



6X9 Elevated Platform/Sandbox for Sunflower Playhouse 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.

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Parts List:

- A. - 6 - 3 1/2" x 3 1/2" x 72" Posts
- B. - 6 - 1 1/2" x 5 1/2" x 72" Front & Rear Girders (Pre-drilled for Lag Screws on both ends)
- C. - 12 - 1 1/2" x 5 1/2" x 52 1/2" Side Girders (Pre-drilled for Lag Screws on 1 end)
- D. - 2 - 1 1/2" x 5 1/2" x 72" Mid Joists
- E. - 6 - 1 1/2" x 5 1/2" x 47 1/2" Interior Joists
- F. - 1 Ladder (for 48" high Platform)
- G. - 1 - 3 1/2" x 3 1/2" x 72" Long Front Porch Post
- H. - 4 - 5/8" x 6" x 6" Plywood Joist Attaching Cleats (Not Shown)

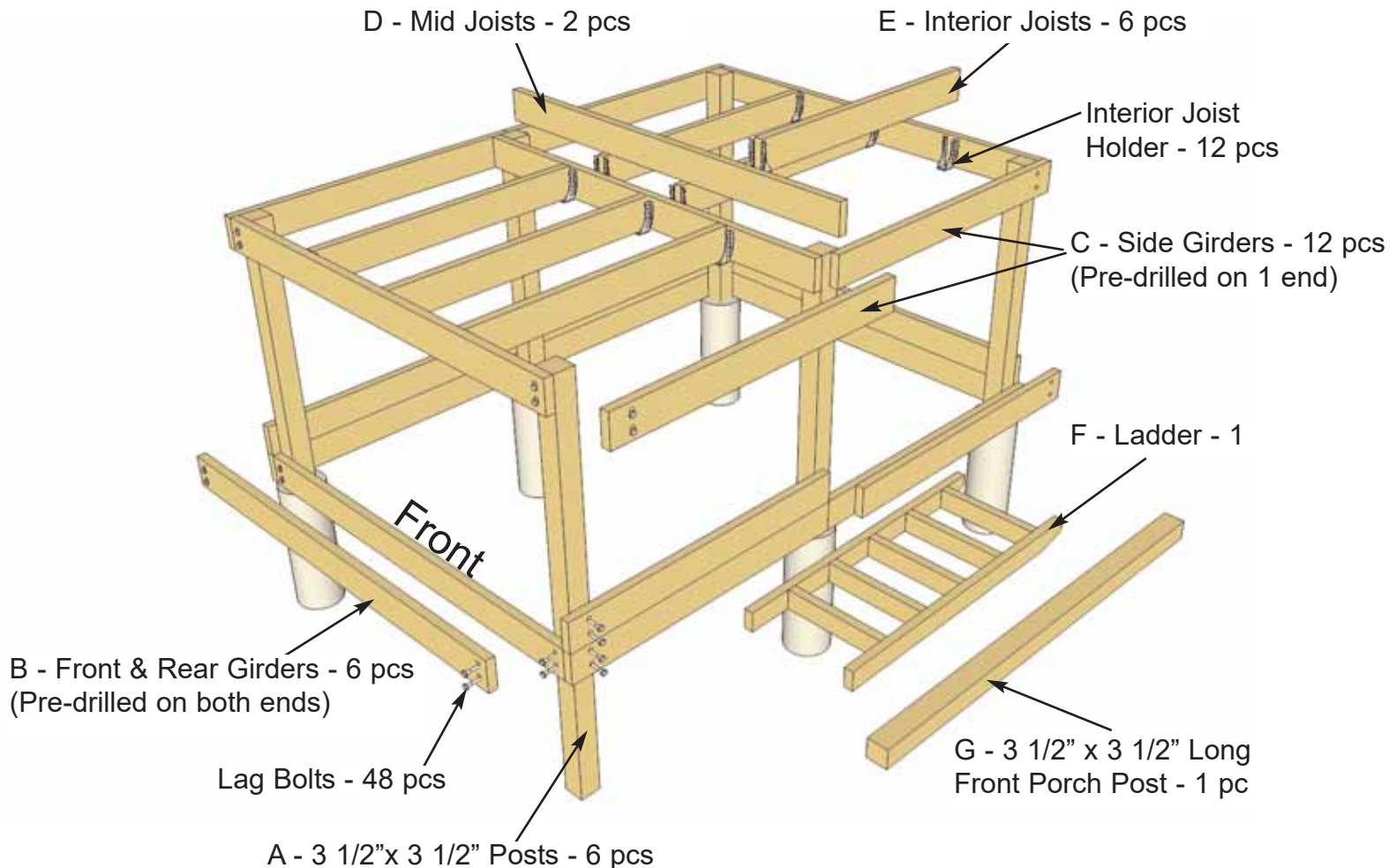
C. Hardware

- 48 - 3" Lag Screws and Washers
- 3" Screws
- 12 - Interior Joist Holders
- 1 1/4" Screws for Joist Holders
- 2 - Simpson Strong Ties for Front Porch Support Post

