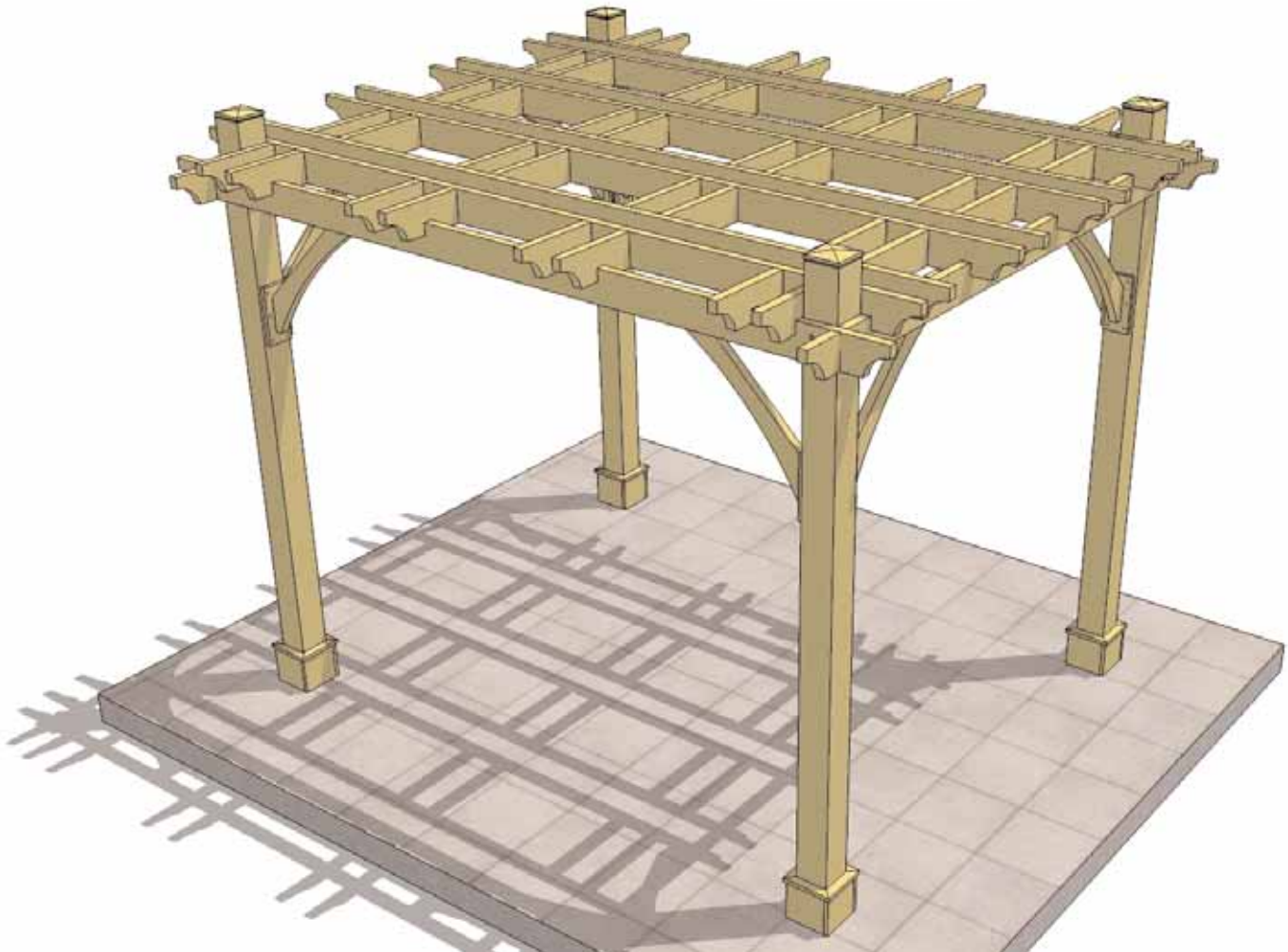


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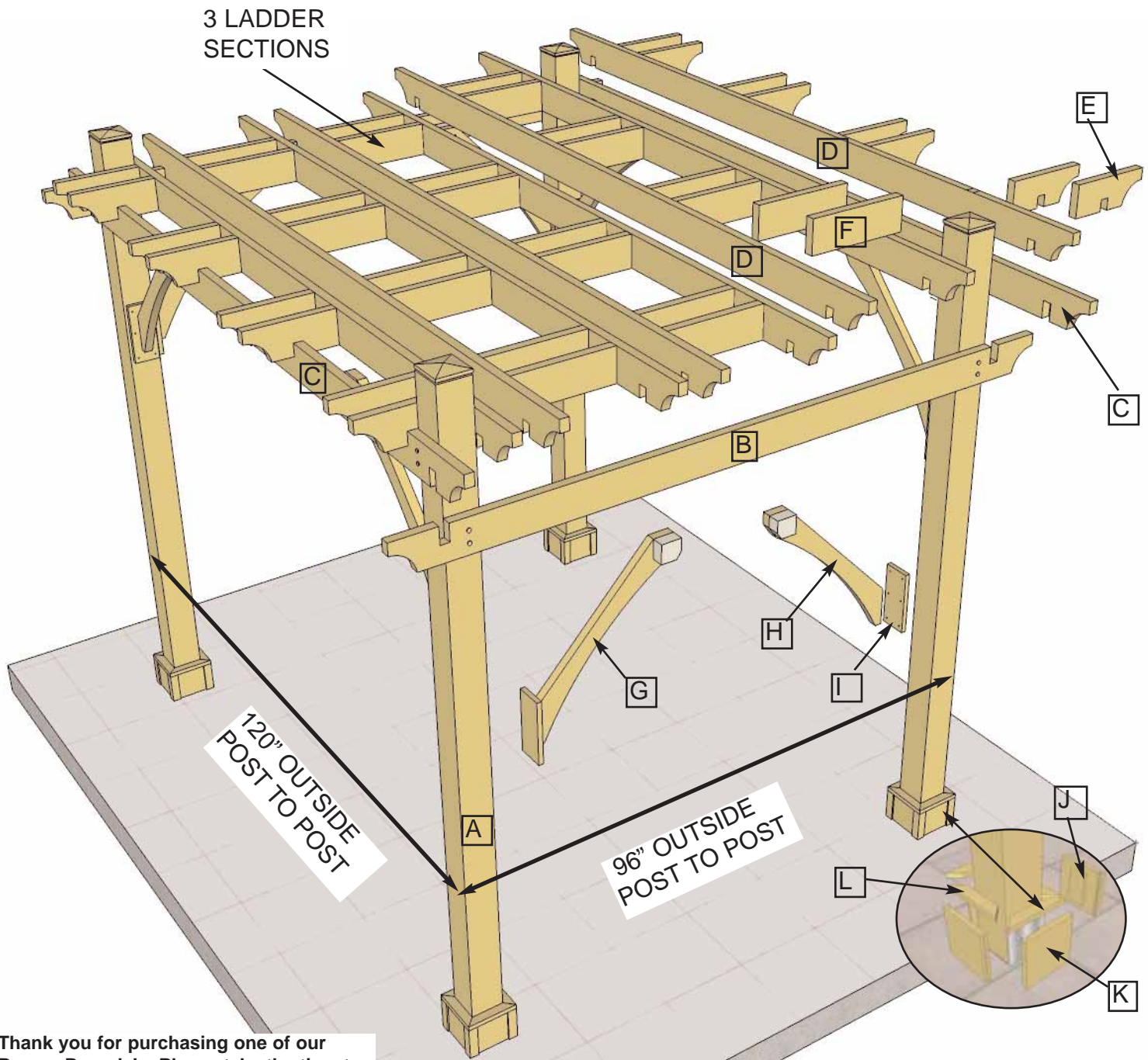
**Note:** Post Mounting Hardware is **NOT** included in this kit. Please confirm with your local building permit office to determine the correct hardware in your area.

