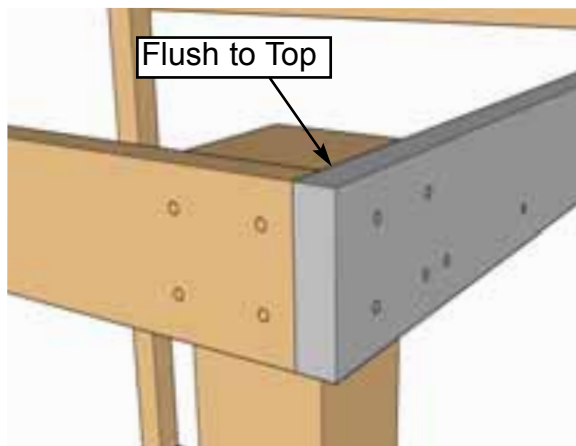
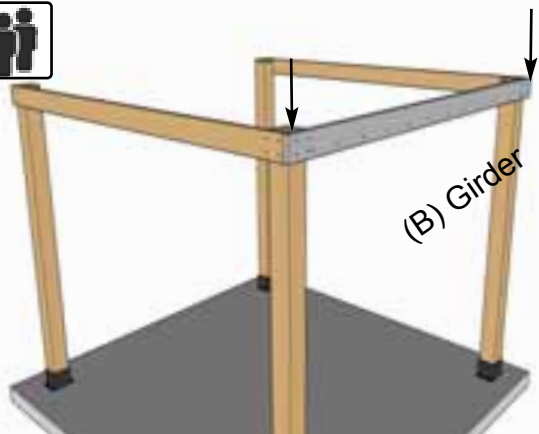


**5.** Locate **L&R Top Girder (B)** and lift up between both completed Post/Girder Assembly's.

**Pieces:**

- 2x L&R Top Girder  
(1 1/2" x 5 1/2" x 119")

**Hardware:**



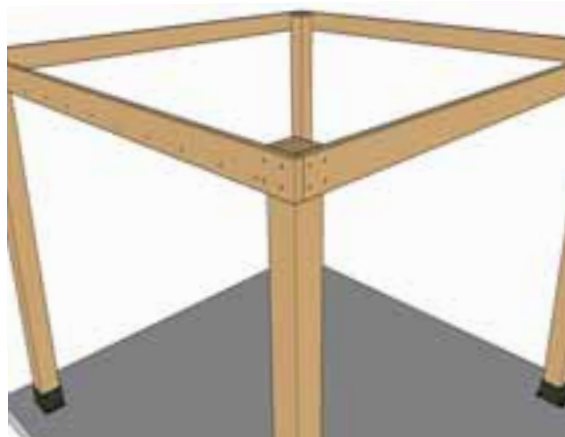
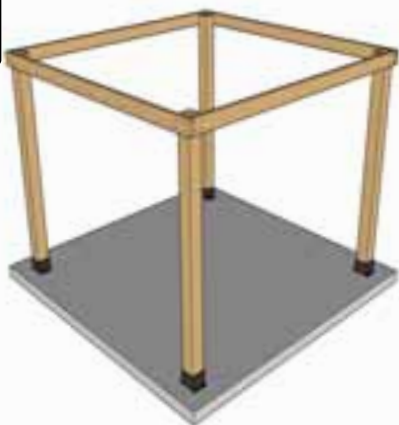
**6.** With help line **L&R Top Girder (B)** flush to the top of the post and already attached **Girders (D)** then attach with **2 1/2" screws**

**Pieces:**

- 2x L&R Top Girder  
(1 1/2" x 5 1/2" x 119")

