

12x8 Studio Garden Shed FJ Bevel Model with Cedar Roof Assembly Manual

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Thank you for purchasing a 12x8 Studio Garden Shed. Please take the time to identify all the parts prior to assembly.

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

Customers are responsible for ensuring a solid, level, well-draining site for construction.

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# What to do before my Shed arrives?

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• Become familiar with this assembly manual and determine if you can complete the project yourself or will require a professional contractor.



One helper is recommended to assist in constructing your shed.
 It generally takes two people over two days to assemble a shed. If you're hiring a contractor, their rate should be in line with that duration of work.



• Clear the construction area and ensure a clear pathway for delivery when the freight company arrives. Remove all debris: roots, grass, rocks, etc.



• Excavate the site. Contact your local utilities company to ensure there are no gas or electric lines buried in the area before digging.



Decide on the type of foundation you will be using: - Concrete slab, or - 4-6 inches of crushed gravel with paver stones or 4x4 stringers.

You can find the footprint for your shed on Page 3 of your Assembly Manual.



• If doing the assembly yourself, have all the necessary tools ready to go and in working condition. A list of required tools can be found after the parts list.

## Foundation Types for 8x12 Garden Shed





### Concrete Slab Foundation:

- Slab must be at least the same size as assembled floor frame (136 1/2" x 96") or larger.

- 6" Deep foundation.
- 1.7 Cubic Yards of concrete required.

- A concrete slab will have the longest durability out of your foundation options.

Once level, a concrete slab is the easiest surface to build on.



Gravel Foundation Gravel Foundation with treated stringers

**Completed Foundation** 

#### Gravel with 4x4 Pressure Treated Stringers:

- Excavate at least 6" deep, and 6" wider than floor frame on each side.
- 2.1 Cubic Yards of gravel required, approximatley 19 wheelbarrows.
- 7 4x4 Pressure Treated Stringers 8' long required.
- Evenly spaced, with one at each end of floor frame.

Saves money on materials, easy to level and work with.





- Excavate at least 6" deep, and 6" wider than floor frame on each side.
- 2.1 Cubic Yards of gravel required, approximatley 19 wheelbarrows.
- 25 patio pavers (8" x 8" or larger).

- Center patio paver stones underneath floor runners and underneath seams in floor joists. **Patio paver stones are widely available from most landscape stores.** 

