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Completed Abri Apex

Assembly of Abri Apex®

Thank you and congratulations on the purchase of your Shire Garden Building. We believe that this product will give you many years of excellent service. This is a natural product manufactured to a high standard therefore if you have any queries or experience any difficulties then please contact our customer service hotline on **01945 465295**.

Preparation of Base

We recommend that the base onto which your building will stand should be at least 75mm larger in each direction than the total floor size of the building.

Actual floor area of the building: 1980 x 2050mm

Total height clearance: 2140mm

The chosen position in your garden for the siting of the building should be excavated to a depth of 75mm to allow a base of sand, on to which paving slabs can be evenly laid - **THEY MUST BE LEVEL AND FIRM.**

Treatment/Care of your Garden Building

Treat with a suitable decorative wood finish immediately. We recommend that all timber pieces be treated again prior to assembly and again within 3 months of assembly. We further recommend that all pieces are treated again at least annually or as frequently as the instructions on the product used recommends.

We would suggest that all wall panels be treated in an upside-down position to allow the finish/treatment to ingress into the tongue and groove jointing.

We would also remind you that you would rarely (if ever) be able to re-treat the underside of the floor following assembly. We strongly recommend that the underside of the floor is treated an absolute minimum of twice (not including pre-treatment).

Tools Required

- Posidrive screwdriver (electric is best)
- Drill, 6mm drill bit and 8mm drill bit
- Hammer
- Sandpaper (to smooth any rough edges)
- Cutting knife
- Tape measure
- Step ladder
- Ruler
- Pencil
- Saw

IMPORTANT!

PLEASE READ PRIOR TO ASSEMBLY OF THE BUILDING

EVERY PRECAUTION IS TAKEN TO ENSURE THAT YOUR BUILDING HAS NO ELEMENT INCORRECTLY PLACED OR POSSIBLY HAZARDOUS, HOWEVER PRIOR TO USE PLEASE CHECK ALL SURFACES FOR THE FOLLOWING:

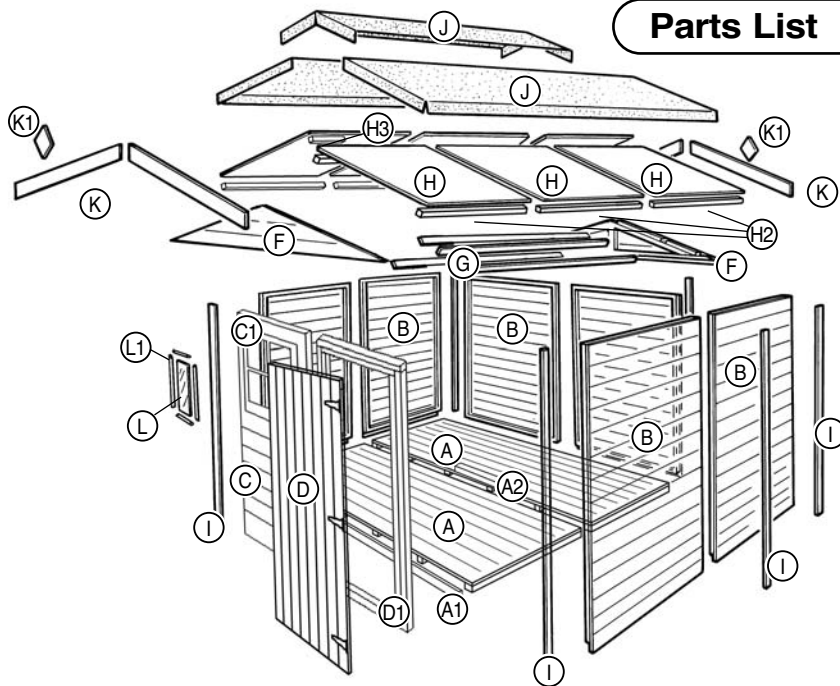
- 1 RAISED GRAIN, SPLINTERS: sand down timber to smooth finish
- 2 NAIL/SCREW/PIN HEADS PROUD: tap home to be flush with surface of timber
- 3 DAMAGED SCREW HEADS RESULTING IN SHARP SPLINTERS OF METAL: replace
- 4 SHARP ENDS OF NAILS/ SCREWS/ PINS PROTRUDING THROUGH THE PANEL: remove and reposition.
- 5 ENSURE ALL PARTS ARE SECURED AGAINST REASONABLE FORCE: remove and refit
- 6 ENSURE THERE ARE NO LOOSE PARTS: remove and refit/discard