**Hardware:**

- 8x 2 1/2" Screws



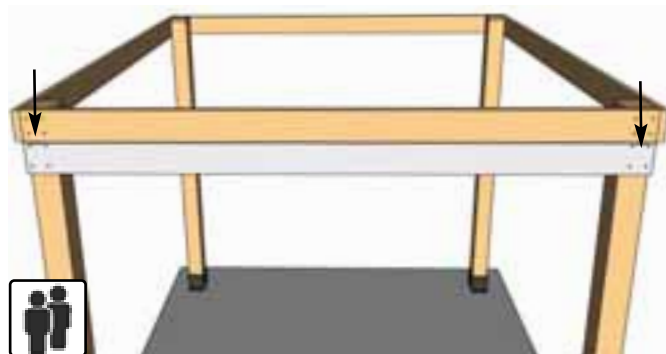
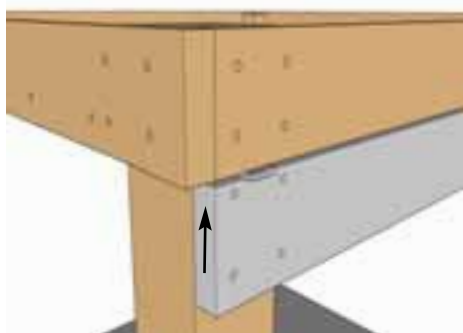
**7.** Lift, position and secure the Second **L&R Top Girder (B)** to Posts.

**Pieces:**

- 2x L&R Top Girder  
(1 1/2" x 5 1/2" x 119")

**Hardware:**

- 8x 2 1/2" Screws



**8.** Locate wooden Spacers and second **F&B Girder (D)**, position spacers between both top and bottom girders at both ends. Push bottom Girder tight up against to wooden spacer then Secure Girder with Lag screws

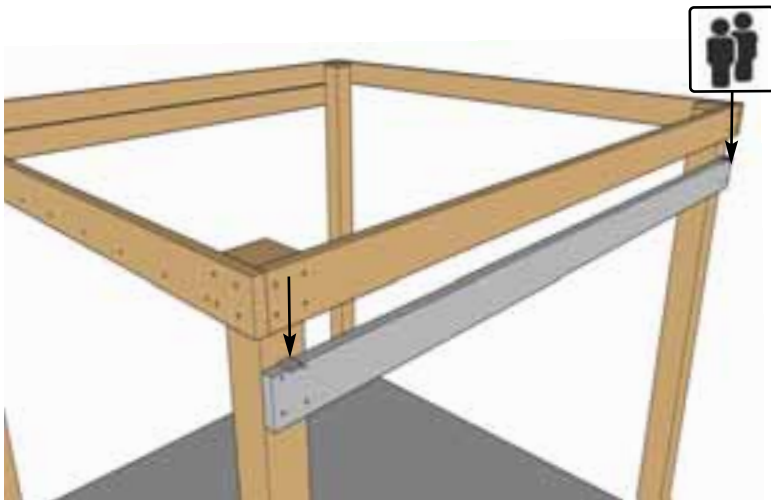
**Pieces:**

- 2x F&B Girders  
(1 1/2" x 5 1/2" x 119")

**Hardware:**

- 16x 2 1/2" Screws  
- 2x Wooden Spacer





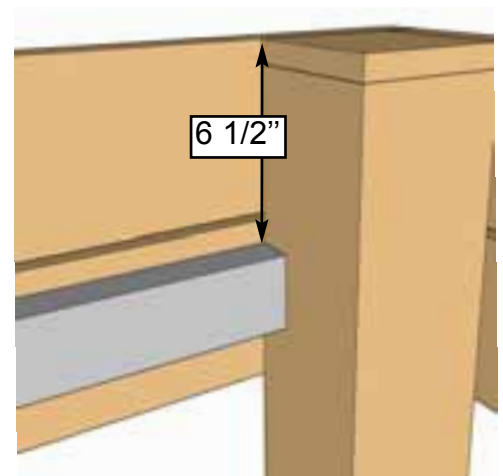
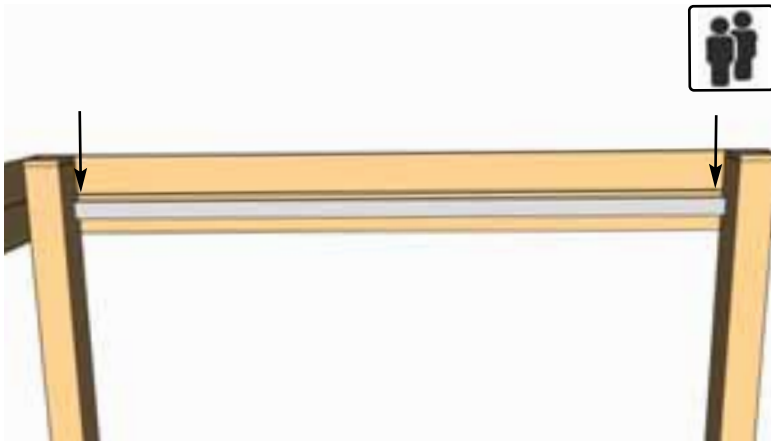
**9.** Continue repeating steps 5 - 8 for L&R Bottom Girders (C)