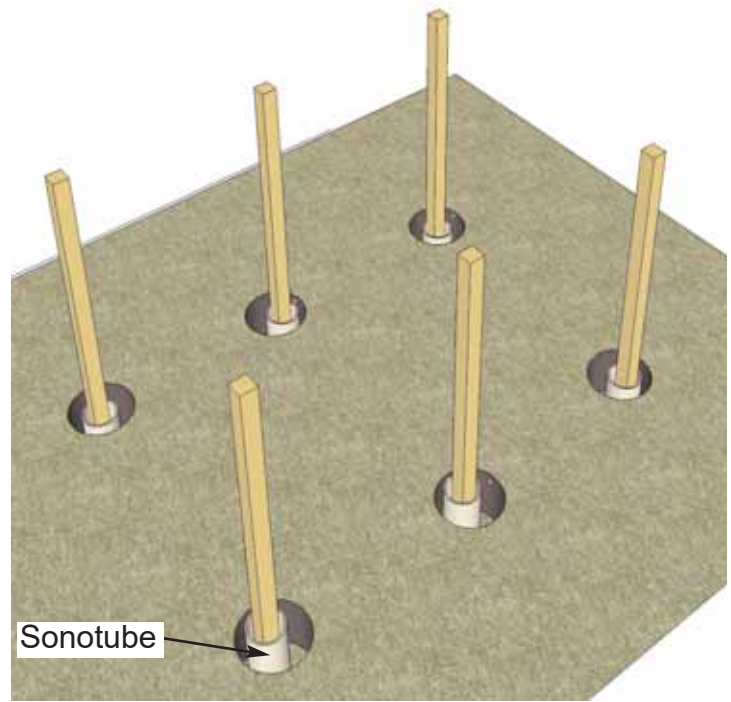
Tools Required:

- Work Gloves and Safety Glasses
- Screw Gun
- Level
- 2 Large Ladders
- 9/16" Wrench
- Hammer
- Wood Clamps
- 1/8" Drill Bit for Pilot Holes

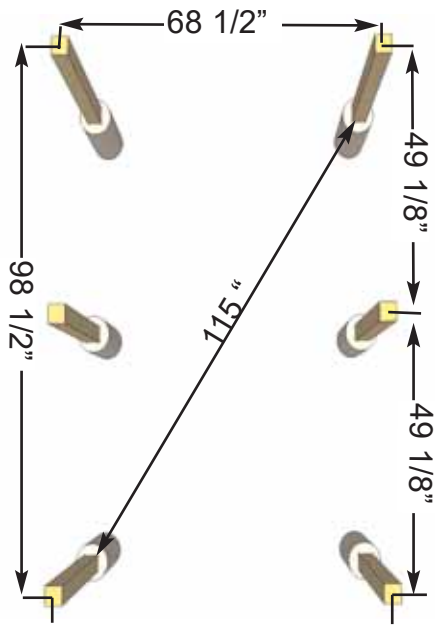
Exploded View of 6x9 Elevated Platform



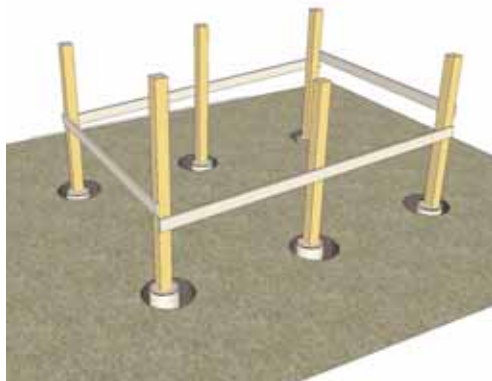
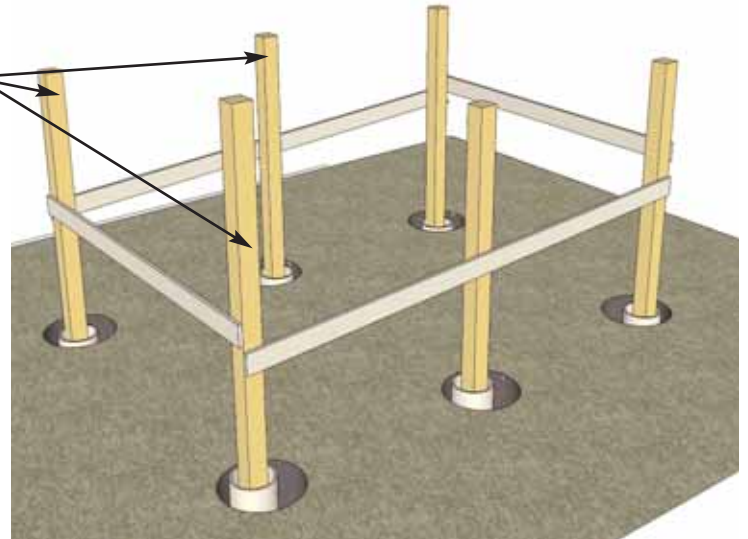
1. Before you receive your Playhouse, clear the construction area. Remove all debris; roots, grass, rocks, etc. Dig holes for a 10" diameter **Concrete Form** (Sonotube) according to the illustration below. Concrete forms holes should be at least 15" in diameter and approximately 18" to 24" deep. The illustrations to right and below shows the exact center-to-center position of each post as it will be positioned in the sonotube.



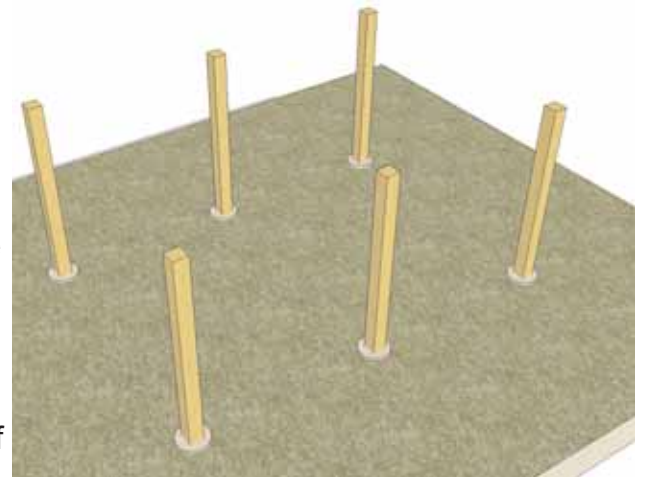
Do not pour concrete footings until posts have been leveled, measured and cleated into place. (Cleating material not supplied in this kit).

