

02BRAM0806-V3-PEFC
8x6 Bramble Playhouse



WARNING: Only for domestic use
Not suitable for children under 36 months due to small parts and danger of falling from heights.
To be used under direct supervision of an adult



BEFORE YOU START PLEASE THE READ INSTRUCTIONS CAREFULLY

- Check the pack and make sure you have all the parts listed in the parts list provided.
- When you are ready to start, make sure you have the right tools at hand (not supplied) including a Phillips screwdriver, Flathead screwdriver, Stanley knife, Wood saw, Step ladder, Hammer, Spirit level and a Drill with 2mm bit.
- Ensure there is plenty of space and a clean dry area for assembly.
- Ensure you have enough time to build the product to ensure the building is water tight.

TIMBER

As with all natural materials, timber can be affected during various weather conditions. For the duration of heavy or extended periods of rain, swelling of the wood panels may occur. Warping of the wood may also occur during excessive dry spells due natural processes. Unfortunately, these processes cannot be avoided but can be helped. It is suggested that the outdoor building is sprayed with water during extended periods of hot weather and sheltered as much as possible during rain or snow.

Our buildings are pre treated with a water based treatment**; this only helps to prevent discolouration whilst in stock. To validate your guarantee and ensure longevity of the product, it is ESSENTIAL the building is treated with a suitable preservative in accordance with the manufacturers recommendations. Care must be taken to ensure the product is placed on a suitable base.

We recommended using a suitable protection for your playhouse. As the product is destined for use by children, a water based treatment that is **EN71 tested** for children is ESSENTIAL.

We also recommend treating the building prior to construction.

POSITIONING YOUR PLAYHOUSE

When thinking about where the building and base is going to be constructed:
 Ensure that there will be access to all sides for maintenance work and annual treatment.

We recommend a **minimum space of 2m around a playhouse**, away from any structure or obstructions such as fences, garages, houses, overhanging branches, washing lines or electrical wires.

It is recommended that the position of the Playhouse, Slide and Swing is **not in direct sunlight**.

Activity toys such as swings and slides for towers shall not be installed over concrete, asphalt or any hard surface.

BUILDING A BASE

Ensure the base is level and is built on firm ground, to prevent distortion, checking with a spirit level. Refer to diagrams for the base dimensions. The base should be slightly smaller than the external measurement of the building, i.e. The cladding should overlap the base, creating a run off for water. It is also recommended that the floor be at least 25mm above the surrounding ground level to avoid flooding.

TYPES OF BASE

- Concrete 75mm laid on top of 75mm hard-core.
- Slabs laid on 50mm of sharp sand.
- Wooden base.



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- THIS PRODUCT SHOULD NOT BE MODIFIED IN ANY WAY. ANY MODIFICATIONS SHOULD BE DETERMINED BY THE MANUFACTURER AND CARRIED OUT ACCORDING TO THE INSTRUCTIONS.
- DO NOT ALLOW YOUR CHILD TO PLAY WITH ANY COMPONENT PARTS PRIOR TO ASSEMBLY.
- MAX AGE OF 14 YEARS.
- THIS TOY IS FOR OUTDOOR USE ONLY.
- USE A WATER BASED TREATMENT THAT IS EN71 TESTED

CAUTION

Wood is a natural product and can change post manufacture. So despite every effort being made to ensure the material used are cut and machined to a clean and smooth finish, care must be taken when handling the product and preparing for use by your child.

Any areas of concern, in the play areas, can be rubbed over with sandpaper to achieve a smoother finish. Alternatively, call the customer service department who will be happy to arrange replacement panels/parts.



All buildings should be erected by at least two adults.

DO NOT ALLOW CHILDREN TO ASSIST.



Winter = High Moisture = Expansion
 Summer = Low Moisture = Contraction



2mm Drill bit
 12mm CSK

To prevent damage during assembly, you **MUST** pilot drill all screw holes and **ensure all screw heads are countersunk.**



For ease of assembly, you will need a tape measure to check dimensions of components.

Whilst all products manufactured are made to the highest standards of Safety and in the case of childrens products independently tested to EN71, we cannot accept responsibility for your safety whilst erecting this product.

**Protim Aquatan T

Your building has been treated with **Aquatan**.

Aquatan is a water-based concentrate which is diluted with water, the building as been treated by the correct application of Aquatan solution and then allowed to dry.

Aquatan is a decorative finish to colour the wood, which is applied industrially to timber fence panels and garden buildings.

Aquatan undiluted contains: boric acid, sodium hydroxide 32% solution, aqueous mixture of sodium dioctyl sulphosuccinat and alcohols: 2, 4, 6-trichlorophenol.

**In all instances for assistance with your product, please contact customer care on :
 01636 880514 or customerservice@merciagp.co.uk**

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Look for the symbols and follow the safety guidelines below.

- 1!** Ensure screw heads are subflush and sand down any splinters created.
- 2!** Ensure the screws are fixed squarely and do not protrude.
- 3!** 12mm gap surrounding the door.

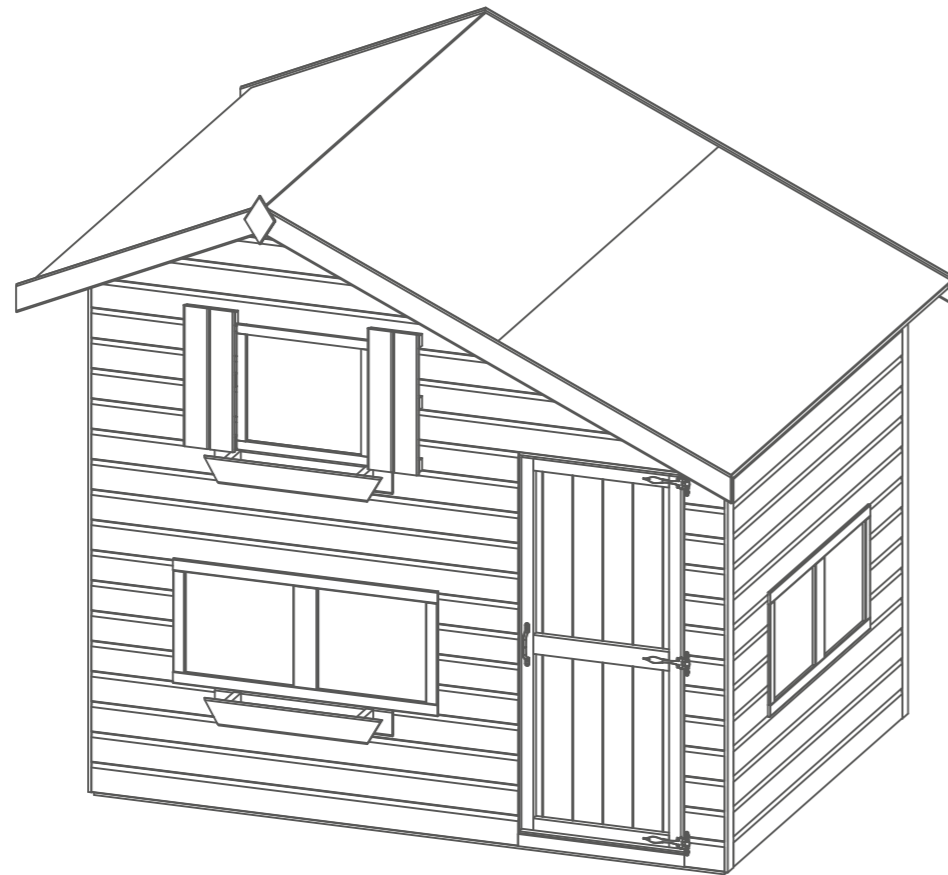
50kg
50kg per user

Overall Dimensions:

Width = 2663mm
Depth = 2236mm
Height = 2460mm

Base Dimensions:

Width = 2350mm
Depth = 1753mm



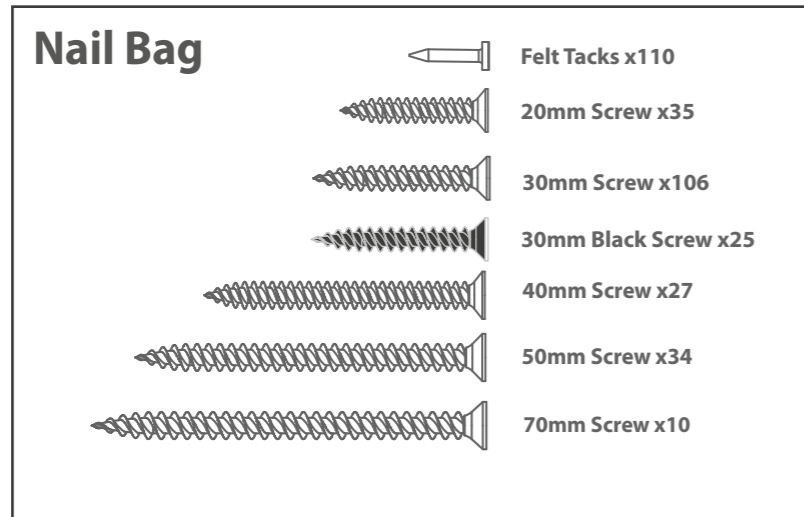
- 1** Floor
AI-02BRAM0806-V3F
- 2** Door Panel
AI-02BRAM0806-V3DG
- 3** Back Panel
AI-02BRAM0806-V3PG
- 4** Short Window Panel
AI-02BRAM0806-V3SWS
- 5** Tall Window Panel
AI-02BRAM0806-V3TWS