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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# 8X10 BREEZE PERGOLA



Thank you for purchasing one of our Breeze Pergola's. Please take the time to identify all the parts prior to assembly.

**Parts Lists:**

	Finished Size			
	T	W	L	Qty.
A - Posts	5 3/8"	5 3/8"	108"	4
B - Girder (deep notch on top)	1 1/2"	5 1/2"	114"	2
C - Girder (deep notch on bottom)	1 1/2"	5 1/2"	138"	2
D - Joist (shallow notch on bottom)	1 1/2"	5 1/2"	138"	8
E - Stub Joist	1 1/2"	5 1/2"	14 1/2"	16
F - Ladder Blocking	1 1/2"	5 1/2"	17"	24
G - Left Corner Brackets	1 1/2"	5 1/2"	34 3/4"	4
H - Right Corner Brackets	1 1/2"	5 1/2"	34 3/4"	4
I - Corner Bracket Post Mount	3/4"	4 1/2"	10 1/2"	8
J - Post Skirtings with Cleat	1 1/8"	7 3/8"	7"	8
K - Post Skirtings	11/16"	7 3/8"	7"	8
L - Post Skirting Caps	11/16"	8 3/8"	1 1/2"	16

**Specifications:**  
 Wood Species - Western Red Cedar  
 Grade - Architectural Knotty or Better  
 Posts - Laminated Western Red Cedar  
 Lag Screws and Washers - Zinc Plated  
 4" & 2 1/2" Screws - Yellow Zinc  
 2" Screws - Stainless Steel  
 1 1/4" Finishing Nails - Stainless Steel

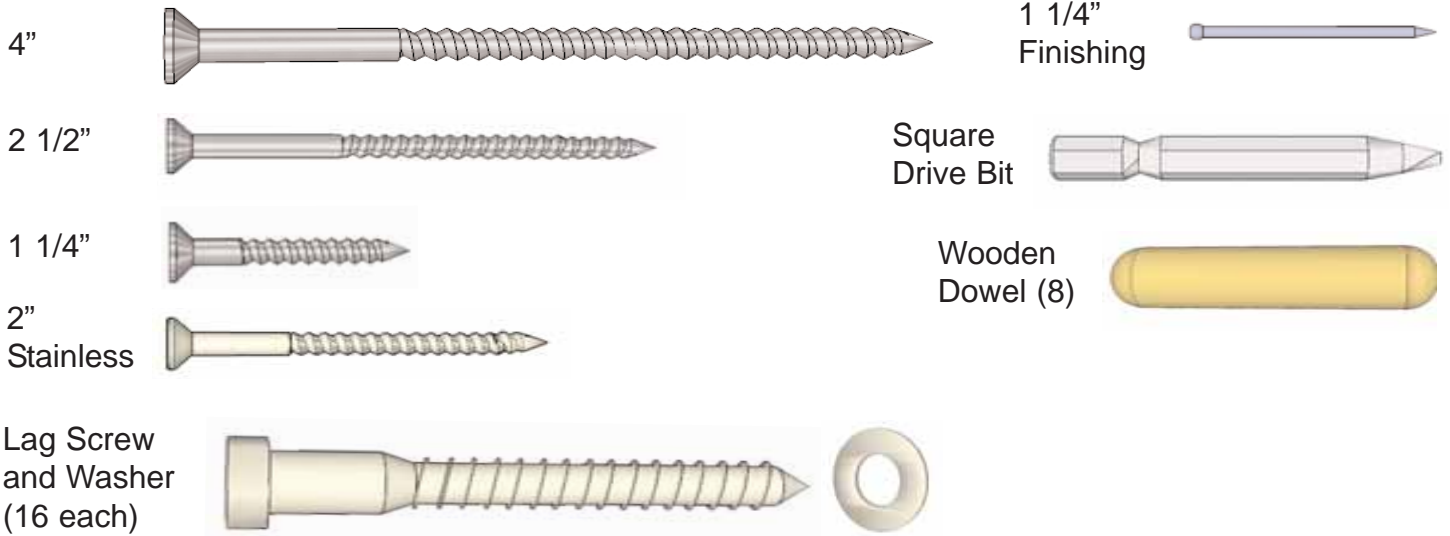
**Overall Outside Dimensions:**  
 114" x 138" x 108" high  
 Height (Ground to Bottom of Girder)  
 95 1/2"

**Post Mounts - Not Included with Kit**  
 Recommended Post Mount  
 Simpson Strong Tie - ABU66

# 8x10 BREEZE PERGOLA HARDWARE PACKAGE

## Hardware Kit (Provided)

Note: screws and nails shown actual size.