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1. Floor Section	Parts List - Pages 2 and 3	Steps
Floors		Y
<b>1A:</b> 3 - 45 1/2" x 75" - Floor Jois		1-12
<b>1B:</b> 6 - 1 1/2" x 3 1/2" x 71 3/4" - Center Floor Joists - Unattached		
<b>1C:</b> 3 - 45 1/2" x 21" - Floor Joist Frames		
<b>1D:</b> 3 - 45 1/2" x 75" - Plywood Floor - Large		
<b>1E:</b> 3 - 45 1/2" x 21" - Plywood Floor - Small <b>1F:</b> 10 - 1 1/2" x 3 1/2" x 68 3/16" Floor Runners		
<b>1F:</b> 10 - 1 1/2 x 3 1/2 x 68 3/10 <b>2. Wall Section</b>	6" Floor Runners	Otaraal
		Steps
<b>2A:</b> 2 - 48 3/4"w x 80 1/4"h - Fr		13-20
	Wall Panels (Bottom Plates Unattached)	
<b>2C:</b> 7 - 1 5/8" x 2 1/2" x 45 3/8"		
Main Wall Plates		
<b>2D:</b> 5 - 3/4" x 2 1/2" x 65 3/4" -	Rear/Side/Middle Front	21-22, 30
2E: 2 - 3/4" x 2 1/2" x 35 3/8" - I	Front	
<b>2F:</b> 2 - 3/4" x 2 1/2" x 27 3/4" - \$		
	ular	22.24
<b>2G:</b> 3 - 45 1/2"w x 9"h - Rear Ex		23-24
Side Gable Walls (Trapezoid S		25-27
	h - Rear Side Gable Walls (R/L)	25-21
<b>2I:</b> 2 - 45 1/2" w x 28" h x 19" h		
<b>2J:</b> 2 - 3/4" x 2 1/2" x 68 1/4" - 1	11 degree engle Front	28, 30, 34
<b>25</b> : 2 - 3/4 x 2 1/2 x 68 1/4 - <b>2K</b> : 2 - 3/4" x 2 1/2" x 68 1/4" -		20, 00, 04
Door Jambs		
<b>2L:</b> 2 - 3/4" x 3 3/8" x 80 1/4" - V	/ertical Door Jambs	29
<b>2M:</b> 2 - 48 1/2"w x 22 3/4"h - Up	oper Front Window Walls	31-33
<b>2N:</b> 1 - 39 1/2"w x 22 3/4"h - Ce		
3. Rafter and Roof Section		Steps↓
Rafters		
<b>3A:</b> 14 - 1 1/2" x 3 1/2" x 47" - F	Rafters (11° angle cut on ends)	37-47
<b>3B:</b> 14 - 1 1/2" x 3 1/2" x 72" - F		
	- Rafter Facia (11° angle cut on ends)	
Rafter Spacers		40-49
<b>3D:</b> 2 - 1/2" x 2 1/2" x 60" Plywo		40-49
<b>3E:</b> 1 - 1/2" x 2 1/2" x 44 7/8" Pl		
Roof Panels (6)	ng Spacer - 14 1/2" long (shingle marked)	
	of / 1 - Rear Outside Right Roof	50-55
	wide / 1 - Rear Center Roof - 48" wide	
<b>3I:</b> 1 - Front Outside Left Roof		
Filler Shingles		
3J: 20 pcs - 5 1/2" w x 16" Long	1	56-59
<b>3K:</b> 2 pcs - 5 1/2" w x 11" long		
Front Roof Ridge Cap		
<b>3L:</b> 2 pcs - 3/4" x 3 1/2" x 75"		60
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<b>3M:</b> 2 - 3/4" x 1 1/2" x 72"		63
<b>3N:</b> 2 - 3/4" x 1 1/2" x 44"		
4. Trim Section		Steps↓
Soffits Front		64-67
<b>4A:</b> 2 - 3/4" x 3" x 14" (Outside		04-07
<b>4B:</b> 8 - 3/4" x 3 1/2" x 67" (Tong	ue & Groove) ue cut off - positioned against shed)	
<b>4C:</b> 2 - 3/4 x 2 1/4 x 67 (Tong <b>4D:</b> 1 - 1/2" x 2 1/2" x 13 3/4" (C		