- 6** Bunk Floor
AI-02BRAM0806-V3BF
- 7** Roof OSB
PI-03-0051
QTY x3
- 8** Door
AI-02BRAM0806-V3D
- 9** Safety Rail
AI-02BRAM0806-V3SR
- 10** Window
AI-02PHOW-V1
QTY x2
- 11** Window Box
AI-02BRAM0806-V3WB
QTY x2
- 12** Window Shutters
AI-02BRAM0806-V3WS
QTY x2
- 13** Window
AI-02DPHW-V1
QTY x3

Fixing Kit

- 14** Fascia - 12x95x1960mm SR1295-1960mm QTY x2
- 15** Fascia - 12x95x1040mm SR1295-1040mm QTY x2
- 16** Fascia Blocks - 27x44x423mm F2744-423mm QTY x4
- 17** Railing Upright - 27x44x1060mm F2744-1060mm
- 18** Roof Bearer - 27x44x1665mm F2744-1665mm QTY x3
- 19** Roof Eave - 28x28x2200mm F2828-2200mm QTY x2
- 20** Cover Trim A - 12x56x1680mm S1256-1680mm QTY x2
- 21** Cover Trim B - 12x56x2016mm S1256-2016mm QTY x2
- 22** Ladder Left - 27x95x1365mm pro2795-1365mm
- 23** Ladder Right - 27x95x1365mm pro2795-1365mm
- 24** Ladder Step - 27x58x390mm pro2758-390mm QTY x2
- 25** Finial SHED DIAMOND FINIAL
- 26** Window Crosses PI-04-0013 QTY x8
- 27** Door stop PLY TRIANGLE (PI-04-0002)
- 28** Door handle PI-07-0033
- 29** Hinges PI-07-0113 QTY x3
- 30** Corner Brackets PI-07-0012 QTY x8
- 31** 10m Green Felt PI-01-0003 QTY x10
- 32** Window Blocks PI-07-0011

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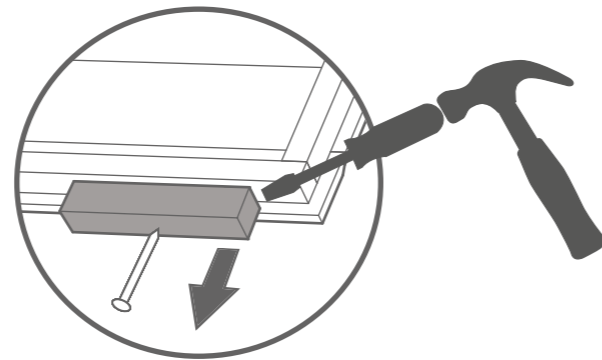


Pre Assembly

Before assembling remove the transportation blocks from the bottom of each panel.

Take care removing the blocks as to not damage the panels. Tap with a flat headed screwdriver and hammer.

Dispose of the blocks once removed.



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Step 1
Parts needed - 10 & 13 & 32

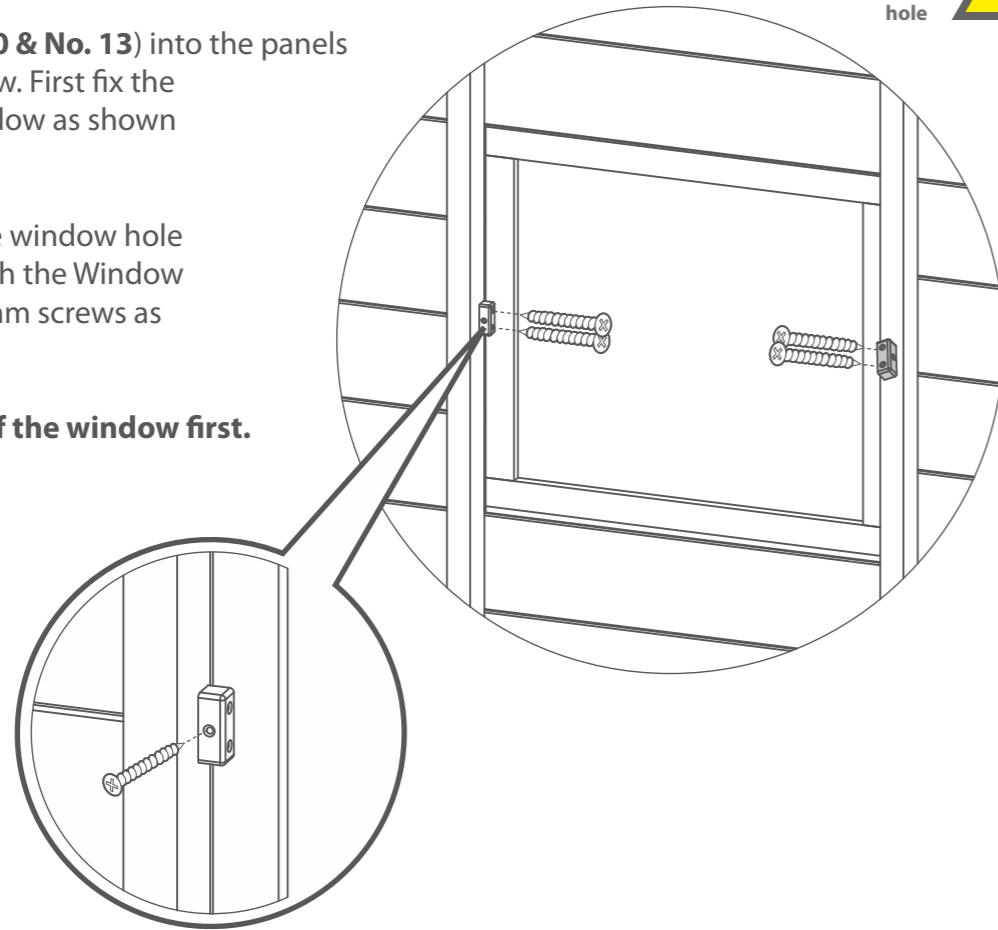


To fix the Windows (No. 10 & No. 13) into the panels that accommodate a window. First fix the Window Block to the Window as shown with 1x30mm screw.

Place the Window into the window hole and fix by screwing through the Window Block (No. 32) with 2x30mm screws as shown.

Screw into the bottom of the window first.

30x30mm screws.



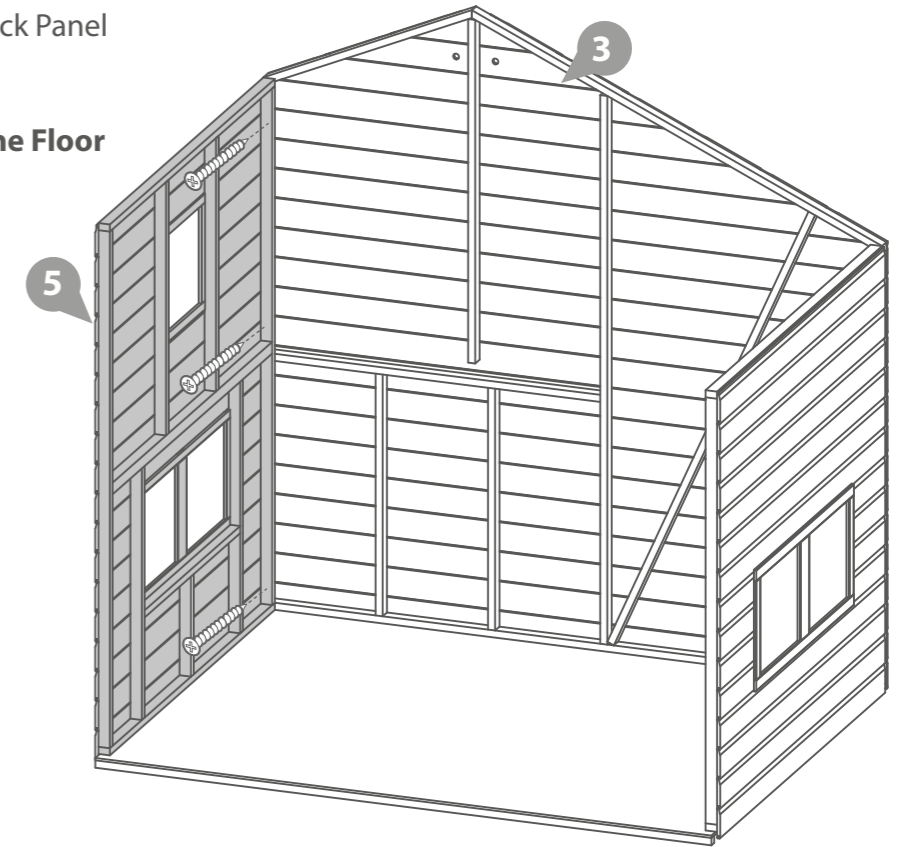
Step 3
Parts needed - 3 & 5



Fix the side of the Tall Window Panel (No. 5) against the back of the Back Panel (No. 3).

Do not secure the building to the Floor until the Roof is fitted.

3x50mm screws.