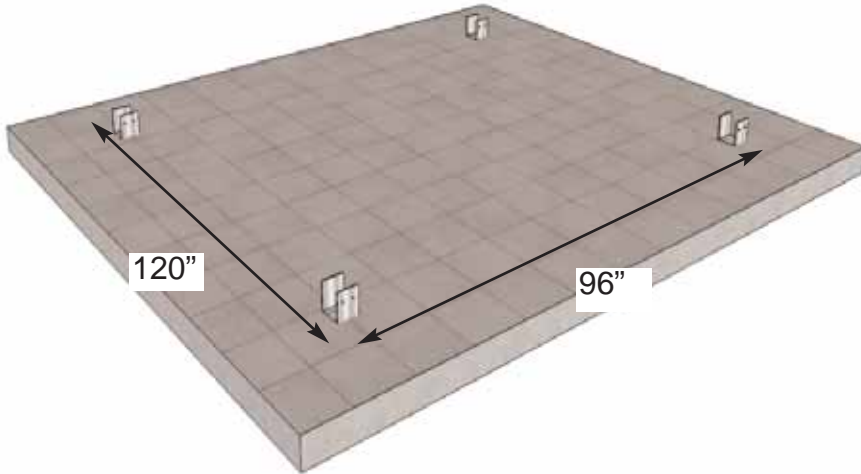
## Tools Required (Not Provided)



## Safety Equipment Required (Not Provided)



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



## Laying out your Footprint

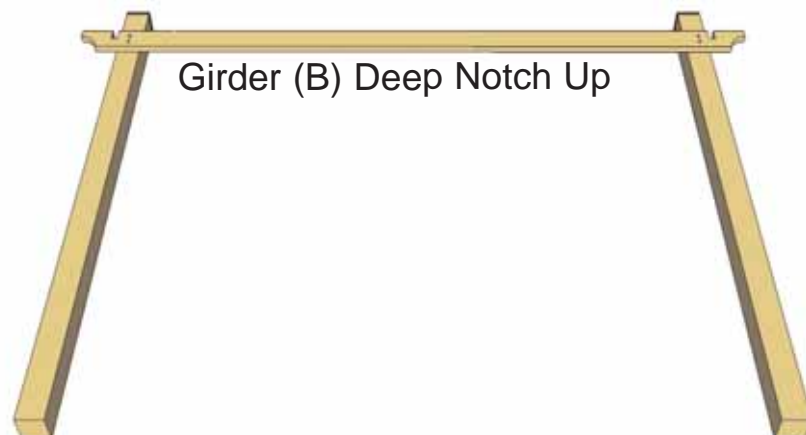
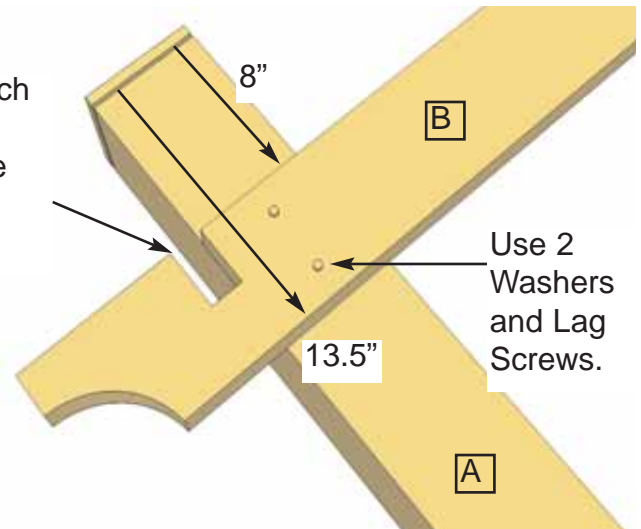
To determine the proper placement of your 5 3/8” x 5 3/8” Posts, see the exploded view on **Page 2** to find the measurements and to determine their correct positions. Outside Post to Post measurements for the 8’x10’ Breeze are: 96” x 120”.

Take diagonal measurements to check your layout for square.

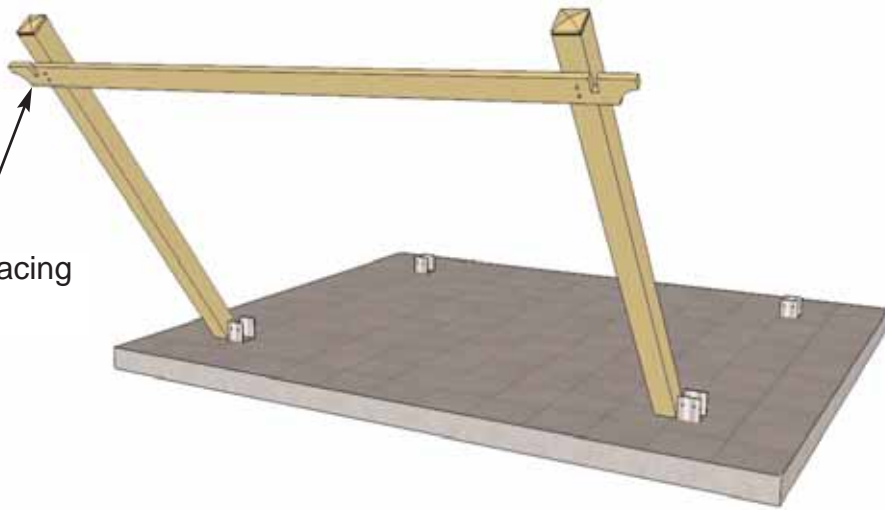
We recommend that you fix Posts to ground using Steel Post Bases or Saddle Brackets fixed on cement footing. If attaching Posts to pre-existing deck, we recommend that you purchase Post / Deck Mounting Brackets. In both cases, Post Mounting hardware can be found at most Hardware Stores.

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.**

Deep Notch facing up and inside flush with post.



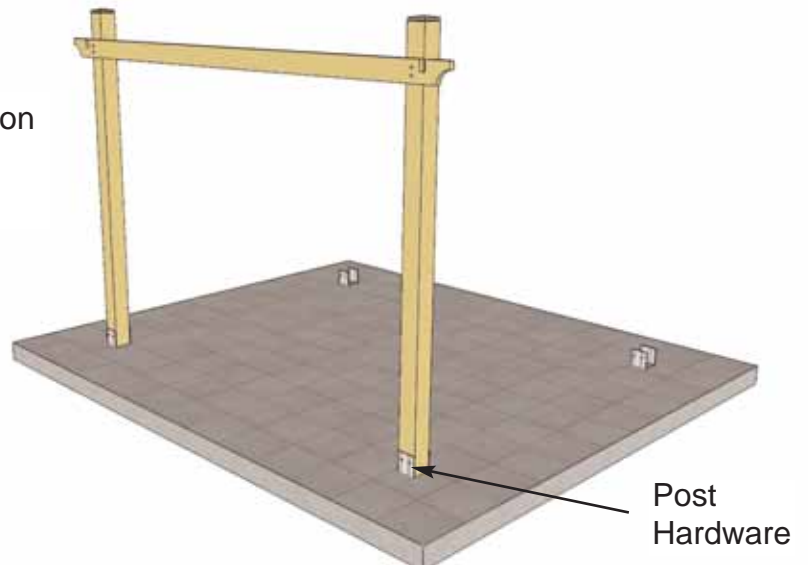
Girder facing out.