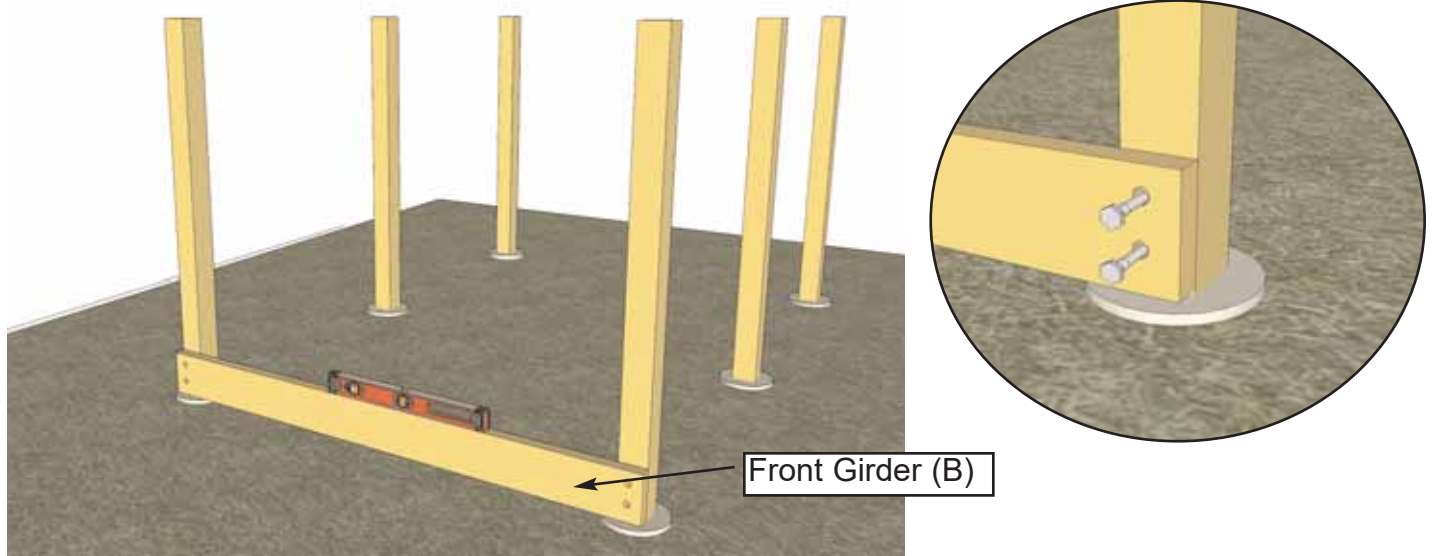


Post height may vary depending on the depth of your holes. Once concrete has been poured and cured in **Step 2**, measure and trim each post to correct height.



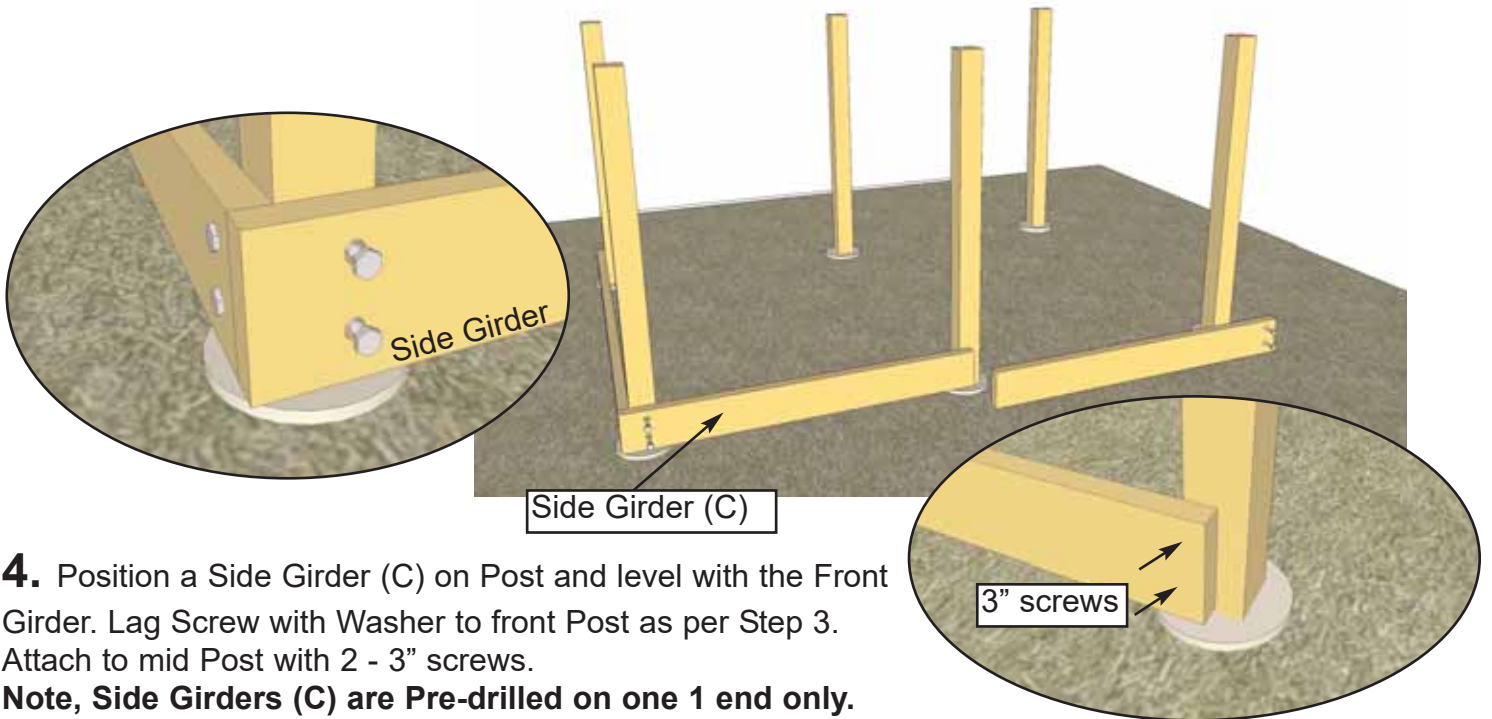
2. Pour concrete into sonotubes. Measure and cleat each post as shown above. Be sure to take the diagonal measurement before cleating in both directions. Back fill holes with gravel and let footings set for a couple of days before removing cleats.