Step 2
Parts needed - 1 & 3 & 4

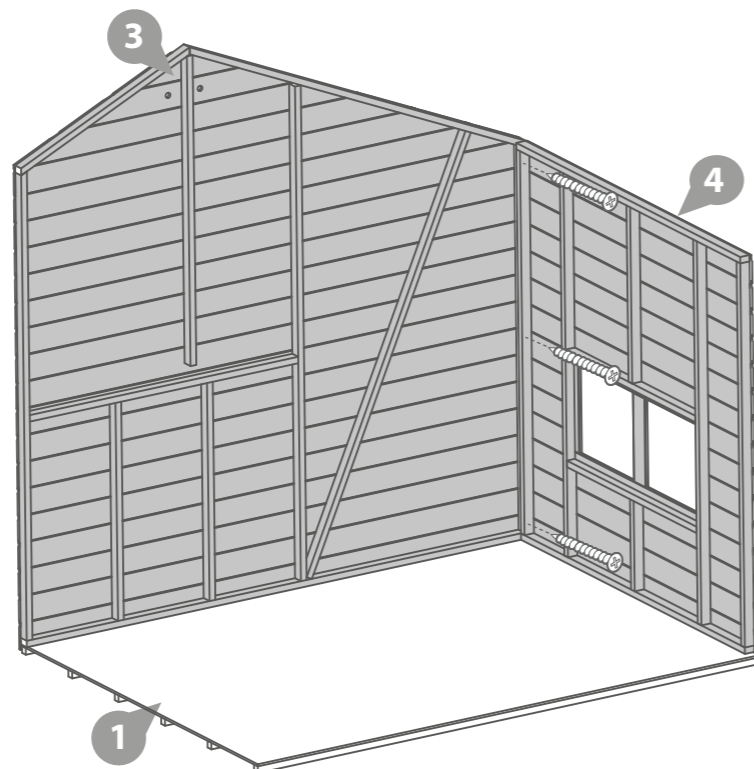


Place the Floor panel (No. 1) onto a firm and level base, ensuring the base has suitable drainage & is free from areas where standing water can collect.

Fix the side of the Short Window Panel (No. 4) against the back of the Back Panel (No. 3).

Do not secure the building to the Floor until the Roof is fitted.

3x50mm screws.



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Step 4
Part needed - 2 & 8 & 29

Assembly of the Door Panel (No. 2) and Door (No.8).

Place the Door Panel (No. 2) on a flat level surface and place the Door (No. 8) as shown.

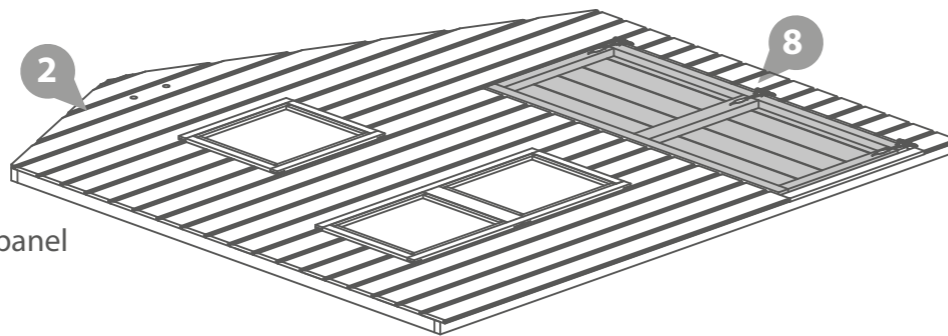
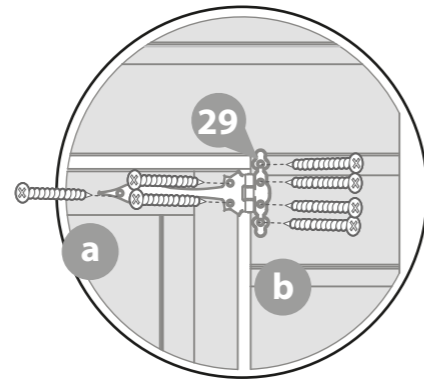
It is important that the door is placed central in the space provided leaving a 12mm gap around each side. Use a 12mm strip to help keep the gap at 12mm.

- a Fix the 3 Hinges (No. 29) to the door framing with 3x30mm black screws.

The door can be hung from either side to suit your needs.

- b Fix the Hinges (No. 29) to the Door panel (No. 2) using 4x30mm black screws.

21x30mm black screws.

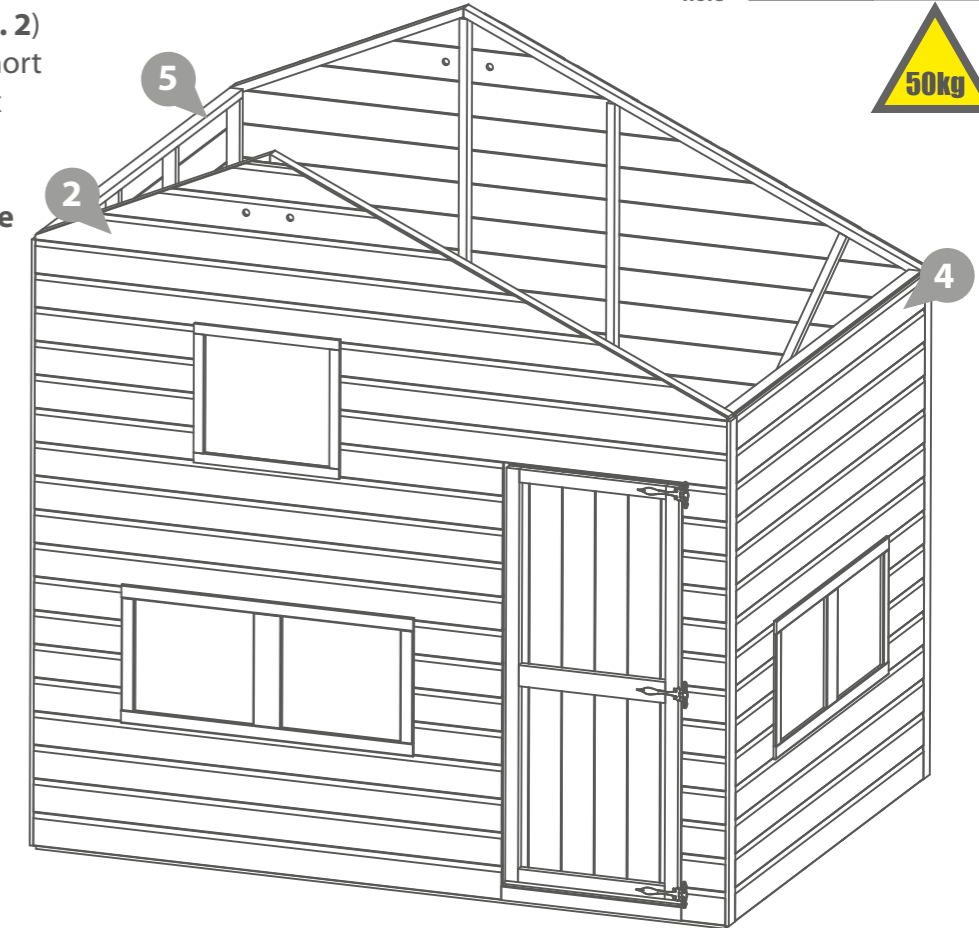
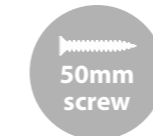


Step 6
Parts needed - 2 & 4 & 5

Fix the back of the Door Panel (No. 2) against the sides of the Tall and Short Window Panels (No. 4 & No. 5). Fix with 6x50mm screws internally.

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6x50mm screws.

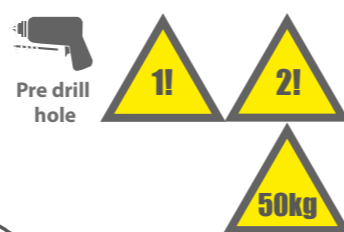
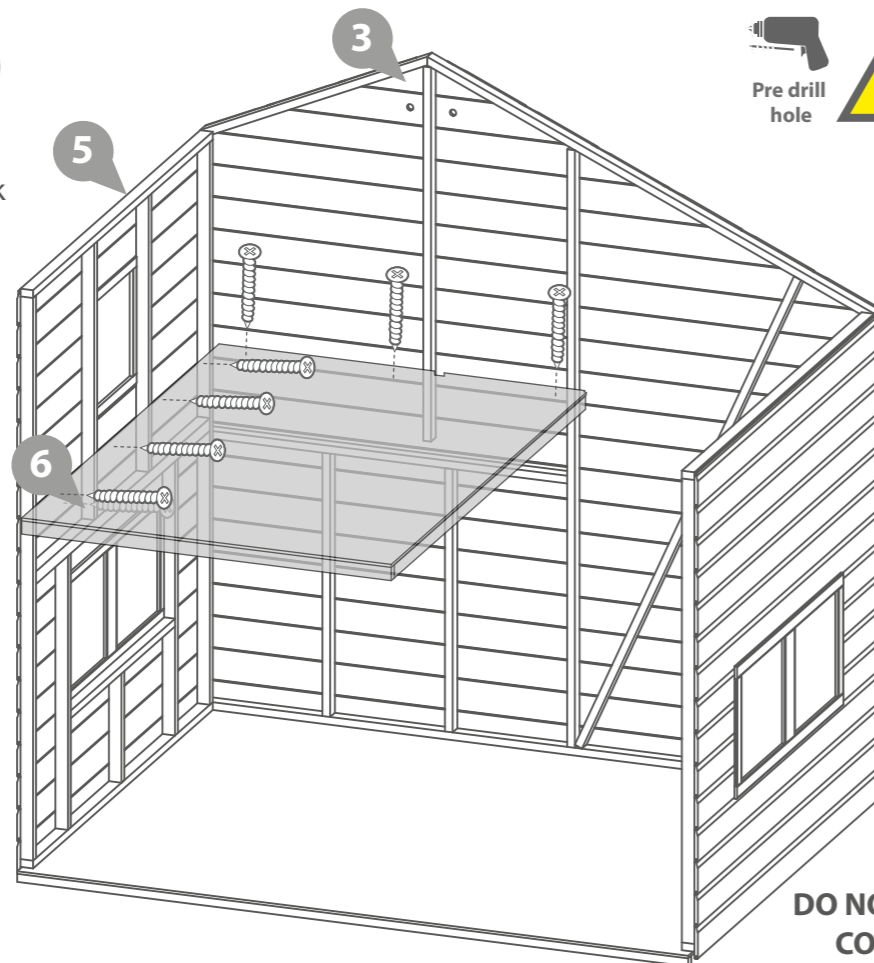