WE RECOMMEND THAT PROTECTIVE GLOVES BE WORN THROUGHOUT

PLEASE NOTE

Wood is a natural product and is therefore prone to changes in appearance, including some warping, movement and splitting, particularly during unusual climatic conditions (long hot or wet spells of weather). As a natural occurrence this is not covered by a guarantee.

Parts List



PLEASE LAY OUT PARTS AND CHECK OFF AGAINST CHECK LIST BELOW:

QTY DESCRIPTION

2	Floor panels	A
2	Framework 34x46x1980 mm (floor edge)	A1
5	Framework 34x46x345 mm (between floor joists)	A2
6	Large Plain Side Panels	B
1	Window Panel	C
1	Window frame insert	C1
1	RH Door	D
1	Door frame	D1
2	Gable Sections	F
4	Roof bearers 34x34x2070 mm	G
6	Roof panels	H
6	Roof edge framework	H2
2	Roof short bearers	H3
7	Coverstrips	I
1	Roll felt 5 mtr long x 1 mtr wide	J
1	Roll felt 2.5 mtr long x 0.5 mtr wide	J
4	Plain fascia	K
2	Diamonds	K1

QTY DESCRIPTION

4	Panels Glazing material	L
16	Beading	L1
2	Door stop strips	
2	Window hinges	
1	Casement stays	
2	Casement stay pins	
3	Door hinges	
1	Padbolt & Housing	
73	25 mm screws	
60	60 mm screws	
2	80 mm screws	
182	40 mm nails	
8	10 mm screws	
2	60 mm nails	
130	Felt nails	
32	Panel pins	

A - Floor Assembly

1 Take one floor panel 'A' and a piece of framework 34x46x1980 mm approx 'A1'. Place the framework on the edge of the floor so that the framework is flush and level with the boarding and joists. Mark where the floor joist meet the framework and mark. Drill at these marks. Secure to floor using 6x 60 mm screws.



2 Repeat item 1 with one more floor section.



3 Place floors on your firm level base, board side up. Take 5 pieces framework 'A2', 34x46x345 'A2' and place between each floor joist. Nail half of the widest part to the floor using 3x 40 mm nails per piece.

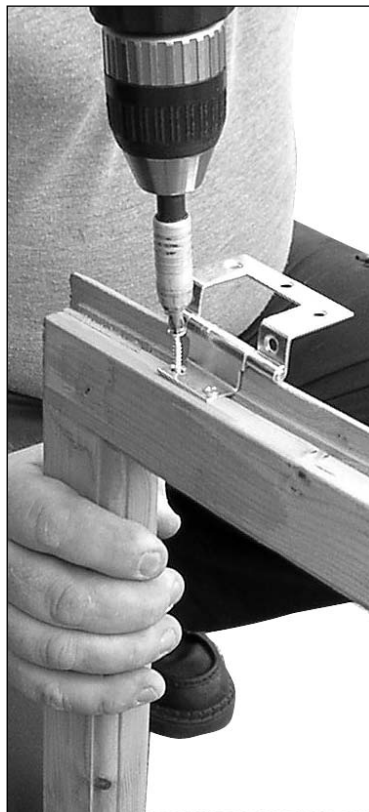


4 Once all frameworks are fitted between floor joists slide another floor on top of the framework and secure again using 3x 40 mm nails per floor joist.



