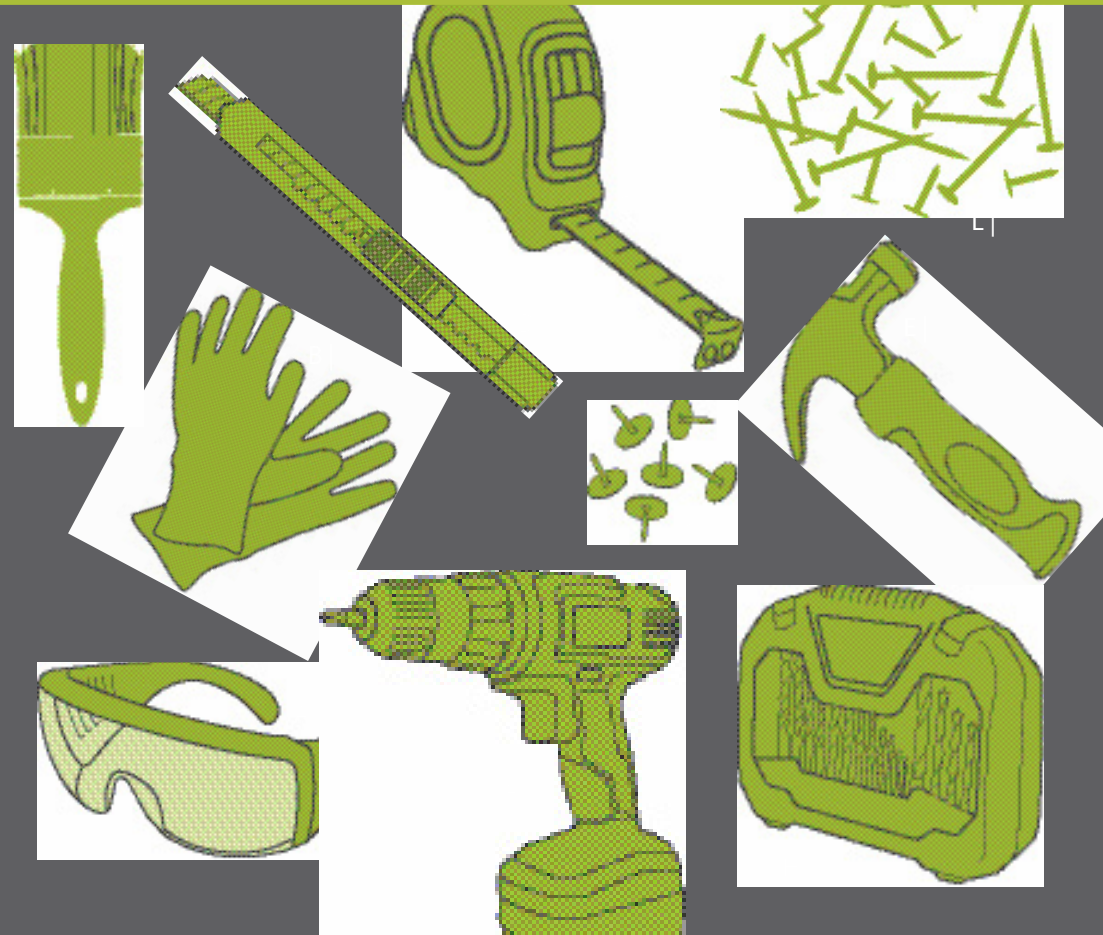


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WHAT YOU NEED BEFORE YOU START BUILDING A SHED

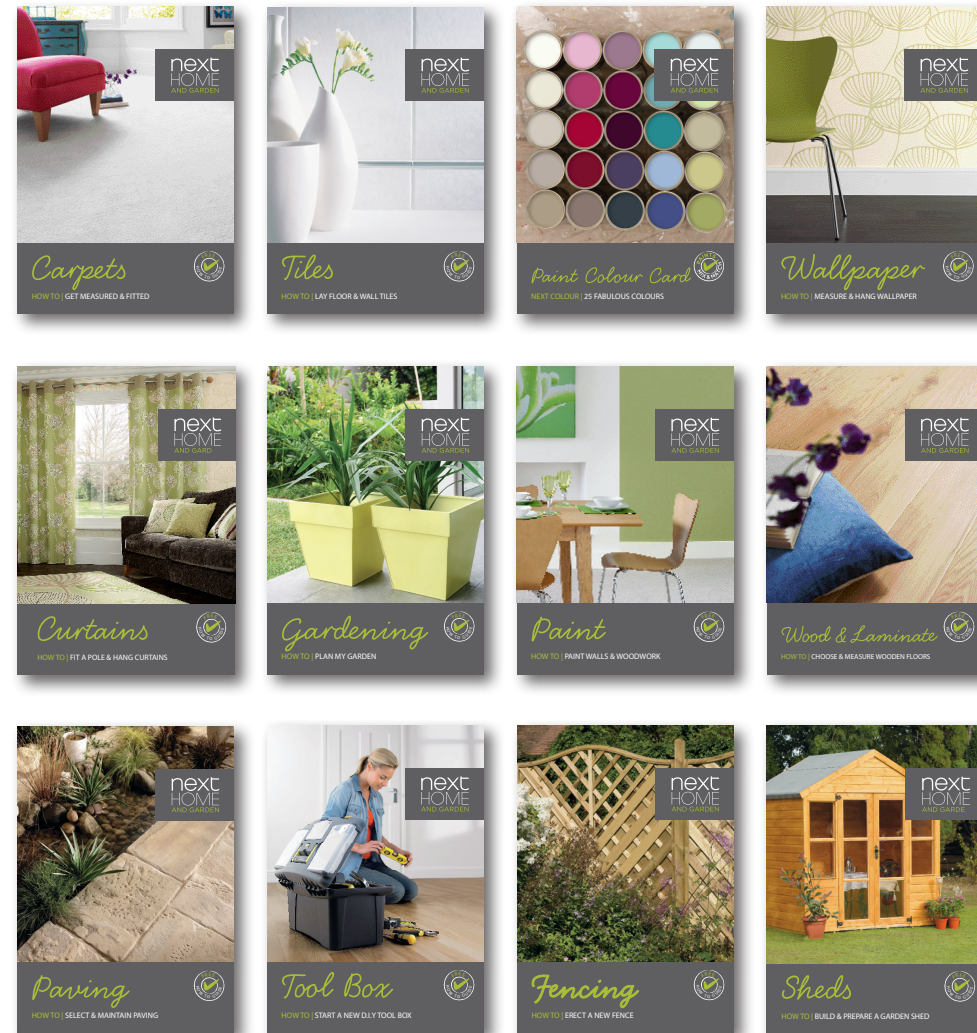
1 • SOMEONE TO HELP YOU

- A | Safety glasses
- B | Gloves
- C | Tape measure
- D | Knife
- E | Claw hammer
- F | Cordless drill
- G | Wood drill bit set
- H | Driver drill bit set
- I | Step ladder
- J | Countersunk screws
- K | Tacks
- L | Round nails
- M | Brush
- N | Wood preserver



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Sheds

HOW TO | BUILD & PREPARE A GARDEN SHED



THIS LEAFLET IS INTENDED AS A BRIEF GUIDE TO HELP YOU WITH BUILDING YOUR NEW GARDEN SHED. DON'T BE TOO WORRIED, YOU DON'T NEED TO BE AN EXPERT IN DIY, JUST PRACTICAL AND THE PARTS AREN'T REALLY HEAVY JUST A LITTLE AWKWARD TO HANDLE ON YOUR OWN.

WHAT DO I NEED TO THINK ABOUT BEFORE I START?

PREPARATION | What to consider before starting

A | HELP You will need somebody to help you to build your new shed, so you may want to consider asking a friend.

B | SIZE What size of shed do I want and how am I going to access it?

C | POSITION Where are you thinking of putting your shed? Make sure that you allow access to all sides.