Step 5
Parts needed - 3 & 5 & 6

Place the Bunk Floor (No. 6) onto the horizontal framing of the Back Panel (No. 3) and flush with the horizontal framing of the Tall Window panel (No. 5).

Fix into position using 7x70mm screws as shown.

7x70mm screws.

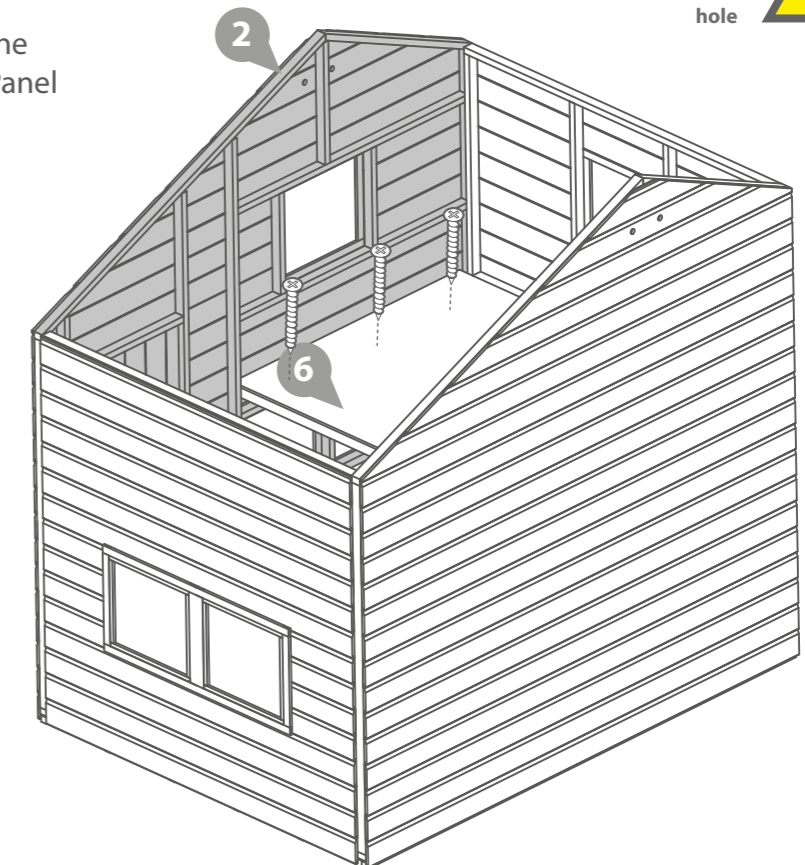
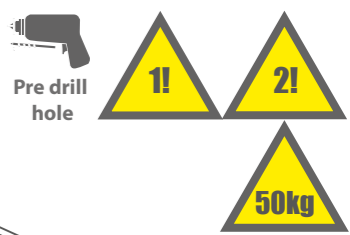
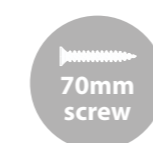


Step 7
Parts needed - 2 & 6

Fix the Bunk Floor (No. 6) onto the horizontal framing of the Door Panel (No. 2) as shown.

Fix into position using 3x70mm screws as shown.

3x70mm screws.



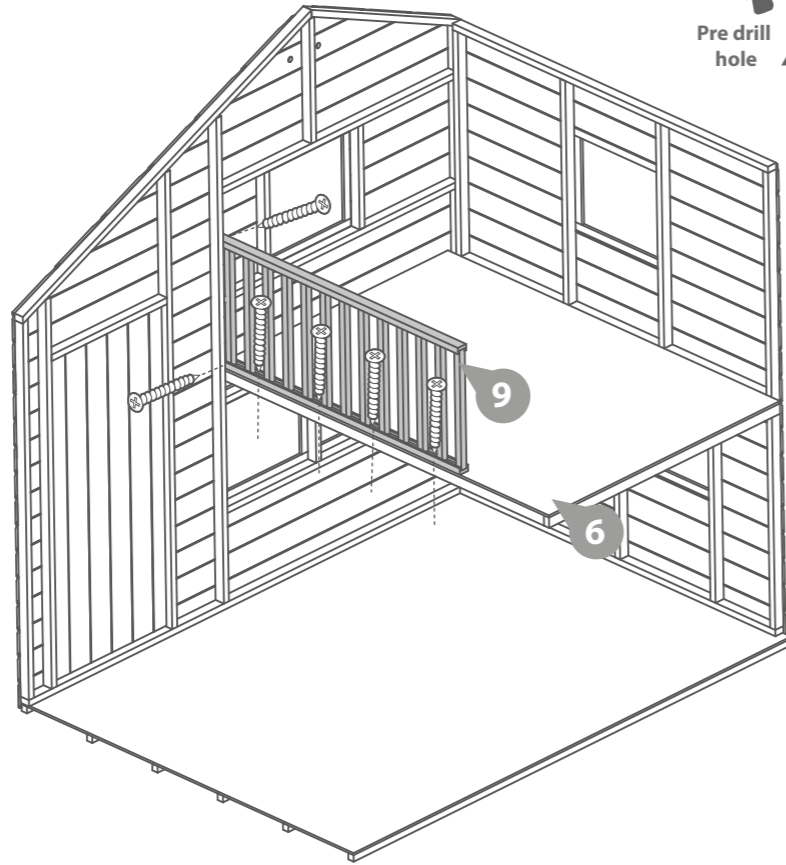
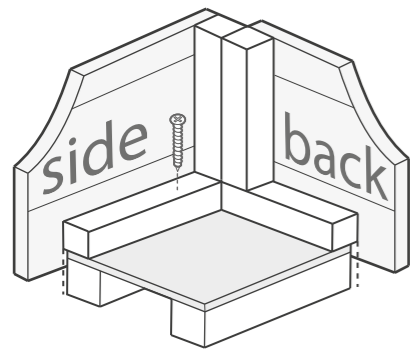
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Step 8
Parts needed - 6 & 9

Fix the Safety Rail (No. 9) flush to the side of the Bunk Floor (No. 6).

Fix into position using 6x50mm screws as shown.

6x50mm screws.

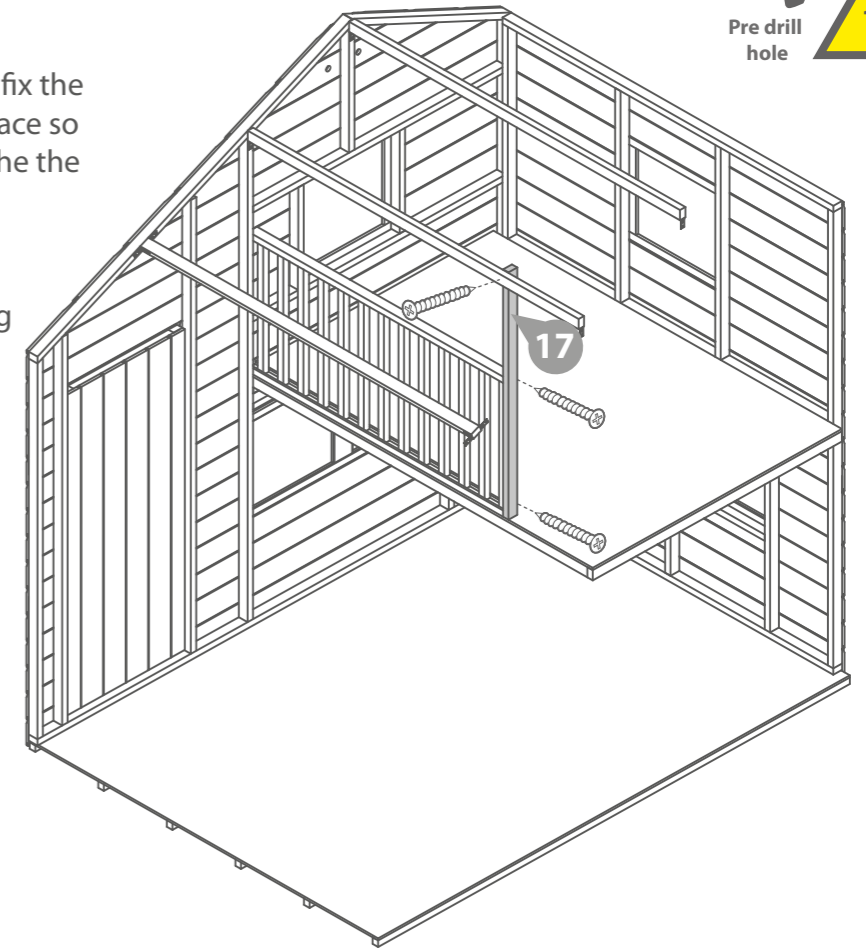


Step 10
Parts needed - 17

To make the Safety Rail secure, fix the Railing Upright (No. 17) into place so that it is flush with the side of the the Bunk Floor and flush with the Roof Bearer.