B - Fit Window Insert C1 (from top)

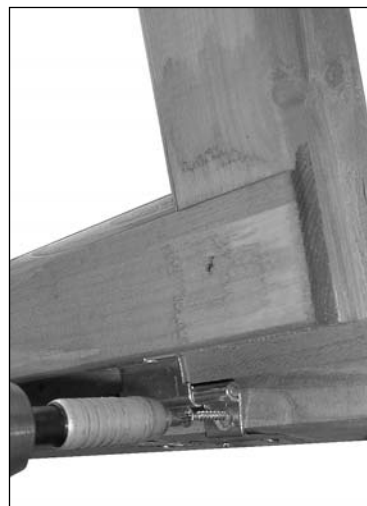
1 Place one hinge on the inner rebate part of the top of the window. The rounded part of the hinge should sit above the outer edge of the window. Screw the inner piece into position using the pre drilled holes in the hinge and 2x 25mm screws. Repeat.



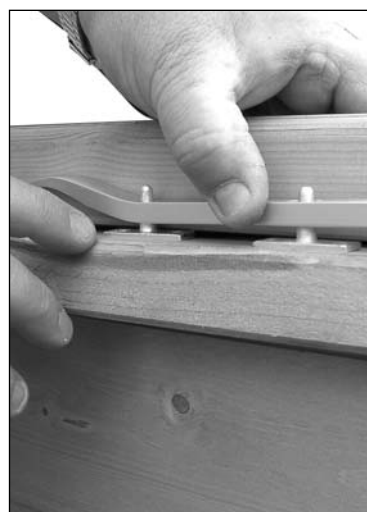
2 Place the window into the aperture. Secure the window to the panel using 3x 25mm screws per hinge, again through the predrilled holes in the hinge. Repeat.



3 Open the window and fit a further 2x 25mm screws per hinge next to the one already fitted in Step 1. Repeat.



4 **Fitting the Casement Stay.** Place the casement stay centrally on the inside of the window. Place the 2 pins under the casement stay. Position so that it is not resting on the framework of the panel and not so high that the pins are of no use.



5 Fit the Casement Stay on the window using 2x 25mm screws.



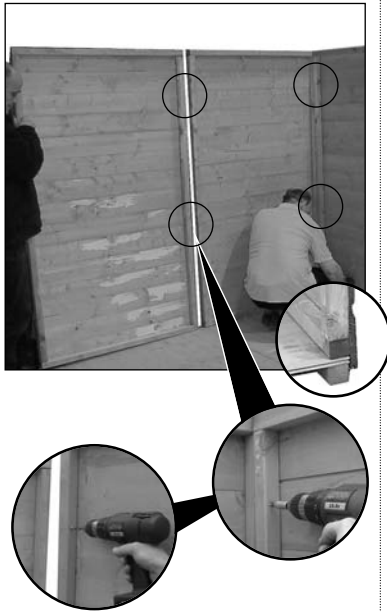
6 Mark where the 'pins' will be placed.



7 Secure into position using 4x 25mm screws - 2 in each pin.



C - Wall Assembly



- 1 Place one side panel 'B' on the floor at the right hand corner. Place a further panel 'B' inside the panel already in place. THE PANELS ALONG THE BACK WALL SHOULD EXTEND FROM FLOOR EDGE TO FLOOR EDGE. The panels to go at the side screw TO and fit INSIDE the panels to go at the back.
- 2 Drill 2 holes, one to the top and one to the bottom. Do not drill into adjacent panels. Secure the panels together using 2x 60 mm screws.
- 3 Place the window panel on the left-hand side at the front. Drill/screw through side panel into window panel again using 3 x 60mm screws.



D - Door Assembly



- 1 Place the door on a flat level surface outside door edge up. Check which side of the door the hinges are to be fitted. The diagonal door bracing should point to the door opening. The hinges are to be fitted on to the boarding which covers each horizontal door bracing.

- 2 Fit hinge to door 'D'. The long pointed part should be placed on the door and the end of this part should finish at the end of the door. The round moveable part will be overhanging the edge of the door. Fit in place using 4x 25 mm screws per hinge.

- 3 Lay down the door frame 'D1' as you would view it on the building.



- 4 Lay the Door 'D' into the Door frame. Check the door is square and even in the frame. Secure using 3 x 25mm screws in each hinge using round holes only.



- 5 Place the completed door assembly onto the building. Secure through window and side panels using a total of 6 x 60mm screws (3 in each side).