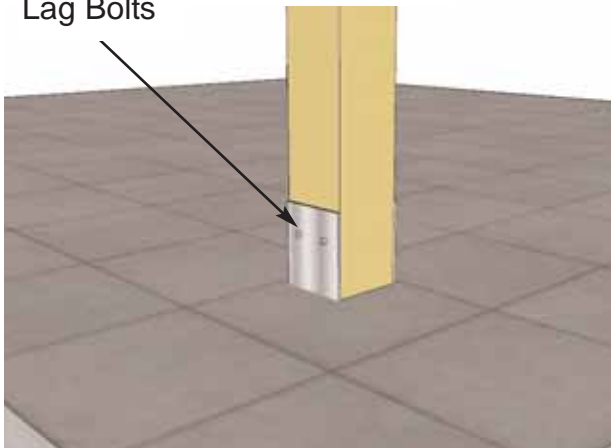
**Important-** You will require the assistance of 2 helpers to support the posts up to **Step 7**.

**2.** Lift up a completed Post/Girder Assembly slowly and carefully. Make sure Girder is facing outward.

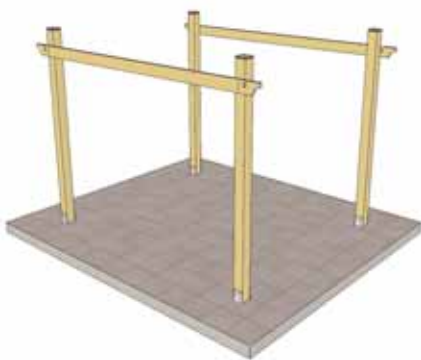
**3.** If Post Mount Hardware is installed, position bottom of Posts in Hardware.



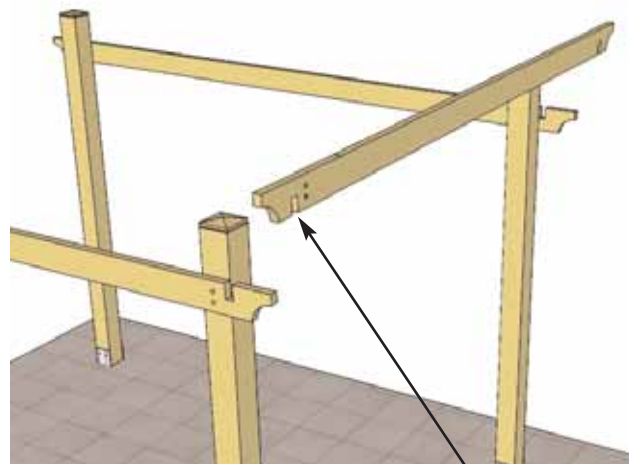
Lag Bolts



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



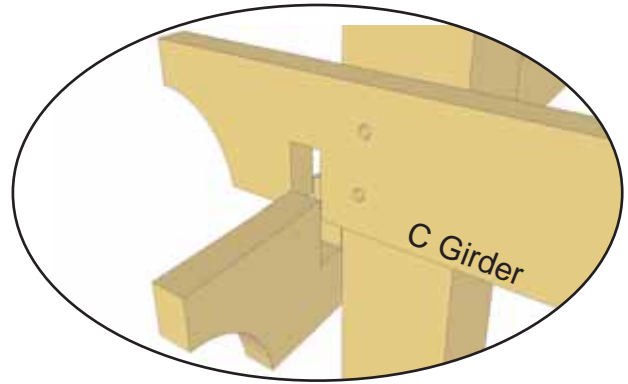
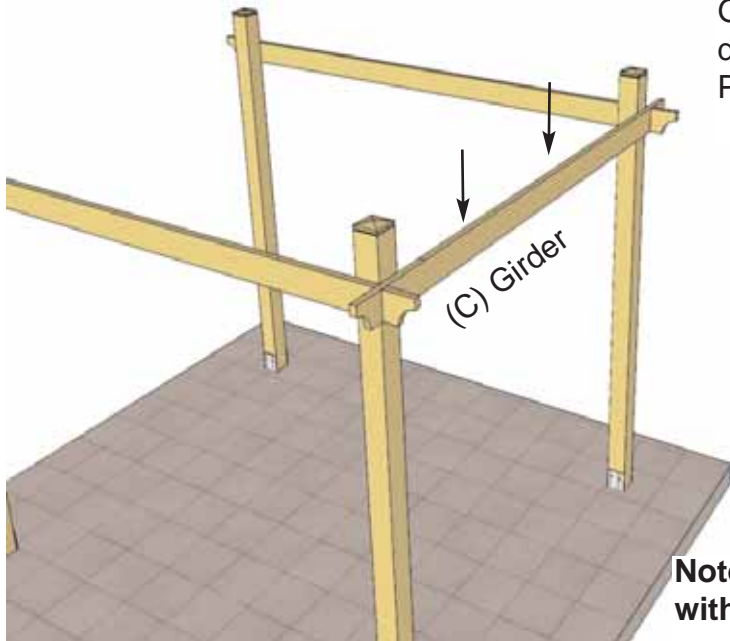
Lift, position and attach the second Post/Girder Assembly to Post Hardware.



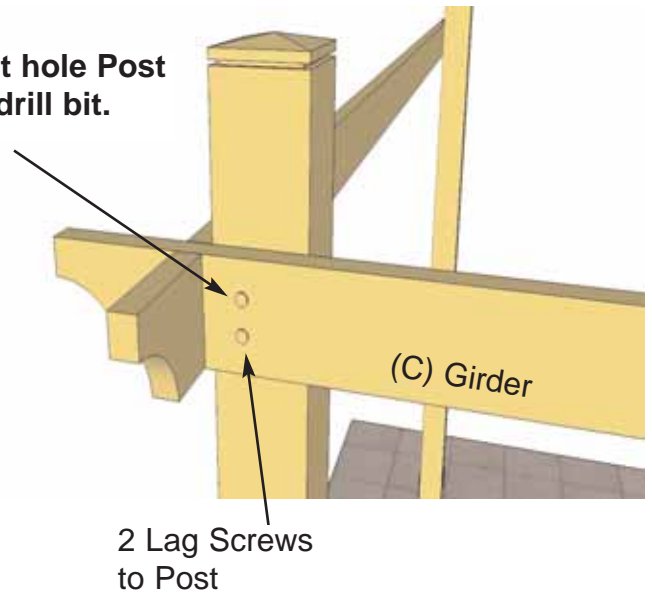
**5.** Locate **Girder with Deep Notch on Bottom (C)** and lift up between both completed Post/Girder Assembly's..

