

# BACKYARD SHEDS & GAZEBOS

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## Beginners Shed Buying Guide and Workbook

Some of our customers tell us they were a little overwhelmed when they learned all of the choices they have when selecting a new shed - the size, the colors, the options, etc. So, we've put together this simple work book that should help you get a crystal-clear idea of what you're looking for! So print this up, give some thought to our questions, maybe answer them with your family, and it should uncover exactly what shed is right for you!  
And most of all...have fun with it!

If you haven't done so already, make sure to check out our website and look for the section called "*Things to Know Before You Buy*". We cover a lot of really useful information in it and you'll be a shed expert in no time.

### **Step 1:** *What will you be using your new structure for?*

Basic Storage? -- stuff currently in the garage/basement/attic

Lawn and Garden Equipment? riding mowers, push mowers, potting soil, rakes, shovels...

Workshop? do it yourself carpenter, craft booker, photographer, collector etc

Private Retreat? clubhouse for adults or kids

Pool Storage?

Home Gym?

Home Office?

Other

Notes:

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### **Step 2:** *How much space will you need?*

Create a list-in as much detail as you can- of what you want to store:

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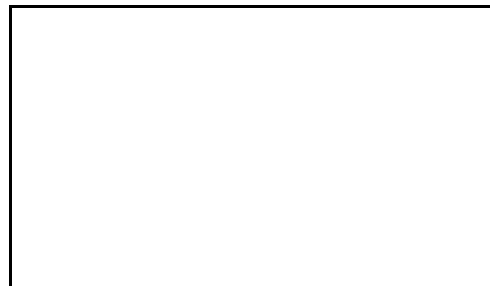
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### Step 3: What size would work best?

<u>Area</u>	<u>Can be used for</u>	<u>We recommend</u>
96-120 sq ft	Garden Tools, Push Mower and a Snow Blower, a little bit of boxed storage	8' wide x 12' long - 96 square feet works for small back yards, don't need a lot of storage. A riding mower here would be a tight fit. The smallest structure - 6' wide by 8' long is less than 50 square feet.
140-180 sq ft	Lawn tractor and push mower and snow blower. Still room for a small workshop. Use wall space for garden tools. Space leftover for box storage	10' wide x 16' long -160 square feet works well for nearly all our customers. Most popular size. Fits all the important items but not a lot of room to walk around. Pay special attention to where you will place your riding mower.
240-280 sq ft	Lawn tractor with the attached bagger, and push mower and snow blower. Longer walls mean more hanging space for garden tools. Still have room to devote one end for 8' x 12' workshop	12' wide x 20' long is the best seller in the large shed category. If extra space to walk around is important, or you want some left over room for a functioning workshop, going with this larger size won't disappoint
280 sq ft and up	Vehicles - autos, trucks, small hobby tractors, ATVs, classic autos, boats, and all the items listed above	14' wide by 28' long are the dimensions for our popular single car garage models. Two car garages can be as large as 24' by 36'.

- 96 -120 square feet
- 130- 180 square feet
- 180-280 square feet
- Over 280 square feet

Sketch out a floor plan of how you will arrange your items in your new storage structure:



*\*Brief Note\**

#### Shed Secret #1: Buyers' Remorse In Shed Buying

*By far, the most common "complaint" we get from our customers is "I should have listened to you and gone with something bigger." There always seems to be more stuff you want to put into your new storage shed than when you originally thought. It makes sense - by the 2nd or 3rd weekend, when you really start appreciating you can park both cars in the garage again, and*

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*you get used to having a neat and orderly home because you have everything organized in your storage shed; you probably will think of other things you want to store in it.*

## **Step 4:** *What Style Do You Like?*

- A Frame or Cottage
- Dutch Barns
- Classic Cottage
- Dormer
- Quaker
- Garden or Potting Sheds
- Lean-To
- Hip Roof
- Mini Barn
- Economy
- Garage
- Notes: \_\_\_\_\_

## **Step 5:** What product and colors will you go with?

### Do you want your structure made out of?

- Smartside
- Smartside Lap
- Vinyl

### Color Choices in Smartside (premium and/or custom colors available upon request)

- White
- Olive
- Beige
- Dark Brown
- Tan
- Navajo
- White
- Almond
- Buckskin
- Driftwood
- Chestnut
- Crème
- Clay
- Pacific Blue
- Dark Grey

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- Christiana Grey
- Dove Grey
- Glick Grey
- Belmont Blue
- Yoder Blue
- Hunter Green
- Avocado Green
- Red
- Black

## Color Choices in Vinyl (premium and/or custom colors available upon request)

- White
- Pearl
- Cream
- Dove Grey
- Flint Grey
- Blue
- Clay
- Almond
- Tan
- Olive
- Mist

(All Vinyl colors can be matched to a specific paint for the Wood Structures)

## Color Choices in Shingles (premium and/or custom colors available upon request)

- Charcoal
- Fox Hollow
- Pewter Grey
- Weatherwood
- Shakewood
- Barkwood
- Blue
- Green

## Color Choices in Metal Roofing (premium and/or custom colors available upon request)

- Bright White
- Polar White
- Light Stone
- Ivory
- Clay

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- Tan
- Ash Grey
- Pewter Grey
- Charcoal
- Brown
- Galvalume
- Burgundy
- Rural Red
- Bright Red
- Evergreen
- Gallery Blue
- Ocean Blue
- Black
- Ivy Green
- Burnished Slate
- Copper Metallic

**Step 5:** *What Options Do You Want? Options are, but not limited to;*

- Heavy Duty Ramp
- Reinforced Floors
- End Vents
- Ridge Vents
- Sky Lights
- Shelving
- Porches
- Steel Doors
- Lofts
- Extra Doors
- Garage Doors
- Door Pins
- Electrical Package
- Arched Doors
- Cupola
- Octagon Windows
- Oversized Windows
- Architectural Shingles
- Other \_\_\_\_\_
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- Other \_\_\_\_\_

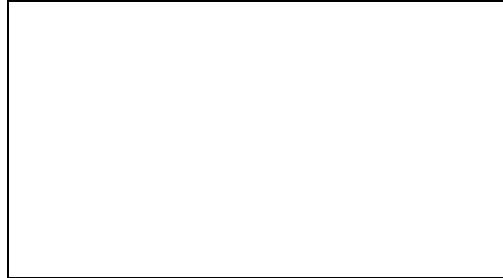
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Mark on the sketched floor plan where you want all of your doors, windows, shelves placed.



**Congratulations! Hopefully, you now have a much clearer idea of what you need, and what you are looking for, in a shed.**

*Print/fill out this form, and bring it with you when you come in to finalize and make payment*