Front Girder (B)

3. Once Posts have cured, locate a Front Girder (B) and position at bottom of front Posts. Make sure Girder is straight using a Level. Pilot hole Posts using 1/4" drill bit drilling through pre-drilled holes in Girder. Tighten Lag Screws (Washers) with 9/16" wrench. Complete all Lag Screws with Washers.

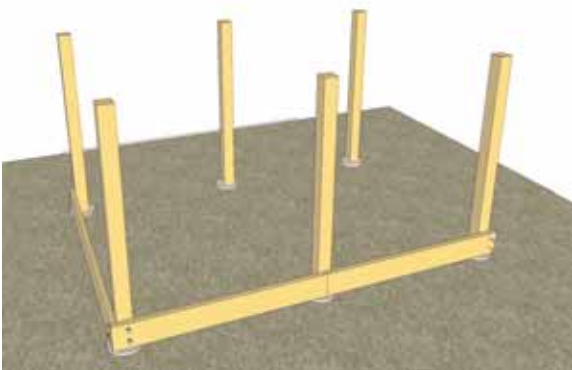


Side Girder (C)

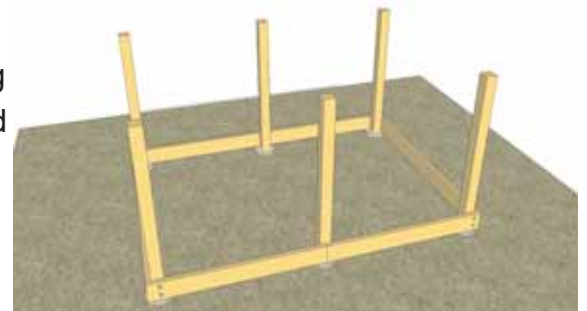
3" screws

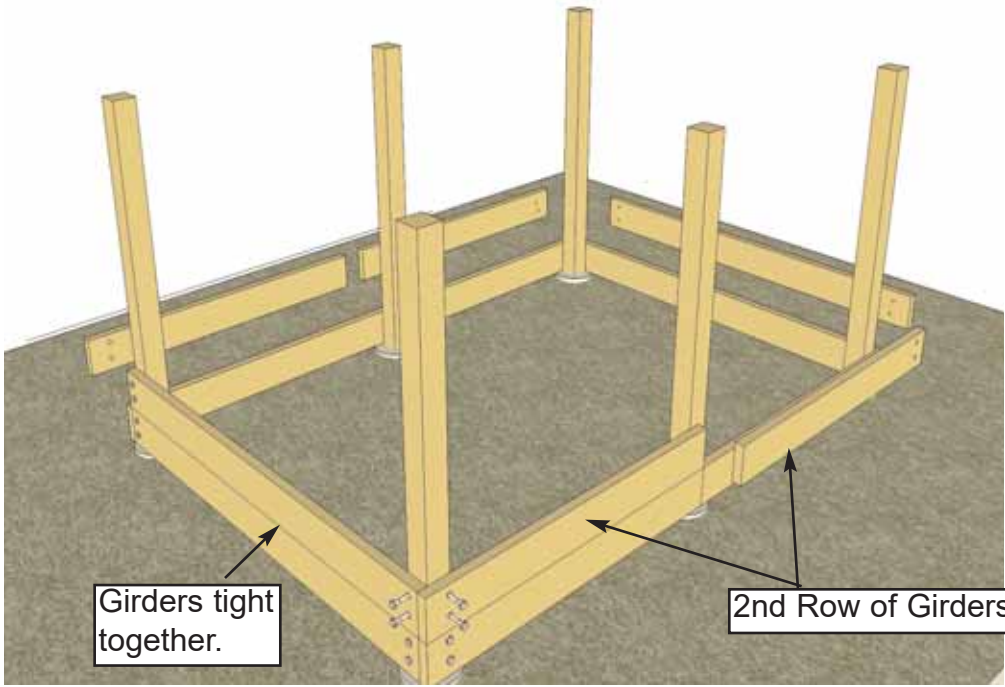
4. Position a Side Girder (C) on Post and level with the Front Girder. Lag Screw with Washer to front Post as per Step 3. Attach to mid Post with 2 - 3" screws.

Note, Side Girders (C) are Pre-drilled on one 1 end only.