Deep Notch facing down.

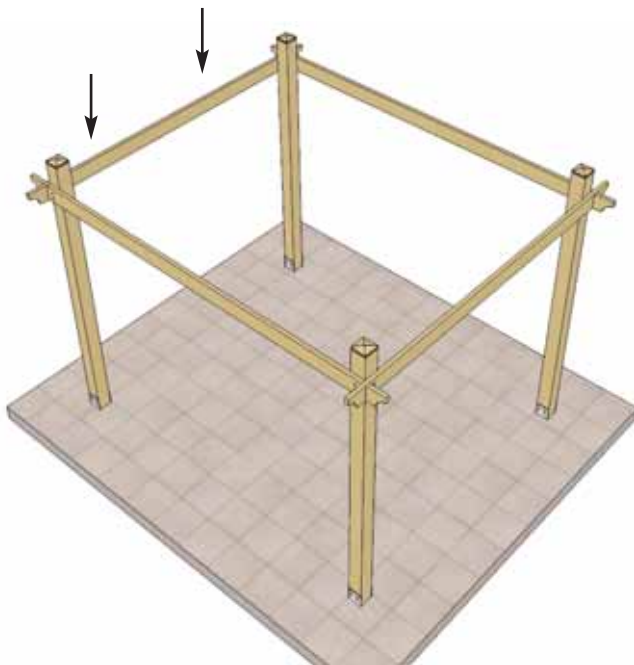
**6.** Carefully lower (C) Girder down into notch of (B) Girders. Be careful not to twist the Girder when dropping down into place. Lag Screw Girder to Post. Pilot hole first.



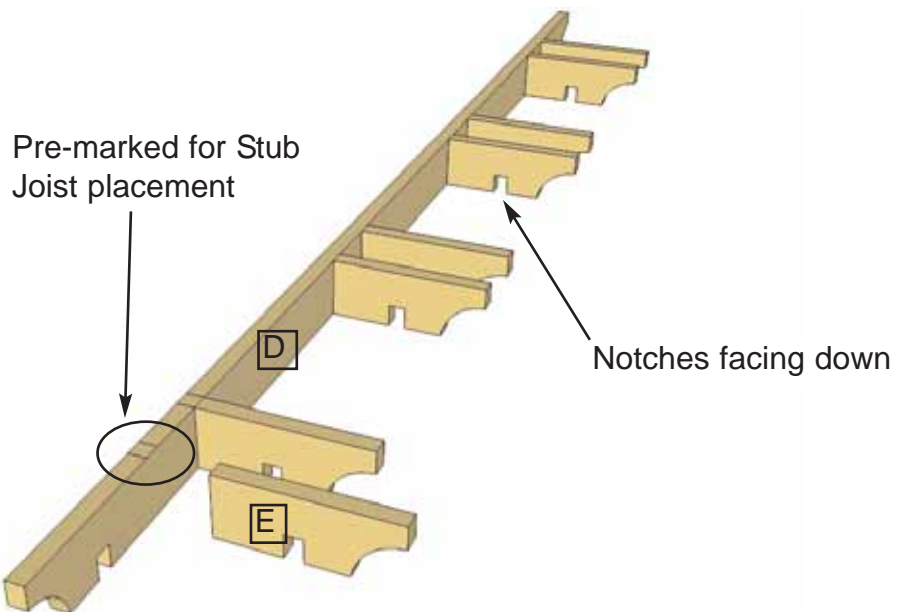
**Note;** Pilot hole Post with 1/4" drill bit.



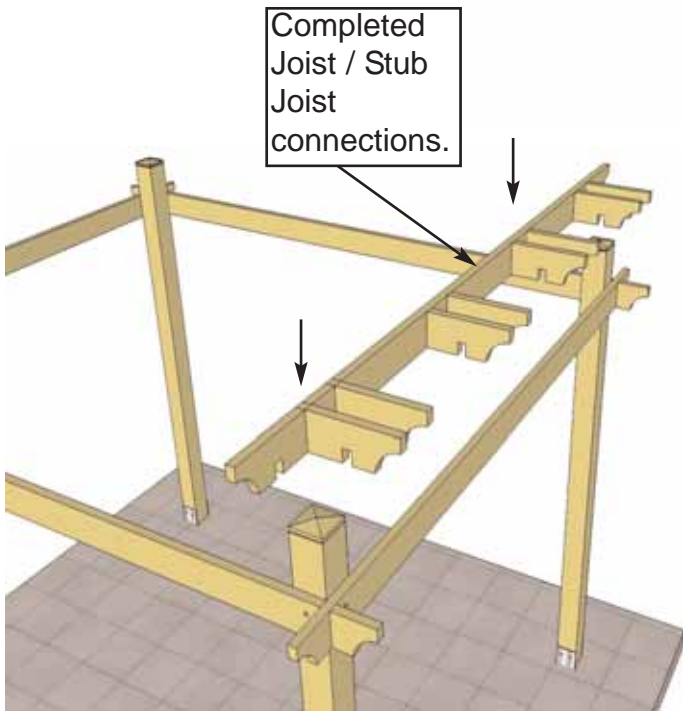
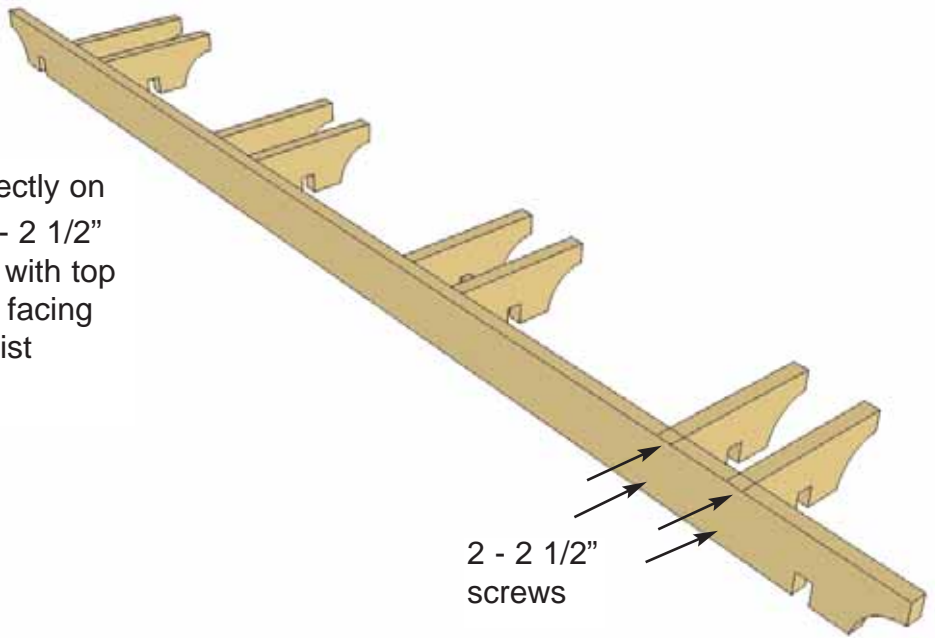
**7.** Lift, position and Lag Bolt the second (C) Girder to Posts.



