# 10X10 Breeze Pergola Assembly Manual Outdoor Living Today 

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Note: Post Mounting Hardware is NOT included in this kit. Please confirm with your local building permit office to determine the correct hardware in your area.

If you plan to paint or stain your Pergola before assembly, be sure to scribe or mark the top edge of Joist where Stub Joists and Ladder Blockings are pre-marked. Painting or staining may cover up markings making it more difficult to align components later.

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| Parts Lists: |  |  |  |  |
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|  | Thickness | Width | Length | Qty. |
| A - Posts | $51 / 2$ " | $51 / 2$ " | 108" | 4 |
| B - Girder (deep notch on top) | $11 / 2$ " | $51 / 2$ " | 138" | 2 |
| C - Girder (deep notch on bottom) | $11 / 2$ " | $51 / 2$ " | 138" | 2 |
| D - Joist (shallow notch on bottom) | $11 / 2$ " | $51 / 2$ " | 138" | 10 |
| E - Stub Joist | $11 / 2$ " | $51 / 2$ " | 14 1/2" | 16 |
| F - Ladder Blocking | $11 / 2$ " | $51 / 2$ " | 16 5/8" | 32 |
| G - Left Corner Brackets | $11 / 2$ " | $51 / 2$ " | 34 3/4" | 4 |
| H Right Corner Brackets | $11 / 2$ " | $51 / 2$ " | 34 3/4 | 4 |
| I-Corner Bracket Post Mount | $1 "$ | 4 1/2" | 10 1/2" | 8 |
| Post Skirting Kits - 4 Kits / Each includes: |  |  |  |  |
| J - Post Skirtings with Cleat | 1 1/2" | 9" | 7 1/4" | 2 |
| K - Post Skirtings- Dado Cut | $11 / 2$ " | 9" | 7 1/4" | 2 |
| L - Post Skirting Caps | 1 1/2" | 2 1/2" | 10 1/2" | 4 |


| Specifications: <br> Wood Species - Western Red Cedar <br> Grade - Architectural Knotty or Better <br> Posts - Laminated Western Red Cedar <br> Lag Screws and Washers - Zinc Plated <br> 4" \& 2 1/2" \& 2" - Brown Screws <br> 2" Screws - Stainless Steel <br> 2 1/2" Finishing Nails - Stainless Steel <br> Overall Outside Dimensions: <br> $138 " \times 138 " \times 108 "$ high <br> Height (Ground to Bottom of Girder) <br> 94 1/2" <br> Post Mounts - Not Included with Kit <br> Recommended Post Mount <br> Simpson Strong Tie - ABU66 |  |
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Tools Required (Not Provided)


## Safety Equipment Required (Not Provided)



Safety Glasses


Work Gloves

Important - Western Red Cedar Lumber and Timbers will have surface splitting that occurs as lumber seasons and drys 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.


Deep Notch facing up and inside flush with post.

1. On flat level ground, Lag screw the Girder with Deep Notch on top (B) to two Posts (A) approximately 8 " from top of Post. Complete 2 sets of Girder/Post Assembly's. Note; Pilot hole Post first with 1/4" drill bit.

## 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 2 to find the measurements and to determine their correct positions. Outside Post to Post measurements for the 10'x10' Breeze are: 120" x 120".
Inside Diagonal Post to Post measurement is 154 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. If attaching Posts to pre-existing deck, we recommend that you purchase Post / Deck Mounting Brackets. In both cases, Post Mounting hardware can be found at most Hardware Stores.



Important- You will require the assistance of 2 helpers to support the posts up to Step 7.
2. Lift up a completed Post/Girder Assembly slowly and carefully. Make sure Girder is facing outward.
3. If Post Mount Hardware is installed, position bottom of Posts in Hardware.

4. Secure Post to Post Hardware with appropriate hardware such as lag bolts or a sufficient number of screws.(Hardware Not Supplied)


Lift, position and attach the second Post/Girder Assembly to Post Hardware.


Deep Notch facing down.

9. With Stub Joists positioned correctly on Joist, attach each Stub Joist with 2-2 1/2" screws. Stub Joists should be flush with top and bottom of Joist with all notches facing down. There are two Joist / Stub Joist Assembly's, complete both now.