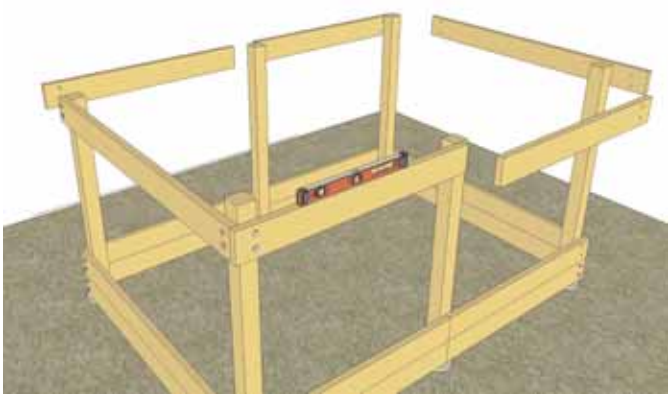
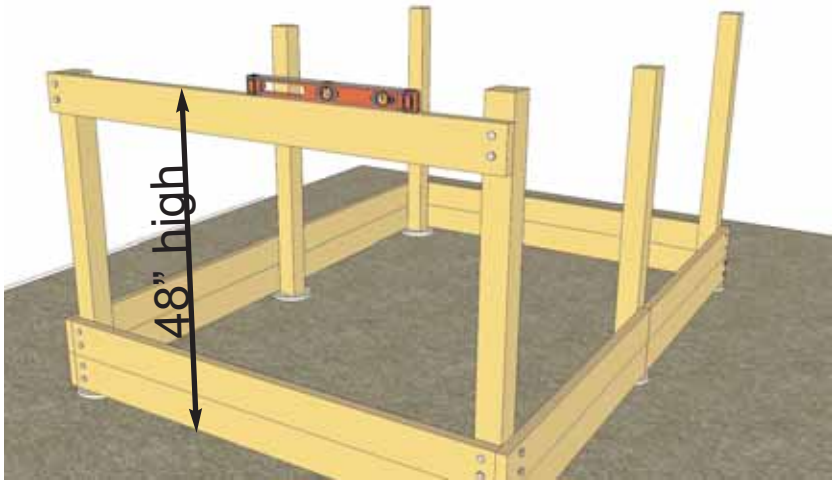
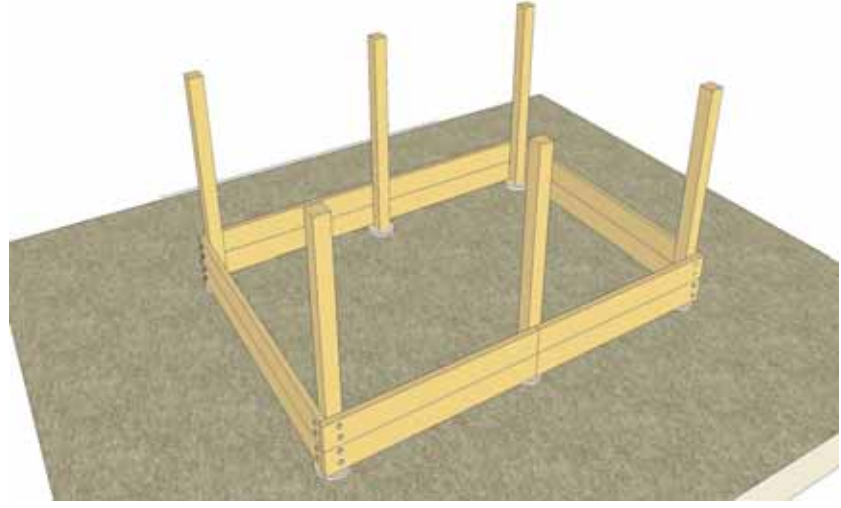
5. Complete remaining bottom row of Front and Side Girders as per Step 4 & 5.



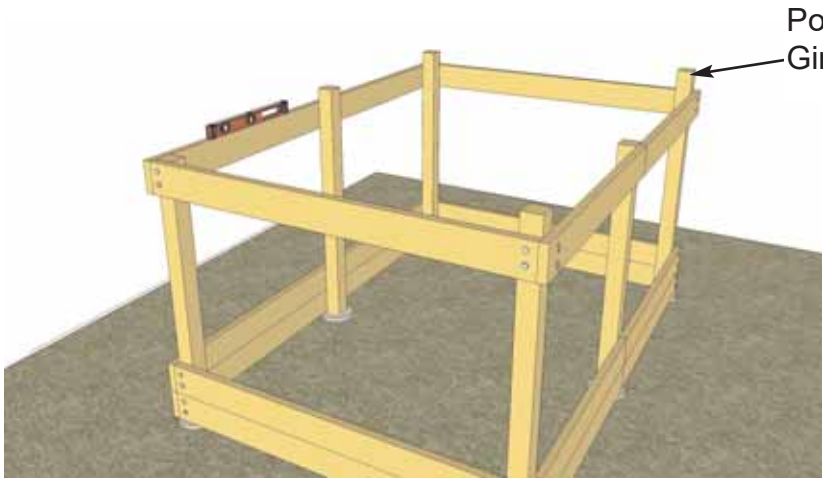


6. Position 2nd Row of Front and Side Girders on top of bottom row of Girders.

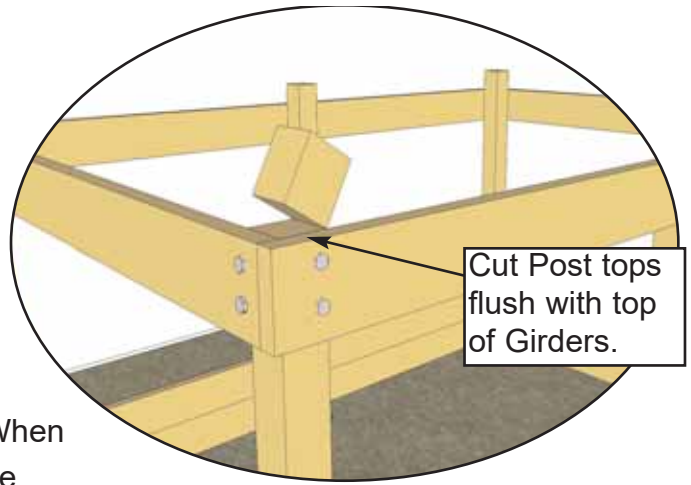
7. Secure all 2nd row bottom Girders as per Steps 3, 4, 5 & 6.



8. Measure 48" from the ground to establish the height of the top Front Girder. Level Girder and attach as per **Step 3**. Lay out and secure remaining top & rear Girders as per **Step 4 & 5**.