Fix into position as shown using 3x40mm screws.

3x40mm screws.

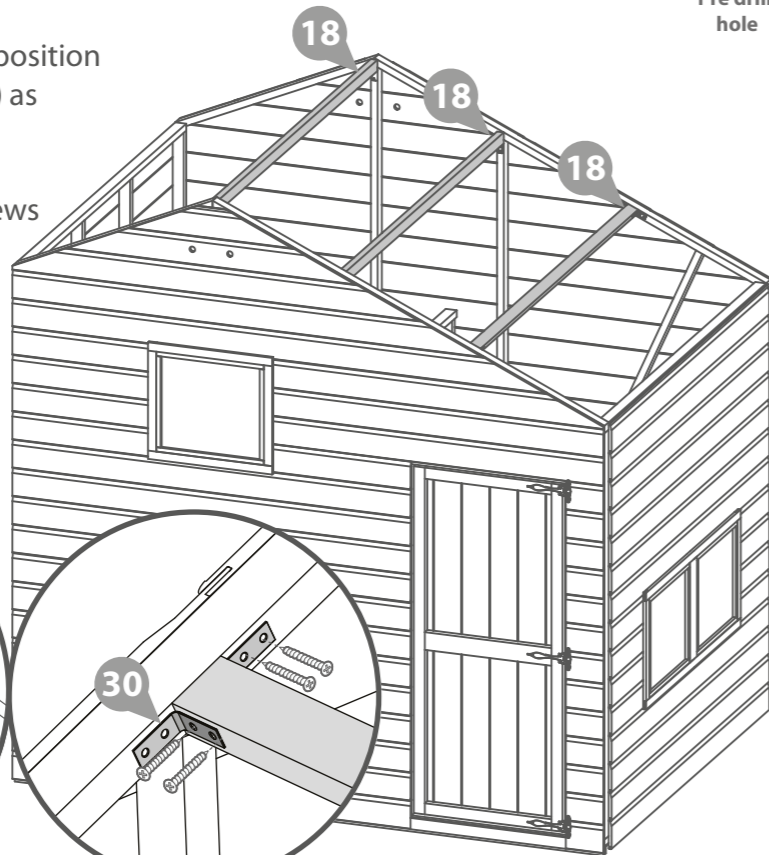
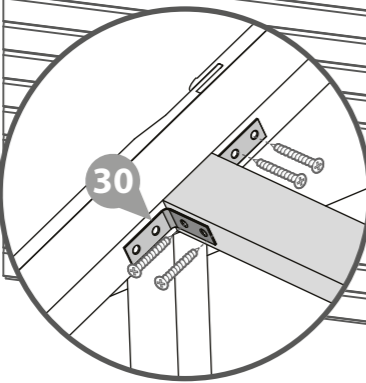
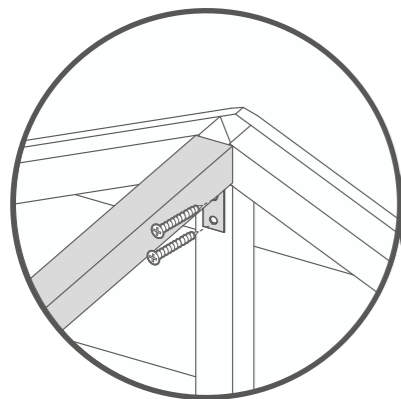


Step 9
Parts needed - 18 & 30

Fix the Roof bearers (3x No. 18) into position using the 8x Corner Brackets (No. 30) as shown below.

Fix into position using 36x30mm screws
4x30mm screws per bracket

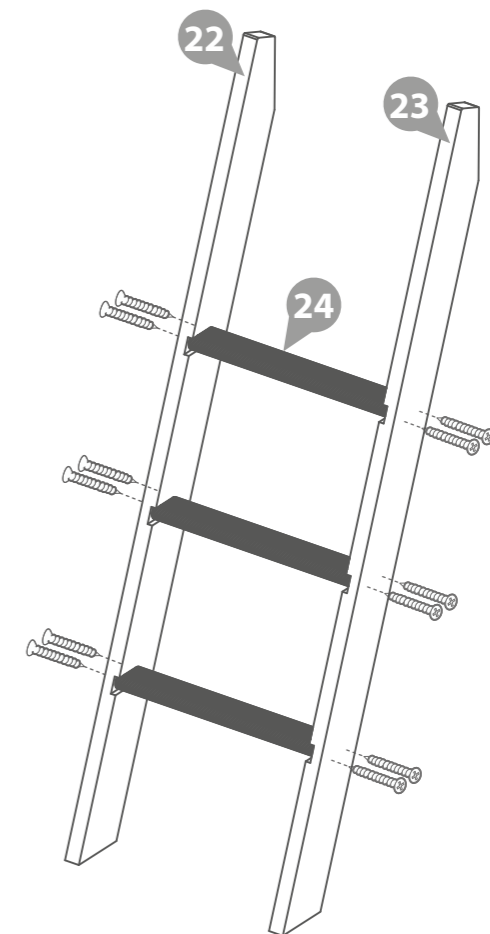
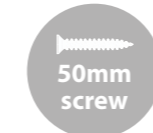
36x30mm screws.



Step 11
Parts needed - 22 & 23 & 24 x4

Fix your ladder together by slotting the Ladder Steps (No.24) between Ladder Left (No. 22) and Ladder Right (No. 23) as shown using 4x50mm per Ladder Step.

16x50mm screws.

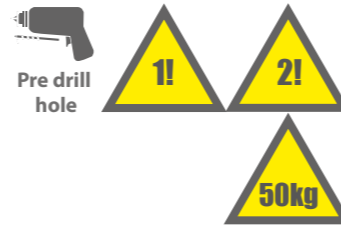
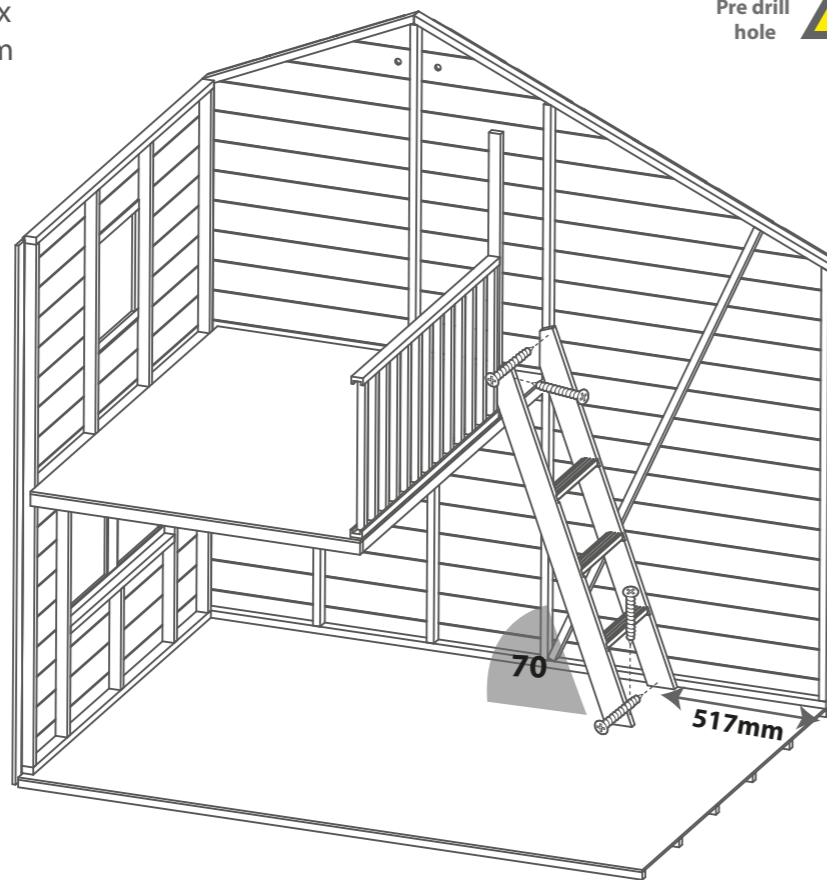


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Step 12

Place your ladder into position and fix into position as shown using 4x40mm screws.

4x40mm screws.