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4. Trim Section Cont.	Steps
Soffits Rear	68-69
<b>4E:</b> 2 - 3/4" x 3" x 6 1/2" (Outside L/R Cap)	
<b>4F:</b> 2 - 3/4" x 3 1/2" x 67" (Tongue & Groove) <b>4G:</b> 2 - 3/4" x 3" x 67" (Tongue cut off - positioned against shed)	
<b>46:</b> 2 - 3/4 × 3 × 67 (Tongue cut on - positioned against shed) <b>4H:</b> 1 - 1/2" x 2 1/2" x 5 1/4" (Center Cap)	
Top Horizontal Wall Trim	
<b>4</b> I: 1 - 1/2" x 1" x 39" - Front	70
<b>4J:</b> 2 - 1/2" x 1" x 48 3/4" - Front	
<b>4K:</b> 3 - 1/2" x 1" x 45 1/2" - Rear	
Facia Trim	
<b>4L:</b> 4 - 3/4" x 5 1/2" x 72 3/4" - Front/Rear	71-76
<b>4M:</b> 4 - 3/4" x 5 1/2" x 60" - Side (11° cut ends- mirror Image)	
<b>4N:</b> 4 - 1/2" x 7 1/2" w x 5 1/2" - Facia Detail Plates	
Bottom Skirting Trim	
Side and Rear	77-79
40: 7 - 1/2" x 4 1/2" x 45 1/2" - Bottom Skirting	
Front	
<b>4P:</b> 1 - 1/2" x 4 1/2" x 39" - Center Bottom Skirting	
4Q: 2 - 1/2" x 4 1/2" x 48 3/4" - Outside Bottom Skirting	
Corner & Wall Trim	80
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<b>4R:</b> 4 - 3/4" x 2 1/2" x 72" - Filler Trims (all corners)	
<b>4S</b> : 2 - 3/4" x 2 1/2" x 28 1/2" - Filler Trims (Front top)	
<b>4T:</b> 2 - 3/4" x 2 1/2" x 12" - Filler Trims (Rear top)	
	81-83
<b>4U:</b> 2 - 1/2" x 2 1/2" x 46" - Top Front Narrow Corner (22° scarf cut)	
<b>4V:</b> 2 -1/2" x 5 1/2" x 46 1/2 -Top Front Side Wide Corner (22° scarf /11°cut top) <b>4W:</b> 2 - 1/2" x 2 1/2" x 62" - Bottom Front Narrow Corner (22° scarf cut)	
<b>4W.</b> $2 - 1/2$ x $2 1/2$ x $62$ - Bottom Front Narrow Corner (22 scarr cut) <b>4X:</b> $2 - 1/2$ x $5 1/2$ x $62$ - Bottom Front Side Wide Corner (22° scarr cut)	
<b>4Y:</b> 2 - 1/2" x 5 1/2" x 91" - Rear Side Wide Corner (11° cut top - mirror)	
<b>4Z:</b> 2 - 1/2" x 2 1/2" x 89" - Rear Corner Narrow	
Side	
<b>4AB:</b> 2 - 1/2" x 2 1/2" x 37 3/4" - Top Side (22° scarf /11° cut top - mirror image)	84
<b>4AC:</b> 2 - 1/2" x 2 1/2" x 62" - Bottom Side (22° scarf cut)	
Rear	
<b>4AD:</b> 2 - 1/2" x 2 1/2" x 89" - Rear Walls	85
Pre-Hung Door (Fiberglass - primed white)	
	86-87
suggest doing it prior to construction	
Door Trim	88-89
<b>4AF:</b> 1 - 1/2" x 1 3/4" x 40" - Above Door Filler Trim (Bevel-install thick end up)	00-09
<b>4AG:</b> 2 - 1/2" x 2 1/2" x 84" - Vertical Door Trim	
<b>4AH:</b> 1 - 1/2" x 3" x 44 1/2" - Horizontal Door Trim (angle cut - bottom corners)	
Windows	90-93
<b>4AI:</b> 2 - Large Window Inserts - 30 1/4"w x 35" h	00-00
<b>4AJ:</b> 3 - Transom Window Inserts - 35"w x 10 1/8" h Window Trim Pkgs	
4AK: Large Windows (2 Pkgs)	94
Top-1 -36 1/4" 11° cut / Sides - 2 -36 1/8" sq.cut / Bottom- 1 -35 1/4" sq.cut	
<b>4AL:</b> Transom Windows (Left/Right) 2 Pkgs	
Top-1 - 41" 11° cut / Sides- 2 -10 5/8" sq.cut / Bottom-1 -40" sq.cut	95
<b>4AM</b> : Transom Window (Center) 1 Pkg	
2 Horizontal - 35 3/4" - sq.cut / 2 Vertical - 20 1/2" - sq.cut	96
Miscellaneous Pieces	
<b>4AN:</b> 2 pc - Spare Wall Siding (48 1/2" long)	
<b>4AO:</b> 8 pcs - Shim Shingles- use to shim door, etc.	







## Regular Maintenance & Tips to prolong the life of your shed.

#### Before/During Assembly:

- 1.) Paint each face and edge of your plywood floor with a latex exterior paint.
- 2.) Caulk wall seams if gaps appear.
- 3.) Caulk around window framing.
- 4.) Caulk perimeter between floor plywood and bottom wall plate.
- 5.) Caulk channels in lap siding at the top of your door above the trim, just a drop in each channel.
- 6.) Caulk edge of door threshold.
- 7.) Optional: Install a Sill Gasket between floor runners and foundation.
- 8.) Optional: Install an 8" strip of roofing paper below Cedar Ridge Caps for Cedar Roof Sheds.



#### Routine Maintenance:

- Routinely check all fasteners are tight (ex. Door Hinges, Nails)
- Brush off dirt from walls.
- Brush off snow from roof regularly.
- Routinely remove needles and leaves from roof.

#### Painting/Staining

- Your cedar shed, if left untreated, will weather to a silvery grey colour.
- Painting or staining your structure is highly recommended and will prolong the life of your shed.
- You do not need to wait to paint or stain your shed, the wood in your kit has been dried and can be stained or painted immediately.
- Consult your local paint store for the best paint or stain for cedar.
- Optional: stain the inside of your shed. (Note: this will remove the fresh cedar smell.)



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### Foundations

**Note:** The floor will be flipped over and the 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.



**10.** 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.



# 2. Wall Section

Exploded view of all parts necessary to complete the Wall Section. Identify all parts prior to starting.