- 6 Fit small door stop strips. Fit flush to the inside edge of the sides of the door. Nail in place using 12 x 40mm nails 6 for each piece.



- 7 Place the padbolt in position on the outside of the right hand door 'D' directly over the central horizontal brace. Ensure the edge is flush with the upright edge. Secure using 4x 25 mm screws using the round holes only.



- 8 Place padbolt housing in position to accommodate the padbolt. Secure using 2x 25 mm screws using the round holes only.

E - Gable Assembly

- 1 Place one gable section 'F' on top of the back walls. Drill 4 times along the length and secure using 4x 60 mm screws.



- 2 Repeat at front.

F - Fit Roof Bearers

- 1 Take 4 roof bearers 34x34x 2070 mm 'G'.
- 2 Place in opposite guide holes of both gables.



- 3 Drill and screw bearer to gable using 1x 60 mm screw. IMPORTANT ENSURE GABLE IS AT 90'. Repeat for all roof bearers.



- 4 Drill/screw roof bearers at ridge together using 4x 60 mm screws.



G - Fit Roof Panels



- 1 On one short edge of each OSB roof section 'H' attach one piece of framework 'H2'. This should be flush with all outer edges. Nail in position using 4x 40 mm nails per piece. Repeat.

- Place both panels on the walls at the back, flush and even with the back wall and flush at the ridge.
- Secure to the back gable using 3x 40 mm nails into each gable. Repeat.



- Nail from outside into roof bearers using 3x 40 mm nails for each roof panel/bearer.



- Nail through roof boarding into side wall using 3x 40 mm nails per roof panel.
- Repeat for all roof panels.
- At the front of the building under the overhang fit two short bearers 'H3'. Ensure the bearers are flush with the inside edges of the roof sections and flush with the outside edge of the front of the roof.



- Fix in position from the outside using 2x 60 mm screws for each bearer. Secure together from the inside using 2x 60 mm nails
- Secure the front roof panels to the front wall using 3x 40 mm nails in each side.

H - Felt Roof



- Two rolls of felt 'J' have been supplied. Lay out the largest roll and cut in half length ways..



- Starting at the lower edge (the eaves) place one 1 mtr wide piece from the front to the back of the building. An overhang of approximately 45mm should be allowed on each of the 3 sides although the felt will overhang at the back by more than this. Secure the felt using felt nails spaced at 100mm intervals. Repeat, but do not nail along the centre of the building until the piece of felt covering the ridge is in place.



- Place the smallest piece of felt at the peak (ridge) of the building. This piece will overlap both of the other pieces of felt. Nail into position along both edges of this piece and at both ends.

I - Secure Walls to Floor



- Screw all side panels to the floor on the inside of the building using 1x 60mm screw per separate panel and 1x 80mm screws into each of the two panels 'B1' either side of the doors.

J - Fit Coverstrips



- Cover strips 'I' are nailed over the joints between all side panels and at each corner. Secure in place using 4x 40mm nails per strip.

K - Facias & Diamond Assembly



- Fit four facia boards 'K' to either sides of the roof using 3x 40mm nails per piece.



- Carefully trim off excess felt with cutting knife against the edge of the facia board.



- Nail diamonds 'K1' on top of and in the centre of the facia board using 2x 40mm nails per diamond.

L - Placing Glazing Material in Window

- Place glazing material 'L' into the aperture of each window.
- Hold into position with four pieces of beading 'L1'. The beading may need to be swapped around to get the best fit. When satisfied secure into position using 2x 15mm panel pins per piece of beading. Repeat for all window apertures.



Assembly Completion Checklist

- Check and ensure that no raised grain or splinters are evident on timber components. Sand down any raised grain or splinters using fine grade sandpaper.

- Check that all screw, nail and pin heads are properly tapped home and are not proud of the timber surface.

- Check and ensure that no screws, nails or pins protrude through any panel.

- Check and ensure that all parts are properly secured against reasonable force.

- Do not apply decorative wood finish/treatments to wet or damp timber. Please observe the instructions of the wood finish/treatment manufacturer.