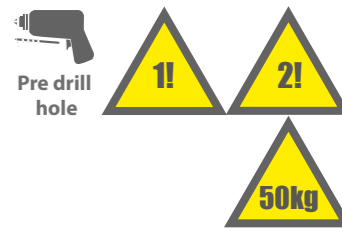
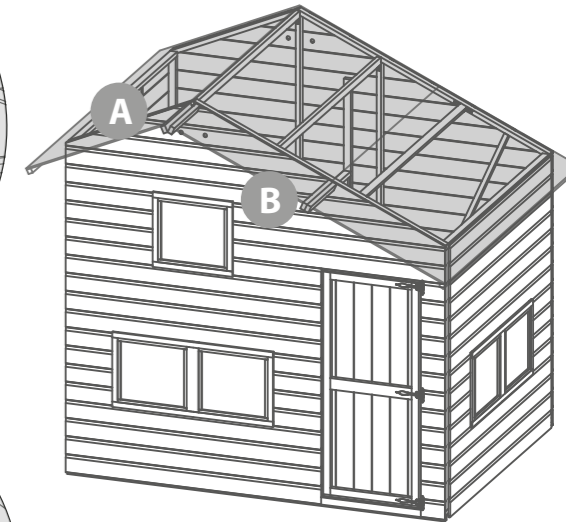
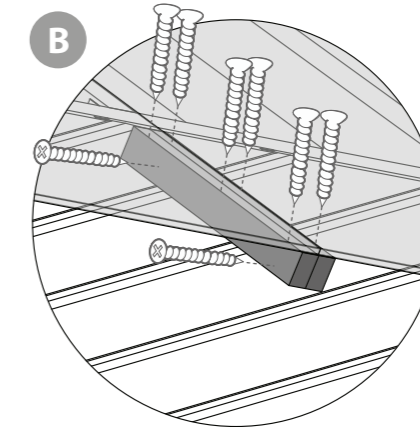
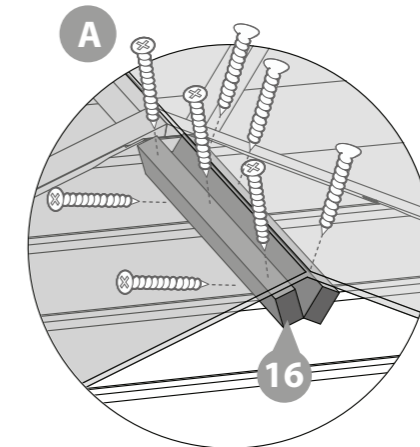
Step 14

Parts needed - 7 & 16

Fix the Fascia Blocks (No. 16) to the bottom of the Roof OSB (No. 7) using 3x30mm screws per block.

Use 2x40mm screws to fix the blocks to each other.

**4x40mm screws.
12x30mm screws.**



Step 13

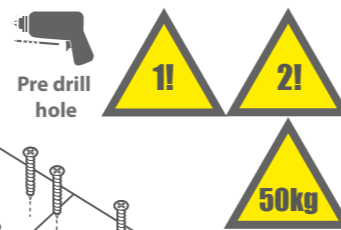
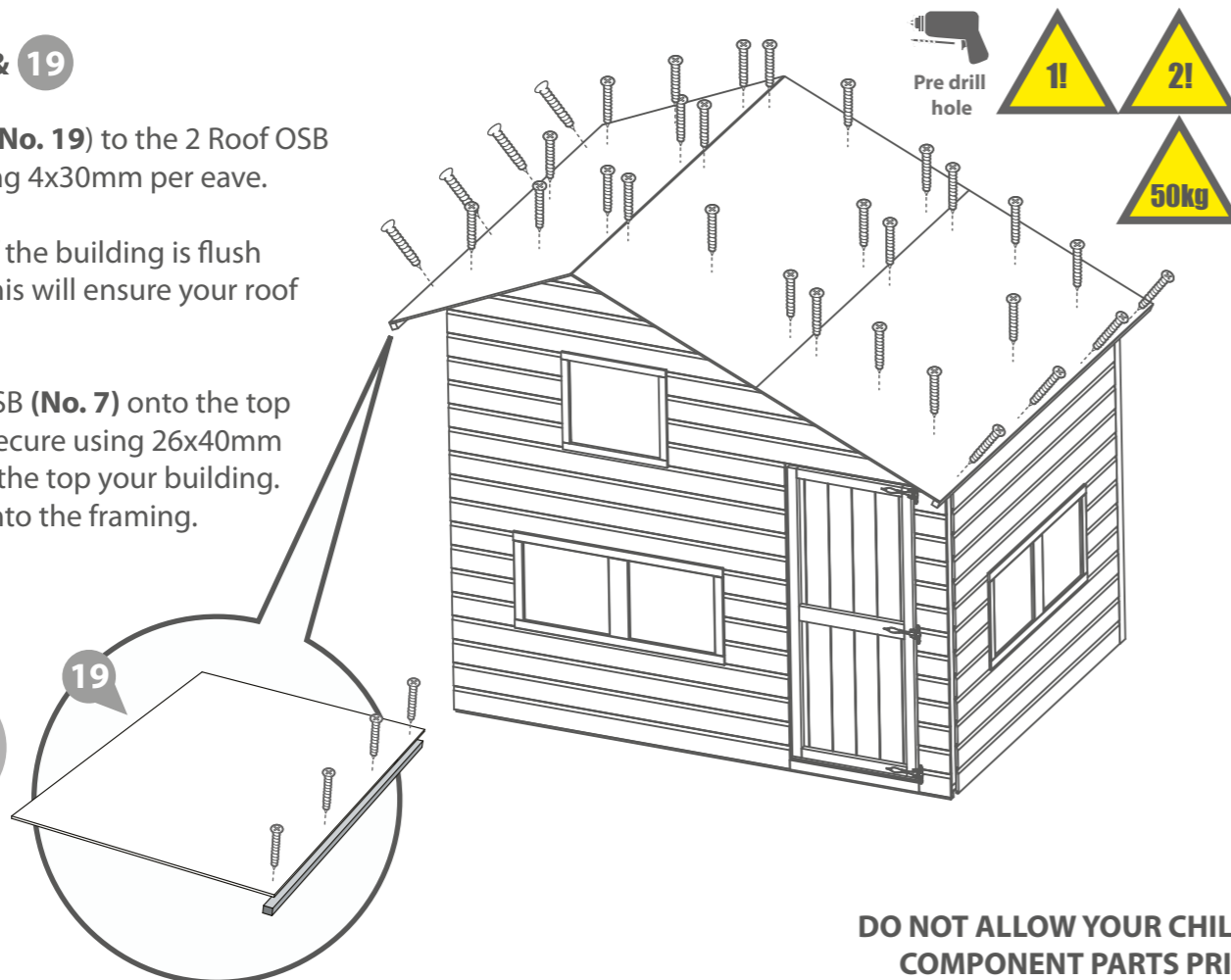
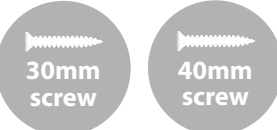
Parts needed - 7 & 19

Fix the 2 Roof Eaves (No. 19) to the 2 Roof OSB (No. 7) as shown using 4x30mm per eave.

Make sure the rear of the building is flush with the Roof OSB. This will ensure your roof is straight.

Position your Roof OSB (No. 7) onto the top of the building and secure using 26x40mm screws starting from the top your building. Make sure to screw into the framing.

**8x30mm screws.
26x40mm screws.**

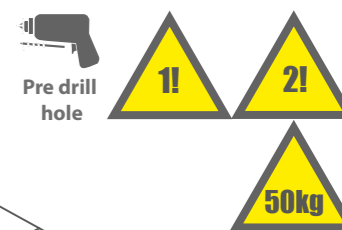
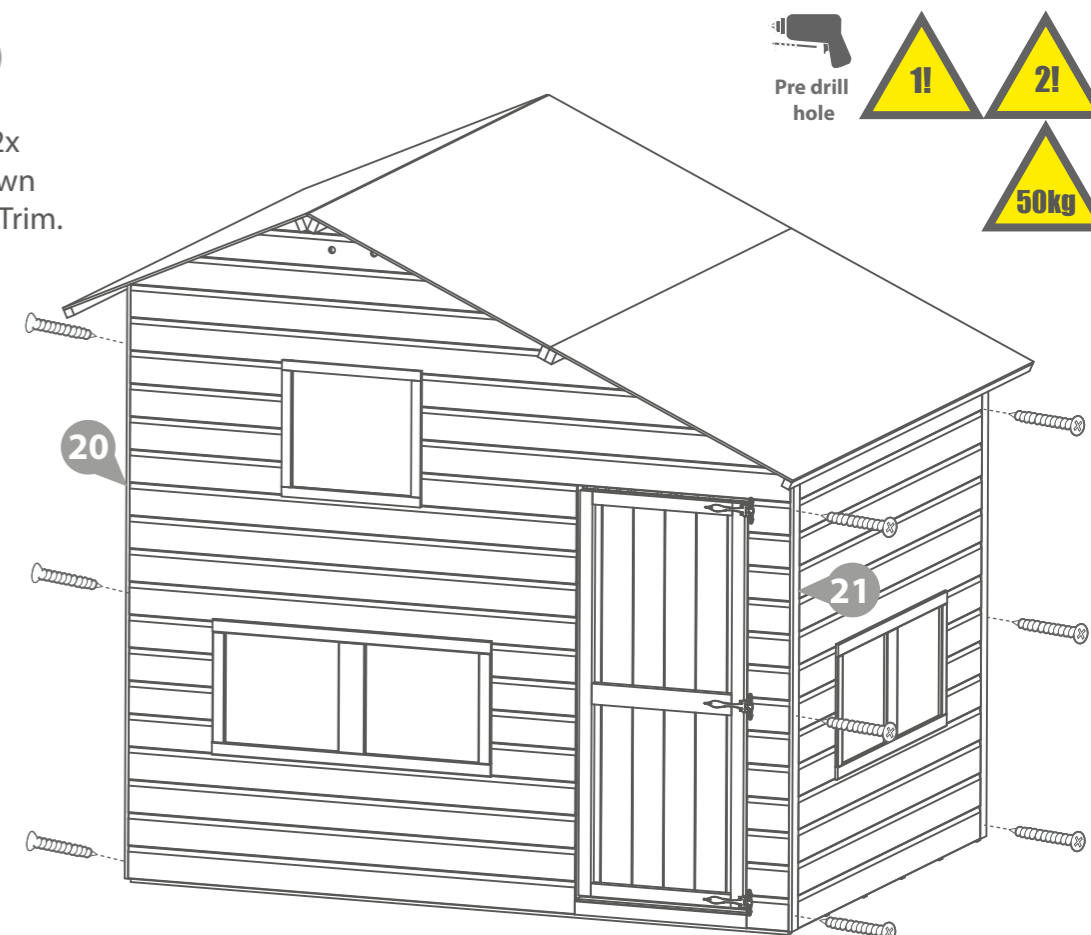
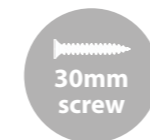