2-2 1/2" screws
10. Carefully lift up completed Joist / Stub Joist Assembly and fit notches onto Girder.

11. Attach all Stub

Joists and Joist to Girder with 1-4" screw per piece.

1-4" screw

Complete both Assembly's Note: Drill pilot holes in Joists and Stub Joists to make it easier to screw in 4" screws.


12. On a flat surface, position Ladder Blocking (F) where marked on top edge of Joist (D) and screw with 2-2 $1 / 2^{\prime \prime}$ screws per end. Ladder Blocking should be flush with top and bottom of Joist with all notches facing down.

13. Complete all four Ladder Sections on the ground prior to moving to Step 14.
14. Carefully lift up one of the Ladder Sections between Girders. You will require a helper to assist in lifting Ladder Sections.


15. Carefully slide Joist notches of Ladder Section onto Girder. Try to align notches so they fall into place all at once. With notches of Ladder Section all sitting correctly on Girder, slide Section approximately 7" from Post. Check alignment of opposite end of Ladder Section.

17. With all Ladder Sections in place, check once more for equal spacing. When satisfied with Ladder Section positioning, attach to Girders with 4-4" screws per Ladder. Screw from top edge of Joist down into Girder.
Pilot hole screws first to help with screwing.

18. There are 4 Left ( $G$ ) and 4 Right Sided

Corner Brackets (H). Corner Bracket Post Mounts (I) must be attached to the bottom end of each Corner Bracket before attaching to Posts.

19. To assist you with Bracket and Post Mount alignment, both the end of the Bracket and Post Mount have been drilled for a Wooden Dowel. Wooden Dowels are found in the Hardware Kit Bag. Insert a Wooden Dowel in end of Corner Bracket first and then push Post Mount onto Dowel until Bracket and Post Mount are flush together. Align Post Mount parallel with Bracket.

(H) Right Side

(I) Corner Bracket
Post
Mounts

Bracket and Post Mount aligned parallel with each other.

20. With Bracket and Post Mount correctly aligned, screw Post Mount to Bracket with 2-2 1/2" screws. Important- Drill pilot holes in Post Mounts and Bracket to prevent wood from splitting! Complete all remaining Brackets/Post Mount connections.

21. Lift completed Left Sided Corner Bracket up and align bottom of Bracket Spacer flush with bottom of Girder. At bottom of Corner Bracket, align Post Mount evenly and tight against Post. When correctly aligned, secure at top with 2-4" Screws. To secure Post Mount, use 6-2" Stainless Steel Screws. Note, Post Mount and


Corner Bracket
22. Align and attach a Right Sided Corner Bracket on Post as per Step 21. Make sure both Brackets are aligned on Post at the same height before attaching.
23. Complete remaining Left and Right Sided Corner Bracket attachments.

Post Skirting Caps (L) Post Skirtings with dado cuts - (K)


Post Skirtings with Cleat (J)

Dado cut skirting(K)


Post mount bolts
24. Locate all Post Skirting pieces. Position 2 post skirtings around the base of post as shown above. Use 1 Post Skirting with Cleat - 1 1/2" x 9" x $71 / 4$ " (Part J) and a Post Skirting with Dado Cut 1 1/2" x 9" x 7 1/4" (Part K) initially. Cleat piece should be aligned opposite post mount hardware and dado piece aligned with post mount bolts (hardware).

25. With your helpers assistance, screw Part $J$ \& $K$ pieces together with $2-2$ " screws at pre-drilled locations. Make sure pieces are aligned on edges and top and bottom. Cleated skirting piece are pre-drilled. Complete remaining skirting pieces around the post. Position skirting unit evenly around post. Secure to post by screwing 1-2 1/2" screw into the center of each cleated skirting piece (J).

26. Position Post Skirting Caps-11/2" $\times 2$ 1/2" $\times 105 / \mathbf{8}^{\prime \prime}$ (Part L) on top of skirting unit and against post. Do a dry run first to confirm fit. There will be a small gap between post and inside of cap. Attach caps down into skirting tops with 3-2" Stainless Steel Finishing Nails per piece. Complete remaining post skirtings.

## Congratulations on building your 10x10 Breeze Pergola

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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