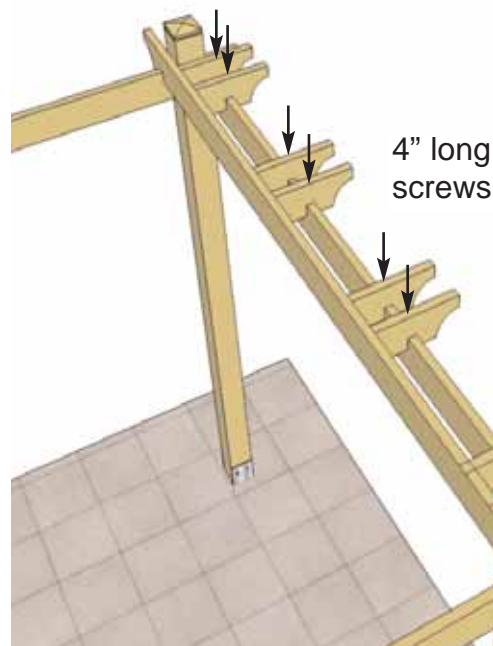
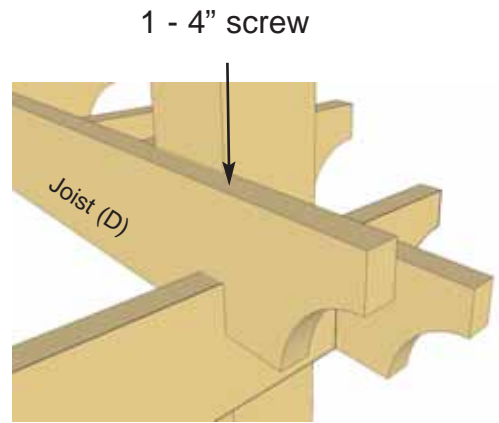
**8.** On level ground, position 1 Joist (D) and 8 Stub Joists (E). Joists are pre-marked on top edge for Stub Joist and Blocking positioning.



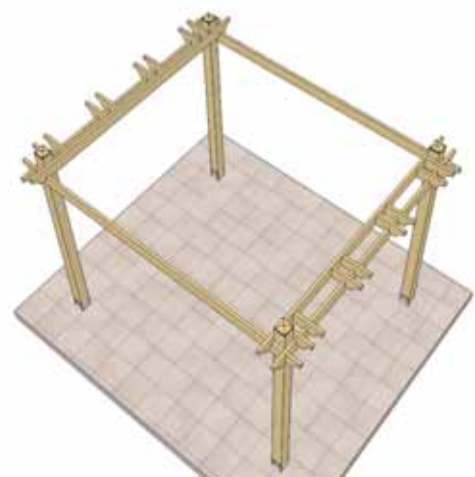
**9.** With Stub Joists positioned correctly on Joist, attach each Stub Joist with 2 - 2 1/2" screws. Stub Joists should be flush with top and bottom of Joist with all notches facing down. There are two Joist / Stub Joist Assembly's, complete both now.



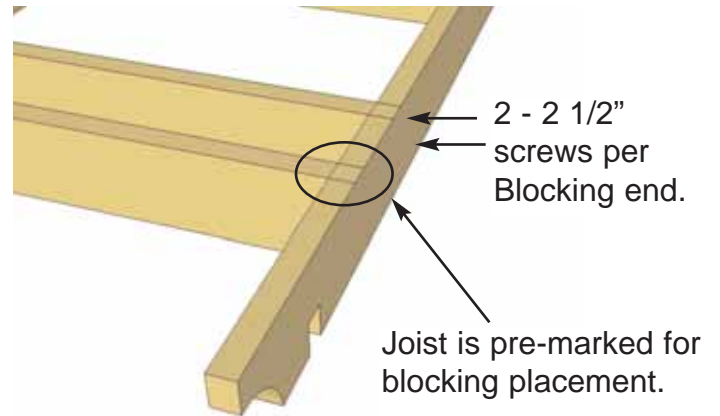
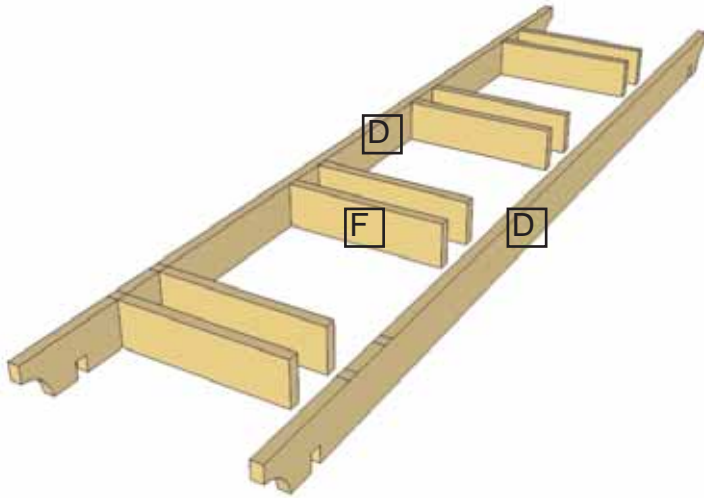
**10.** Carefully lift up completed Joist / Stub Joist Assembly and place Joist between Girders flush against posts and notch sitting down into Girder.