Step 15

Parts needed - 20 & 21

Fix the Cover Trims A & B (2x No. 20 & 2x No. 21) as shown using 3x30mm screws per Trim.

12x30mm screws.



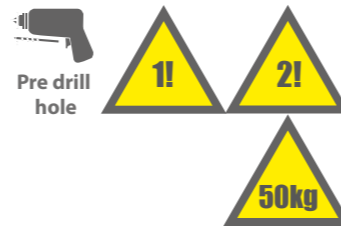
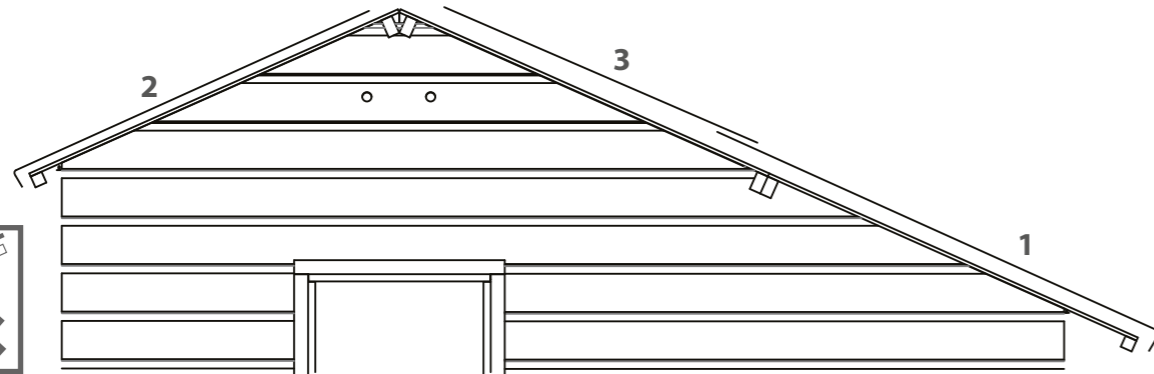
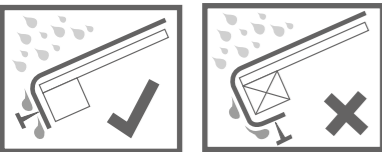
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Step 16
Parts needed - 31

Roll the Felt (No. 31) from front to back leaving a 50mm felt overlap to the front, back and sides. Secure with felt tacks at 100mm intervals.

Use a final fourth piece of felt along the Apex of the building as shown.

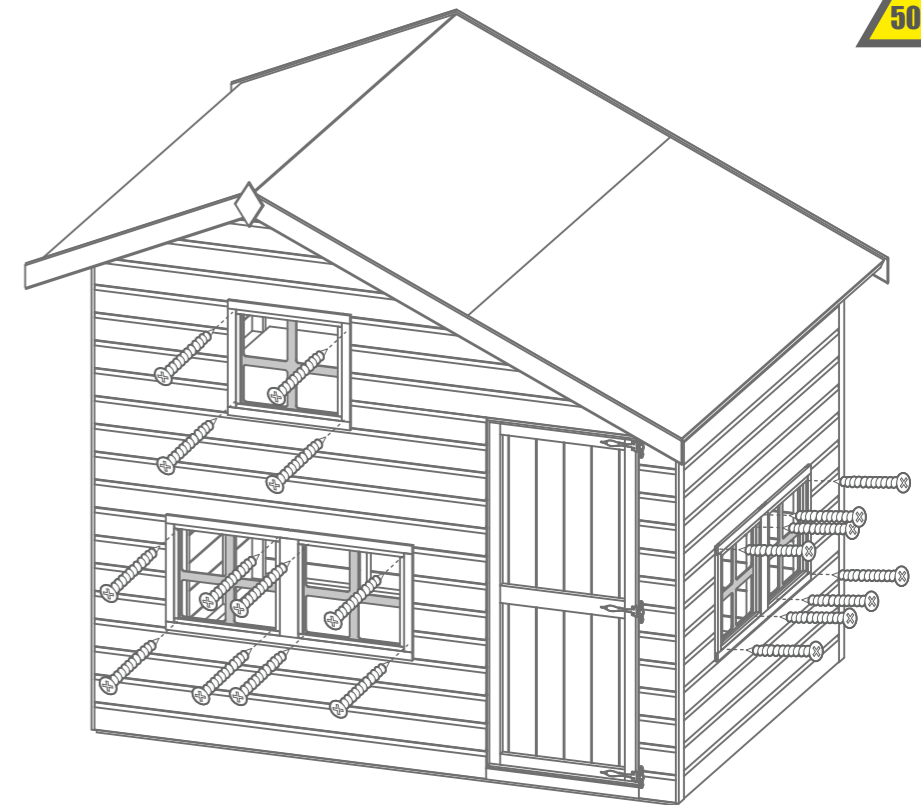
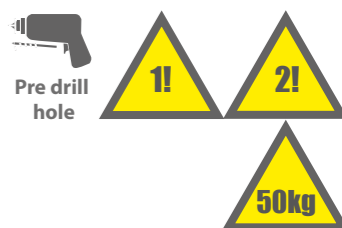
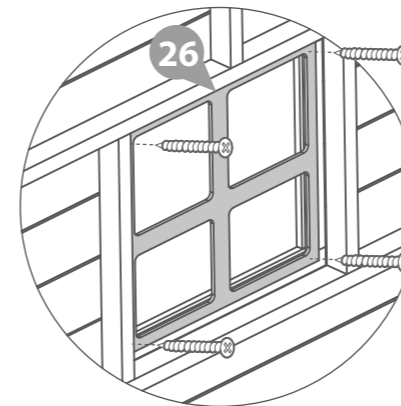
110x Felt Tacks



Step 18
Parts needed - 26

Fix the Window Crosses (No. 26) into position using 4x20mm screws per Window Cross.

32x 20mm screws.

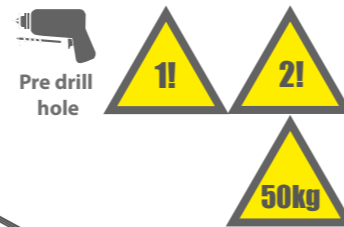
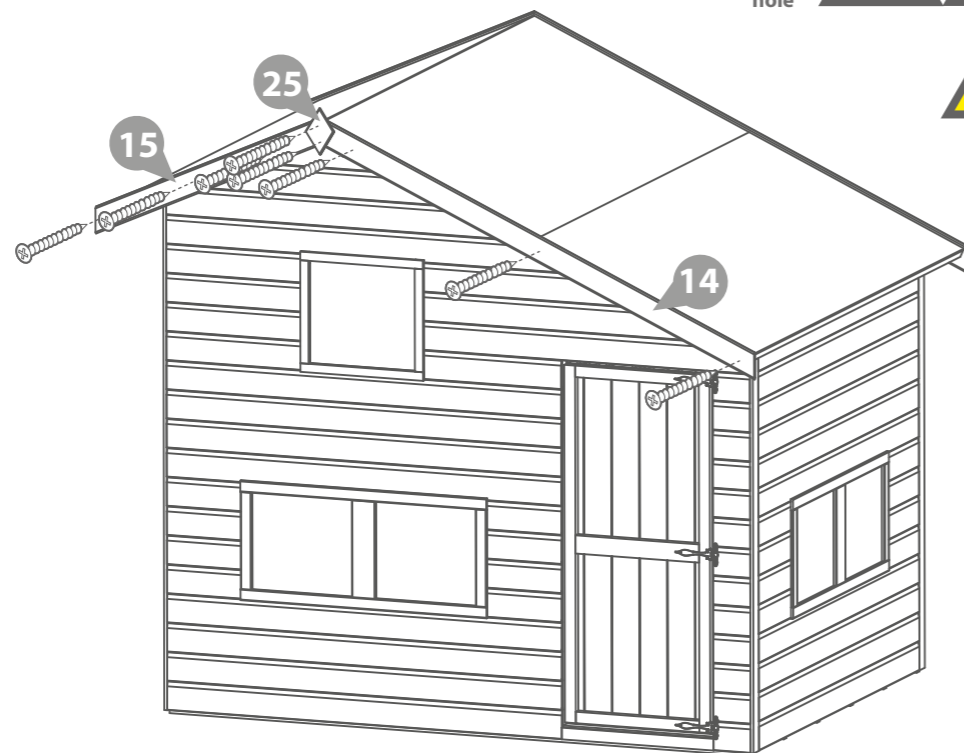
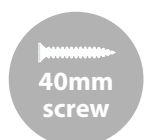


Step 17
Parts needed - 14 & 15 & 25

Fix the Fascias (No. 14 & No.15) to the front and back using 3x40mm screws per board.