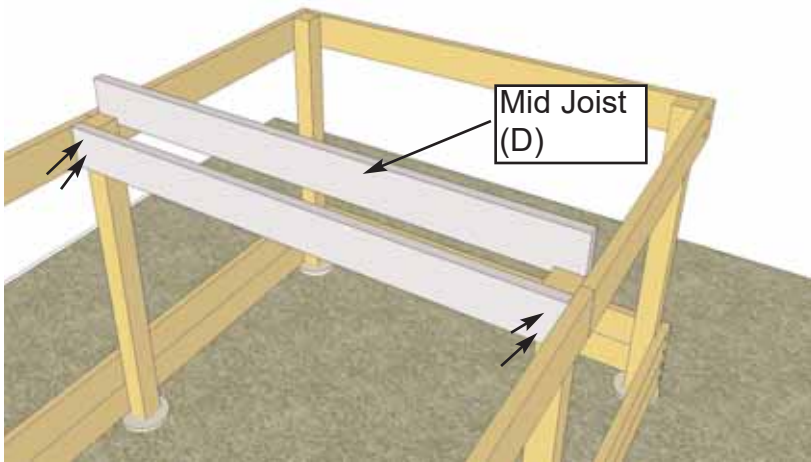


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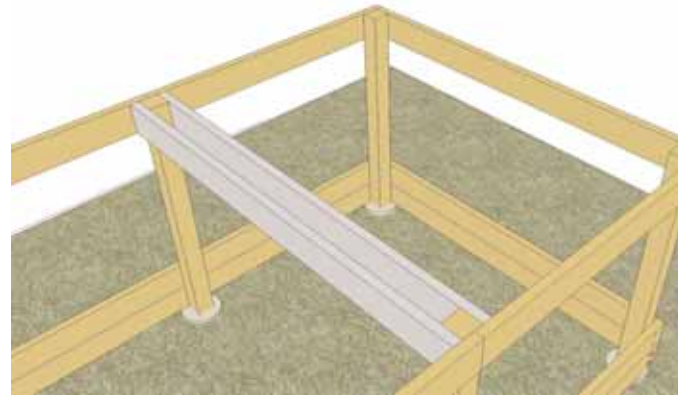


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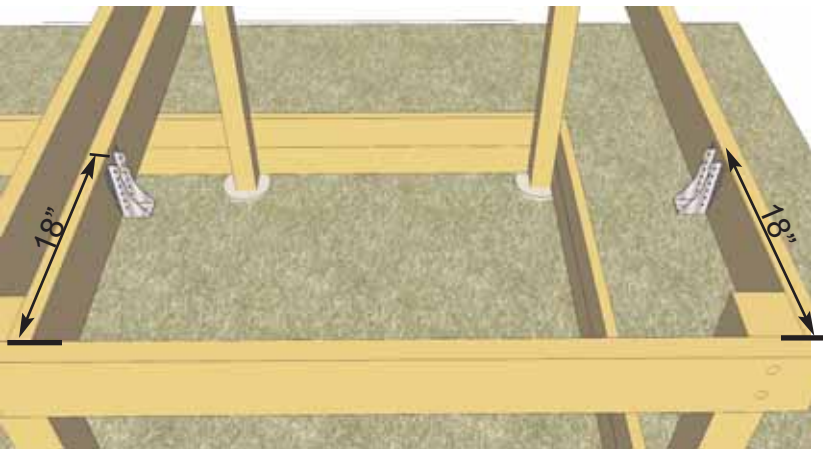
9. Complete all Top, Rear and Side Girder attachments. When complete, Post tops may need to be trimmed off so they are flush with tops of Girders. Use handsaw and be very careful.



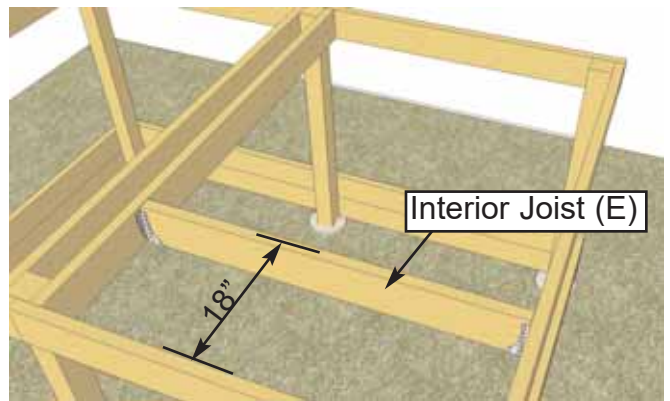
Mid Joist (D)



10. Position and attach Mid Joists (D) to mid Post using 4 - 3" screws per piece. Make sure Mid Joists are flush with Girders. Complete both Mid Joist attachments.