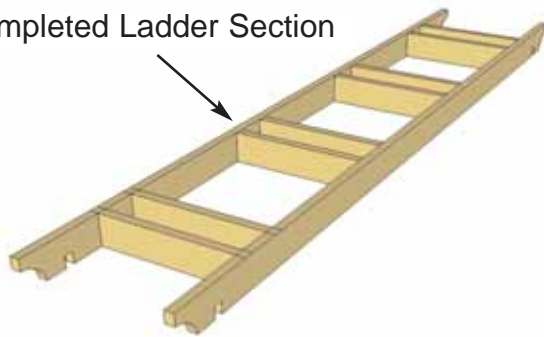
**11.** Attach all Stub Joists and Joist to Girder with 1 - 4" screw per piece. Complete both Assembly's  
**Note:** Drill pilot holes in Joists and Stub Joists to make it easier to screw in 4" screws.



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

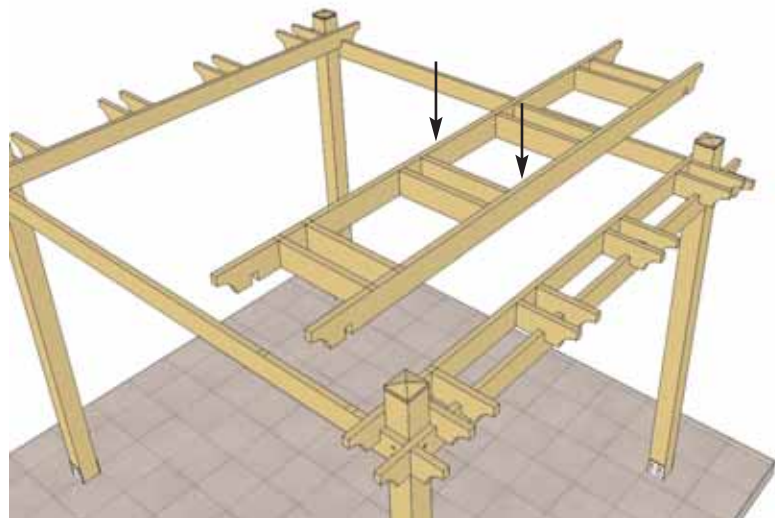


Completed Ladder Section

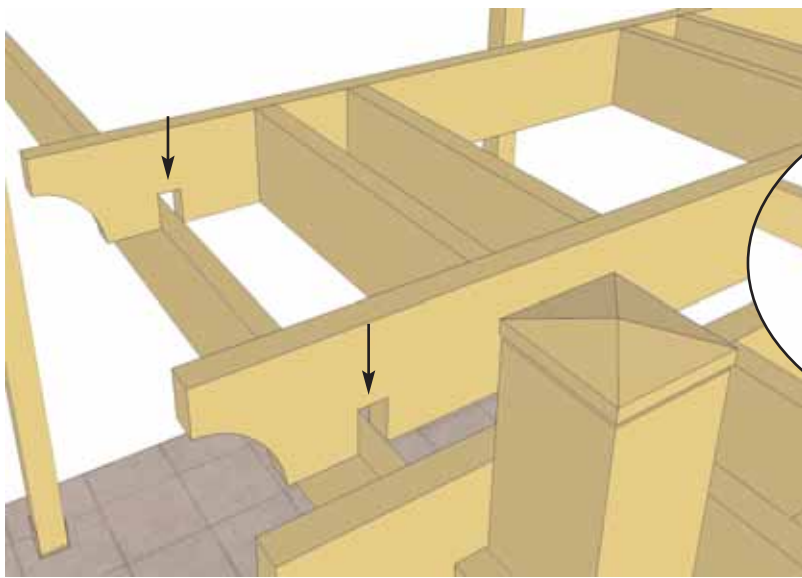


**13.** Complete all three Ladder Sections on the ground prior to moving to **Step 14.**

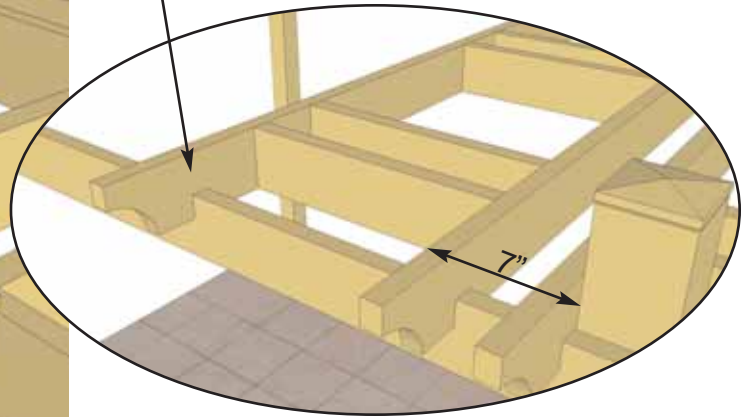
**14.** Carefully lift up one of the Ladder Sections between Girders. **You will require a helper to assist in lifting Ladder Sections.**



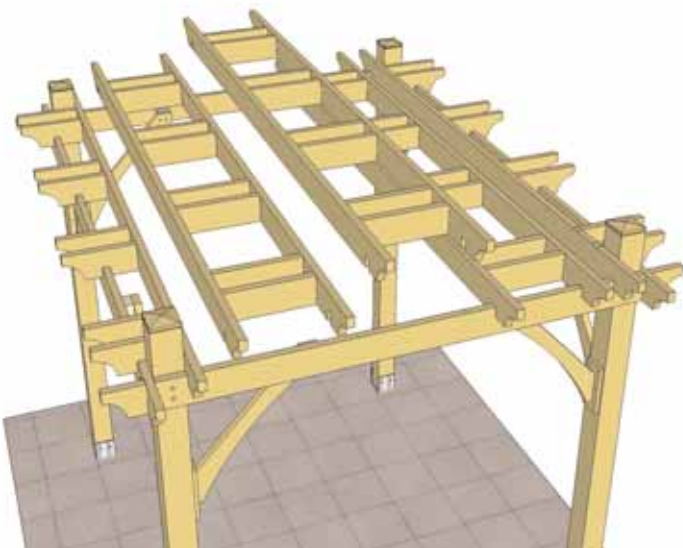
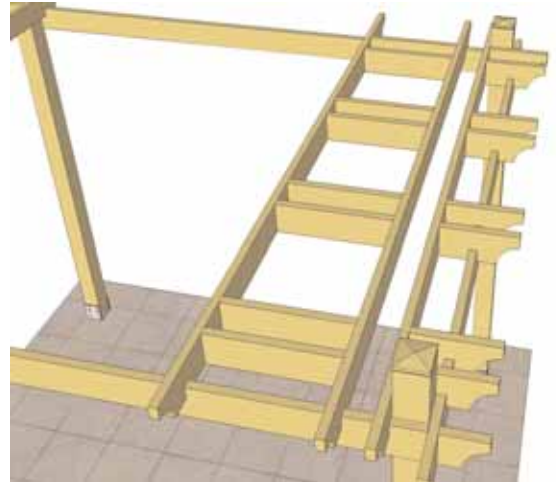