Fix the Finials x2 (No.25) with 2x40mm screws per Finial as shown.

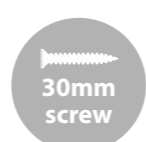
16x 40mm screws.



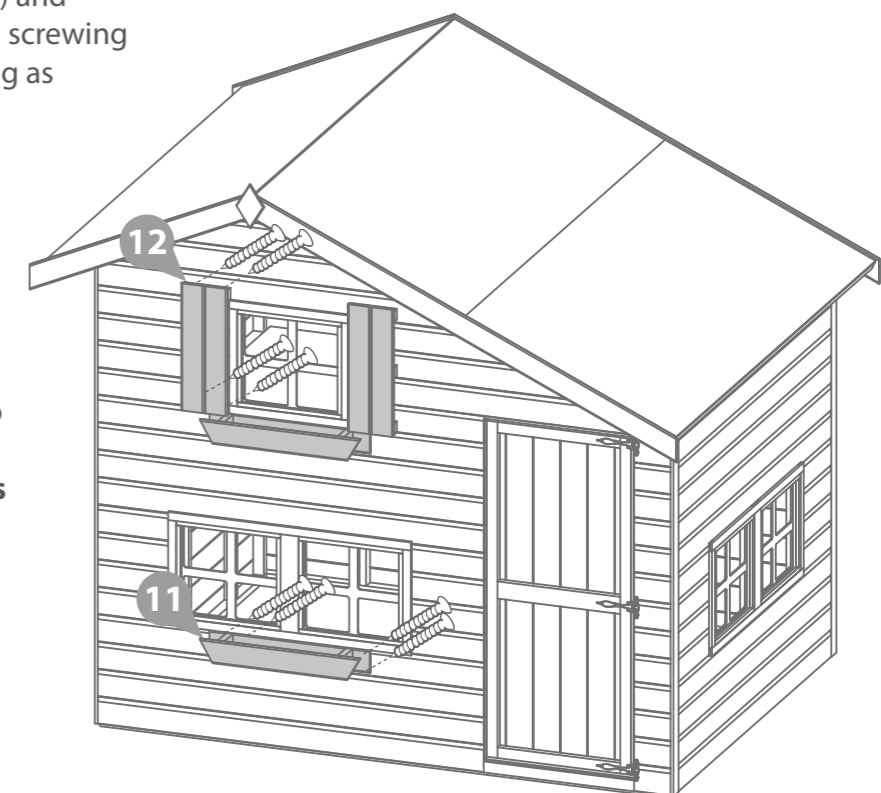
Step 19
Parts needed - 11 & 12

Fix the Window Shutters(No. 12) and Window Box(No. 11) in position screwing from inside through the cladding as shown.

12x 30mm screws.



Every effort has been made to reduce sharp edges but it is recommended that any points are rounded.



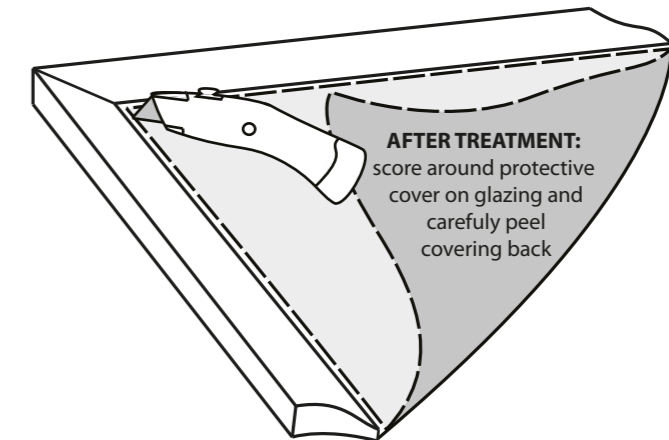
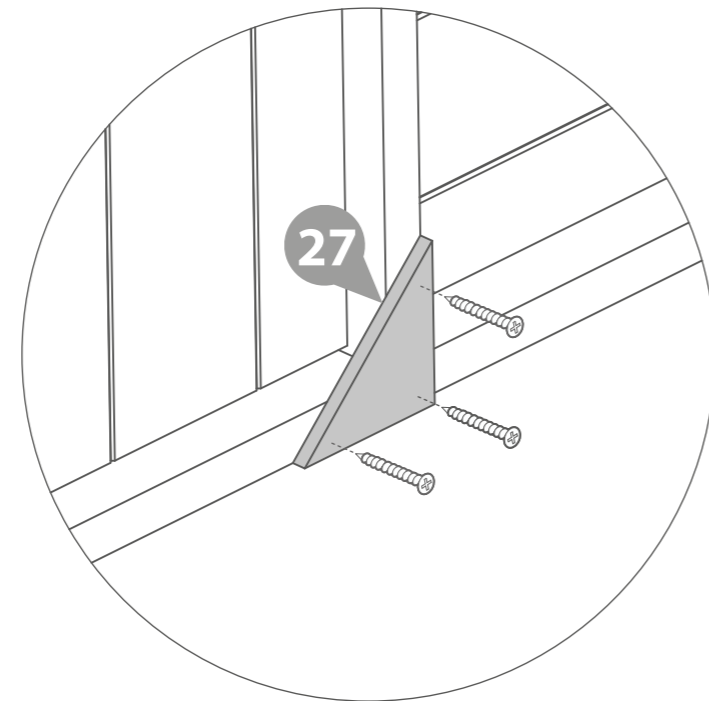
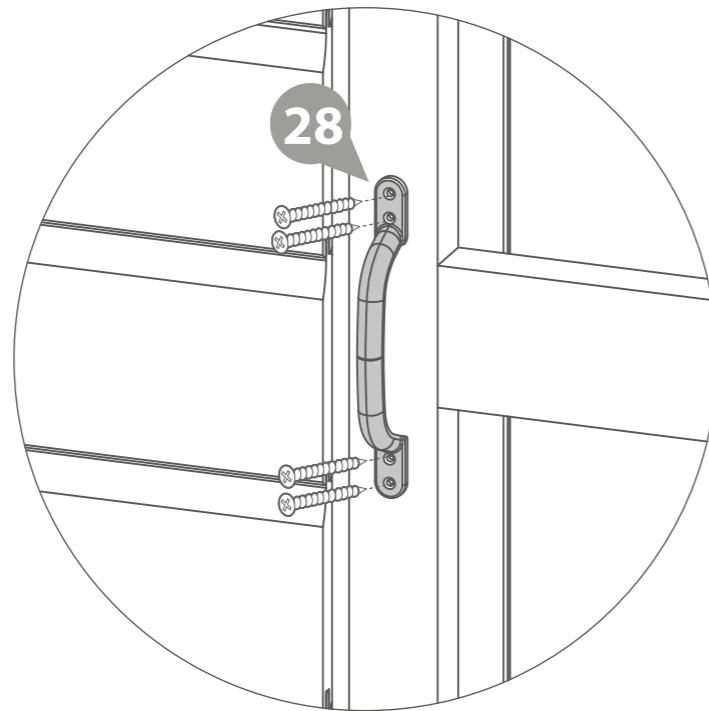
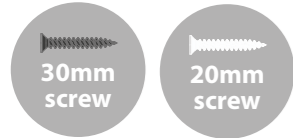
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Step 20
Part needed - 27 & 28

Fix the Black Handle (No. 28) to the Door (No. 8) using 4x30mm black screws.

Fix the Door Stop (No. 27) to the inside of the door using 3x20mm screws as shown.

4x 30mm black screws.
3x20mm screws.



Playhouse Maintenance:

It is recommended that the following checks and maintenance are carried out at the beginning of each season as well as at regular intervals during the usage season.

- Check all nuts /bolts/ screws for tightness and tighten when required.
- Check for movement / opening of wood giving rise to protrusion of nail heads and tips.
- Check hinges.
- Replace defective parts in accordance with the manufacturers instructions.
- Check any crossbeams, suspensions and anchors.
- If a swing is included; check the swing seat, chains and ropes.

IF THESE CHECKS ARE NOT CARRIED OUT THE ACTIVITY TOY COULD BECOME A HAZARD

DO NOT ALLOW YOUR CHILD TO PLAY WITH ANY COMPONENT PARTS PRIOR TO ASSEMBLY.