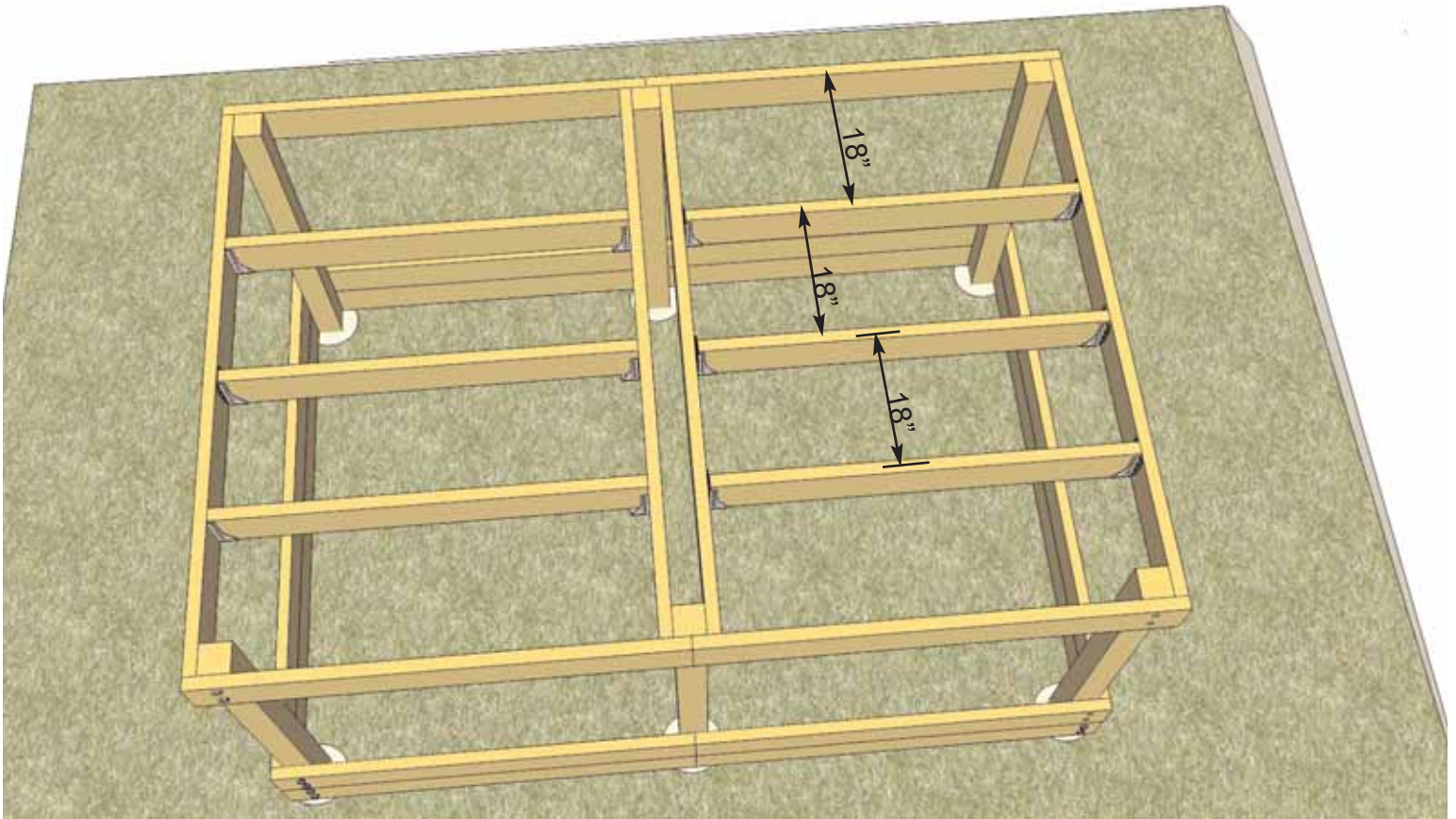
18" 18"



Interior Joist (E)

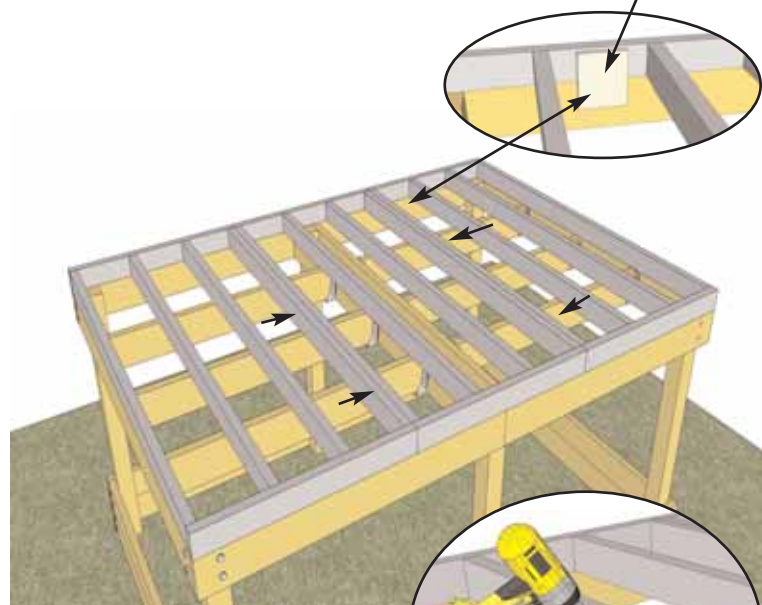
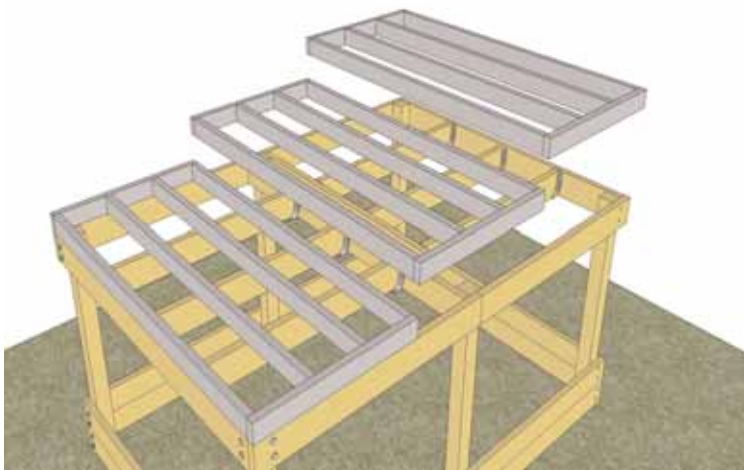
18"

11. Measure 18" from end of Mid Joist to find the center of the Interior Joist Hanger. Position Interior Joist (E) in Hanger and attach Hanger to Mid Joist and Front or Rear Girder with 4 - 1 1/4". Make sure Interior Joist sits flush with top of Mid Joists and Girders prior to attaching.