**13.** Identify all wall section components and become familiar with their location.

There will be 2 Window Wall Panels, 7 Solid Wall Panels, 4 trapezoid shaped Side Gable Walls, 3 Rear Extender Walls and Top Plates (upper and lower).

Make sure to position panels right side up so water is directed away from and not into shed. Look at window wall panels to determine proper wall position to confirm.

(Walls may have a QC colored dot on them, these won't be visible on the shed, please ignore them).





**16.** The rear wall panels will sit even with the floor frame and the sidewall panels will be sandwiched between the front and rear wall panels. The floor plywood may be slightly recessed. Note: Siding will overhang the floor frame by approximately 3/4".











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**24.** With 2x3 wall framing aligned, attach extender walls to rear wall top plate with **4 - 2 1/2**" **Screws** per wall.





**26.** From the outside, siding of gable will overlap side wall. When aligned, secure gable with **5 - 2 1/2**" **Screws**. On a ladder, push extender wall and gable wall together tight and then screw.



**27.** Position bottom frame of **2I** - **Front Side Gable Wall** onto side wall top plate. Align so gable wall and side wall 2x3's are even. Front gable vertical frame will sandwich against front window wall vertical frame. When correctly aligned, attach with **6** - **2** 1/**2**" **Screws**. Complete other side the same.





wall framing so they are flush on the inside with 2x3 wall stud. Align plates on wall as per **Step 21**. There are 2 outside smaller plates (**2E**) and 1 longer center plate (**2D**). Attach by screwing down into top of wall framing with **2 - 2**" **Screws** per shorter plate and **4 - 2**" **Screws** on the center plate.

2D - Main Wall Front Top Plate (3/4" x 2 1/2" x 65 3/4") x 1 2E - Main Wall Front Top Plates (3/4" x 2 1/2" x 35 5/8") x 2 <u>Hardware</u> (S3 - 2" Screws) x 8 total





**32.** Position **2N** - **Upper Front Window Wall** - **Center** on front main wall top plate tight against the previously installed upper window frame. Line up vertical gable framings and screw frames together with **3** - **2** 1/2" **Screws**. Use clamp to keep frames together tight. From underneath, attach **3** - **2** 1/2" **Screws** from the plate into the bottom of the window frame.



**33.** Position and attach the remaining **2M** - **Upper Front Window Wall** - **Side** on front main wall top plate in corner as per **Step 31**. Clamp frames together to keep frames tight. To complete, screw both outside upper window panels from underneath window wall framing with **3** - **2** 1/2" **Screws** per panel.







**36.** Prior to installing rafters, take time to confirm your walls are level, square and plumb. Measure diagonal at the height of back wall to opposing corner for square. If not within 1/2", your walls are not square. Adjusting now will make it easier to install the roof section. Make sure front to rear inside frame width is 91". Also check walls for plumb. Tip - once satisfied, cleat each corner temporarily with some scrap wood (not included) to keep walls from moving.

# 3. Rafter and Roof Section



sure distance between inside framings is 131 1/2". Be sure to evenly space rafters on framing before attaching in **Step 40**. Toll Free 1-888-658-1658

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**43.** To assist in rafter alignment, you will need to assemble the Rafter Spacer Jig (3 pcs made with plywood). Align the center piece with the longer overhang of the side pieces as shown above. Attach with **3 - 1 1/4**" **Screws** in a triangular formation per side. After using Spacer Jig to align the rafters in **Steps 44 & 46**, it will be permanently fastened to the center of the roof in **Step 48**.

Parts 3D - Plywood Rafter Spacer Jig - Sides (2 1/2" x 68 3/4") x 2 3E - Plywood Rafter Spacer Jig - Center (2 1/2" x 48") x 1 Hardware

**S2 - 1 1/4" Screws** x 6 total

**44.** Place completed Rafter Spacer Jig on top of the roof rafters in the front. Position interior rafters so they fit in jig spacers as shown to the right. Use the Front Rafter Overhang Spacer to correctly position rafters from front to rear.

**Expert Advice** - prior to attaching rafters, refer to **Step 36** and check that walls are still level, square and plumb.











**48.** Measure 57" from the rear of outer left and right rafters and mark location to fasten Rafter Spacer Jig. This will help stabilize the rafters and make it easier to put the roof panels on in **Step 50**. Check Squareness of walls again as in **Step 36** before fastening rafters.