**Pieces:**

- 2x L&R Bottom Girder  
(1 1/2" x 5 1/2" x 119")

**Hardware:**

- 24x 2 1/2" Screws
- 2x Wooden Spacer



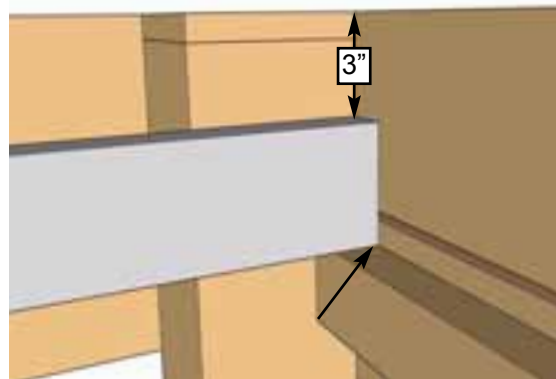
**10.** Find the **Braces (F)** and with help place on the inside of **L&R Bottom Girders**. The Brace should be 6 1/2" from the top of the post. **Note:** pre drill to prevent wood from splitting using a 1/8th drill bit

**Pieces:**

- 2x Brace  
(1 1/2" x 2 1/2" x 105")

**Hardware:**

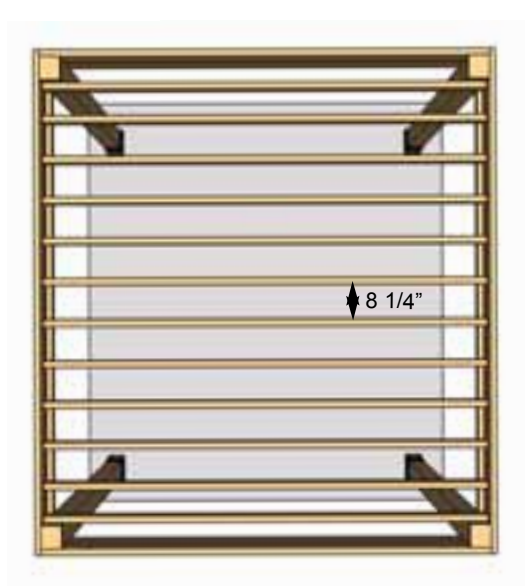
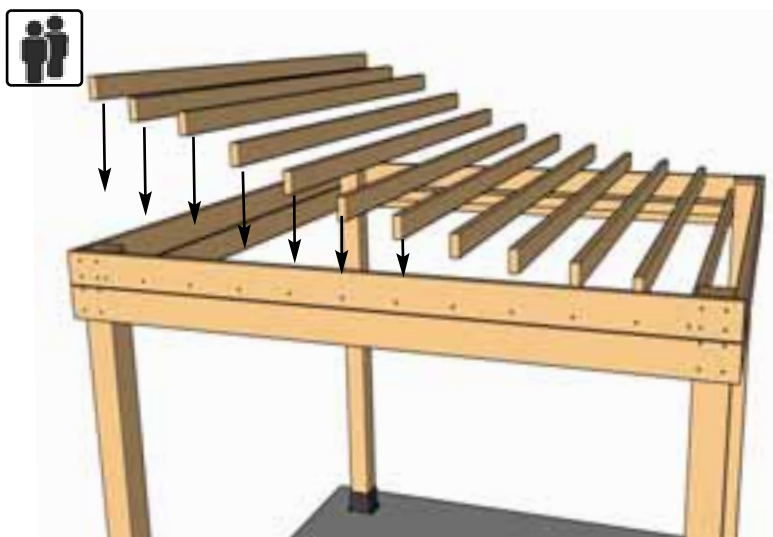
- 8x 2 1/2" Structural Screws



**11.** After all Braces have been installed locate **Joists (E)**. Position first Joist flush to inside of post 3" from top of the post have joist resting on Braces. **Note:** Joists should be in line with pre drilled holes on the **L&R Top Girders**.