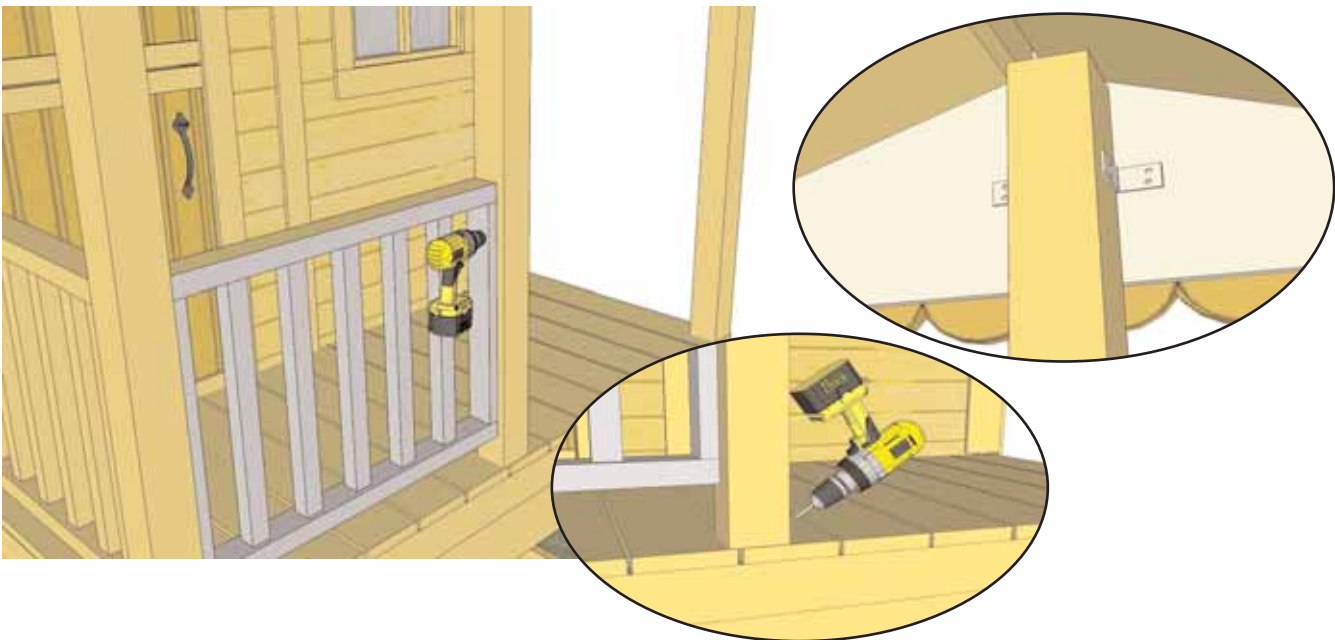
12. Complete attachments of Interior Joist Hangers and Interior Joists measuring 18" on center as per **Step 11**.

Plywood Joist Attaching Cleat (H)



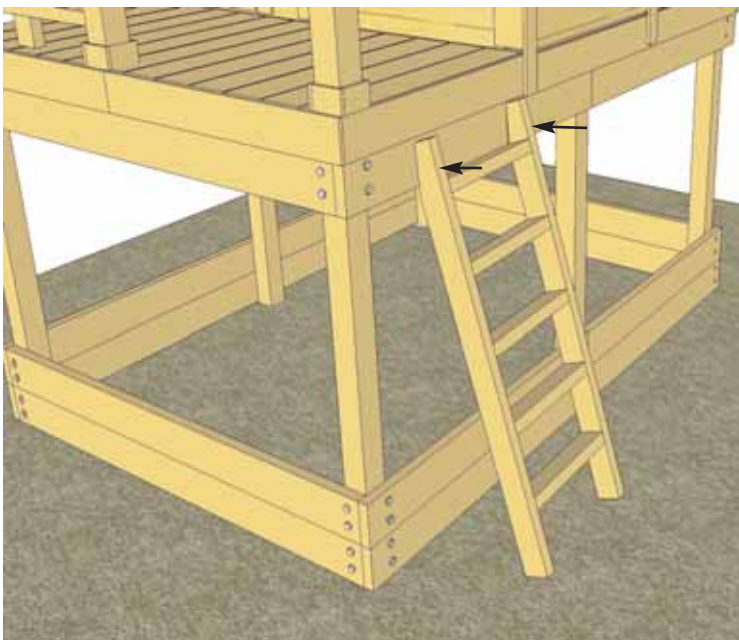
13. Place Floor Joist Frames already assembled in **Steps 1 & 2** of the Main Sunflower Playhouse Assembly Manual on top of Elevated Platform. Attach together using method and 2 1/2" screws included in the main kit. Confirm Floor Joists Frames are evenly positioned on the entire elevated platform and then angle screw 3" screws from the Floor Joists into the Interior Joists (E) of the Platform. Use 12 - 3" screws to secure. Attach 4 - Plywood Joist Attaching Cleats in side corners of Floor Joists and Side Girders (C) of platform.

Continue using the Main Sunflower Playhouse Assembly Manual but make sure to make note of the following exceptions in Step 14 & 15 on next page.



14. Do not attach Side Handrail in **Step 24** for Window Side of Main Manual. Instead assemble the Porch Rail Section on the Front Window side without the Handrail Section. Use the 4x4 Long Front Porch Post - 72" long (G) and discard the short Porch Post with Ball Top as this will not be needed. (**Refer to Step 56 in Main Assembly Manual**). Instead, position Long Post between Handrail Section and secure with 3 - 2" screws per Post as per **Step 56**. Using a level first to check that the Post is straight, attach at top into Gable Plywood with 2 - 90 degree Simpson Strong Ties using 4 1 1/4" screws per tie. Angle Screw Post to Deck at bottom using 3 - 3" screws. Pilot hole first to prevent post from splitting and measure screw height so Post Base Trims cover when installed. Refer to **Steps 57 & 58** of the main manual.

15. Attach Ladder (F) to side opening using 2 - 3" screws. Be sure to counter sink screws holes so screws do not protrude out. Make sure ground is level so ladder is properly grounded.



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Completed 6x9 Elevated Platform for a Sunflower Playhouse!



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