**51.** Locate Rear Outside Roof Panel. Carefully slide panel up on rafters. Have your helper carefully lift the front roof panel up (lift plywood and not shingles) and slide rear panel underneath bottom shingles until plywood sheathing butts up flush with rafter spacer.





**53.** Locate Front Middle Roof Panel and slide up on to the 3rd and 5th Rafters. Line plywood roof sheathing similar to **Step 50**. Middle panels are cut so plywood and shingles are flush on both sides and can sit evenly on rafters. Line up plywood evenly with end of rafters at the front.



**54.** Locate Rear Middle Roof Panel. Carefully slide panel up on rafters as per **Steps 51-52**. Have your helper carefully lift the front roof panel up (lift plywood and not shingles) and slide rear panel underneath bottom shingles until plywood sheathing butts up flush with rafter spacer.



**55.** Locate remaining Outside Front and Rear Roof Panels. Carefully slide panels up on rafters and align as per **Steps 50-52.** 









**61.** Locate **90° Metal Brackets** in hardware kit. Position bracket against outside rafter and plywood roof sheathing and attach with **4 - 1 1/4" Screws**. There are 4 brackets per outside rafter. Evenly space brackets on rafter. Complete both sides.

Hardware (S2 - 1 1/4" Screws) x 32 total (Y2 - 90° Metal Brackets) x 8 total

**62.** On the 2nd, 4th and 6th rafter, install **2 - 90° Metal Brackets** evenly spaced with **4 - 1 1/4" screws** per bracket.

<u>Hardware</u> (**S2 - 1 1/4" Screws**) x 24 total (**Y2 - 90° Metal Brackets**) x 6 total



















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**73.** Align and attach remaining front facia as per **Step 72**. Align next two side facias on opposite side as first side facia. Once again, do a dry run before attaching. There will be a Facia Detail Plate attached in **Step 76** to hide any gaps where facia pieces meet in the middle.

















O I. There are 2 front corner trim packages (Left/Right) with 4 pieces per package which are needed to complete each corner. Start with the left side corner trim package by placing
4U - Top Front Narrow Corner Trim tight underneath soffit cap and 4V - Top Front Side Wide Corner Trim tight underneath rafter facia so it is capped by the narrow trim. When correctly aligned, attach each trim with 6 - 1 1/2" Finishing Nails. Have helper assist by holding trim.

<u>Parts (Steps 81 - 82)</u> **4U - Top Front Narrow Corner Trim** with 22° scarf cut bottom (1/2" x 2 1/2" x 46") x 2 **4V - Top Front Side Wide Corner Trim** with 22° scarf cut bottom / 11° cut top (1/2" x 5 1/2" x 46 1/2") x 2

<u>Hardware (Steps 81 - 82)</u> (**N1 - 1 1/2'' Finishing Nails**) x 56 total









r 4AF - Above Door Filler Trim - Bevel (3/4" x 2 1/2" x 40") x 1 <u>Hardware</u> (N1 - 1 1/2" Finishing Nails) x 4 total

Above Door Filler Trim.





**90.** To reduce possible water from penetrating into the window cavity, caulk gap on both sides of window opening prior to installing the **4AI - Large Window Inserts.** Position insert in cavity and secure with **8 - 1 1/4**" **Screws**. Make sure to screw insert into the thick butt of the siding only.

4AI - Large Window Inserts (30 1/4"w x 35"h) x 2 Hardware (Steps 90 - 92) (S2 - 1 1/4" Screws) x 16 total



**91.** Once Insert is attached, caulk the "triangular gap" between the Insert's outside flange and the siding. Also put a bead of caulking horizontally at top of window where the flange and siding meet. This additional caulking will also will reduce the chances of moisture entering into your shed.



Step 94 will be installed to hide caulking.





**Knob, Latch Slant Bolt, Strike Plate** and **Screws** (Phillips Head Screw Driver Required). Insert Latch with Slant Bolt facing to the interior of the shed. Install Stemmed Assembly. Install Interior Knob with screws (Robertson Screw Driver may be required). Install Strike Plate on Door Casing.Open and close door and make any adjustments necessary.



# Congratulations on assembling your 12x8 Studio Garden Shed!

**Note:** Our Sheds are shipped as unfinished products. 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 shed rather than stain it. In both cases we recommend that you consult with a paint and stain dealer in your area for their recommendations.

We hope your experience assembling your 12x8 Studio Garden Shed has been both positive and rewarding.

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