**Pieces:**  
- 12x Joist  
(1 1/2" x 3 1/2" x 119")

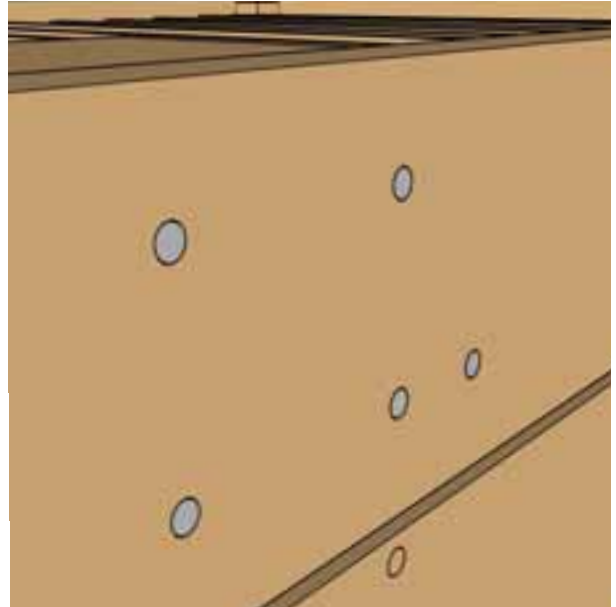
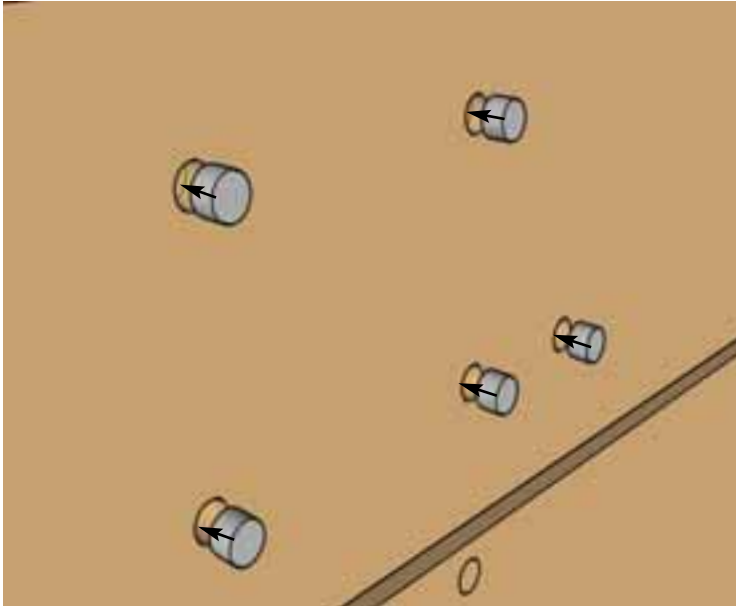
**Hardware:**  
- 24x 2 1/2" Structural Screws



**12.** Place all remaining Joists in between the Girders spacing each **approximately 8 1/4"** apart.

**Pieces:**  
- 12x Joist  
(1 1/2" x 3 1/2" x 119")

**Hardware:**  
- 24x 2 1/2" Structural Screws



**13.** When all Joists are in place and secured, locate wooden Plugs. use to fill drill holes from installation, sand down to be level with Girder.

**Pieces:**

**Hardware:**

- Wooden Plugs



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## Congratulations on building your Urban Escape

**Note:** Our Pergolas are shipped as an unfinished product. If exposed to the elements, the western red cedar lumber will weather to a silvery-gray color. If you prefer to keep the cedar lumber looking closer to the original color, we suggest that you treat the wood with a good oil base wood stain. You may also wish to paint your new Pergola rather than stain it. In both cases we recommend that you consult with a paint and stain dealer in your area.



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6. Overall Satisfaction.



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