D | PROTECTION Remember that you really must protect/treat your shed to elongate its life.

E | TIME Allow an afternoon to build your shed, while not technically difficult it will take a little time.

F | SAFE CHECK Check that there are not any cables or pipes in the area you intend to put your base.

F | BASE Planning the base, ensure that it is 50mm larger on all sides than the shed floor.

BASE OPTIONS | What base options do I have?

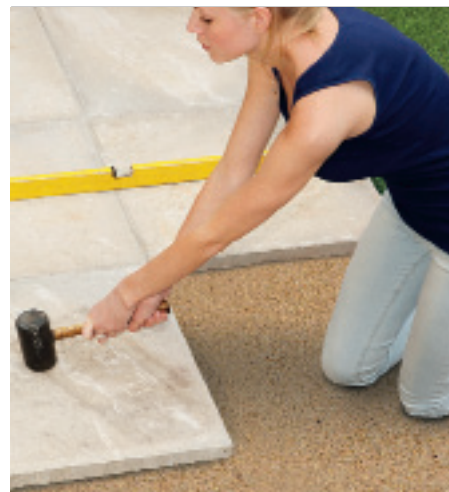
OPT 1 | Treated wooden beams laid on flattened hardcore/shingle.

OPT 2 | Concrete laid on a hard core surface. (Remember to leave a minimum of 24 hours drying time).

OPT 3 | Concrete slabs laid on a level bed of sharp sand.

OPT 4 | Interlocking plastic base laid onto firm level ground.

THE BASE |



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PREPARING THE BASE |

A | Strip the top soil by approximately 70mm, to accommodate the base.

B | If you intend to use concrete slabs, use one part cement to eight parts concrete sand.

C | Spread evenly going about 45-50mm deep, rake to level across the base.

D | Begin putting your slabs in place by starting from the corner and working outward, tap down on the centre of each slab with a rubber mallet to ensure it 'grabs hold'.

E | Using a spirit level, ensure all slabs are fitted square and level.

F | Brush off any excess dry sand/cement.

THE SHED | STEP BY STEP



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BUILDING THE SHED |

NOTE | Before you start to build, this is the best time to treat all of the wooden parts with a good quality wood stain or preservative.

A | Place the shed in the middle of the concrete base, with a 50mm border on all sides. Mark the centre point of each edge and do the same again on all of the pieces.

B | Lift the back panel (the panel without the door), and one side panel into place onto the base.

C | Screw the end and side panel together by piloting three holes and then using 50mm countersunk screws at the top, middle and bottom.

D | Prop up these two sections and then add the other two panels onto the base. Screw in the same way but do not fix the base to the floor section yet.



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E | Add the roof beam across the top of the shed, fitting it to the pre-cut grooves on each gable end. Check that the shed feels firm to the base and that the door opens easily. Find the L shaped bracket and use 30mm screws to fix the beam to each gable end.

F | Put the roof panels on the ground with the wooden eave batten flush with the bottom edge of the roof section. Mark six evenly spaced pilot holes and hammer in the nails to attach the eave batten to the roof section. Repeat this with the other roof panel.

G | Line up the shed frame with the base using the centre marks then secure the roof with 30mm screws along the main support beam. Fix the sides and gables ends with 40mm nails. Don't forget to check one last time that the shed is square on the base and then nail the sides to the floor with 50mm nails.



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H | Roll out the roofing felt and cut it into three equal lengths using a straight edge and a sharp knife. Place the first piece along one roof section with equal overhang at either gable end and a 40mm overlap at the eaves. Secure the felt with nails at 150mm intervals. Repeat on the opposite roof panel. Place the third length along the apex ridge with equal overlaps at the gable and on each side. Secure with felt nails.

I | Tidy up the corners around the edge by folding neatly and tacking down wherever you need it.

J | The window should slide easily into the frame. Go inside the shed and gently secure the beading around the window with 25mm nails. You can then remove the protective film from the window.

K | Finally drill pilot holes and screw in the bolt for the door.

NEED HELP? | If you require any further assistance please enquire in your Next Home and Garden store