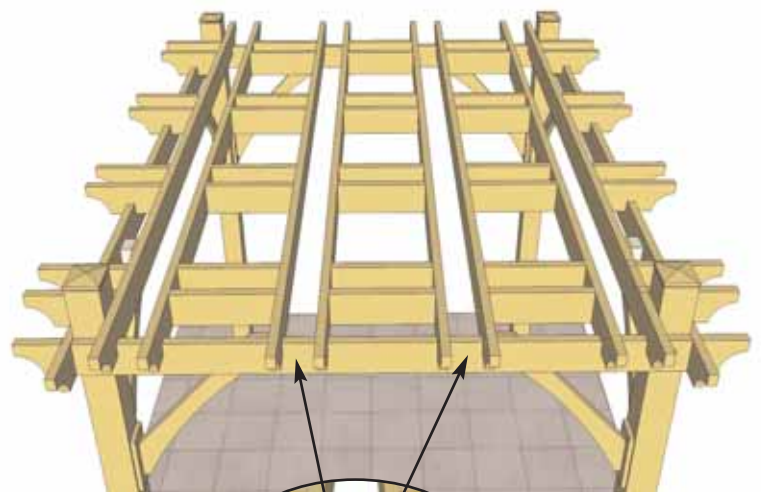
Notched slides onto Girder



**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.

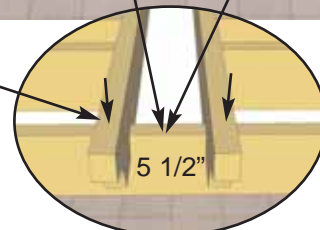


**16.** Set all remaining Ladder Sections in place on Girder spacing each **approximately 5 1/2"** apart.

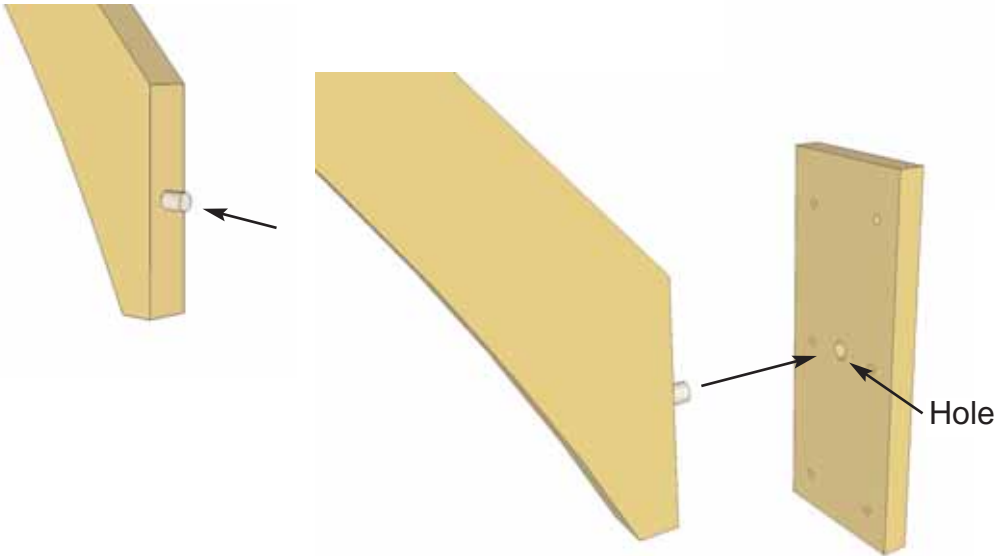
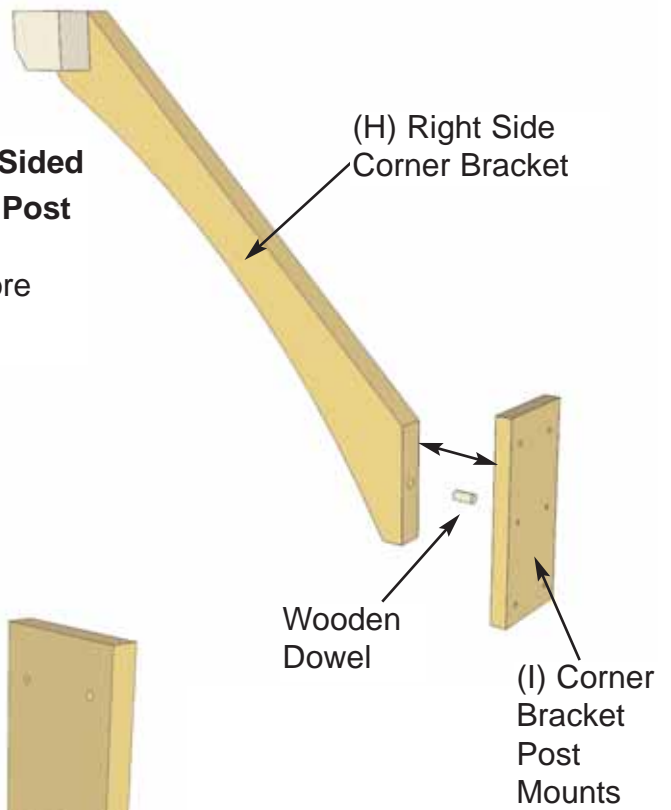


**17.** With all Ladder Sections in place, check once more for equal spacing. When satisfied with Ladder Section positioning, attach to Girders with 4 - 4" screws per Ladder. Screw from top edge of Joist down into Girder. Pilot hole screws first to help with screwing.

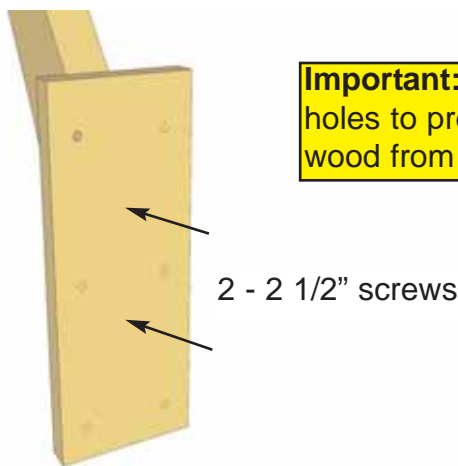
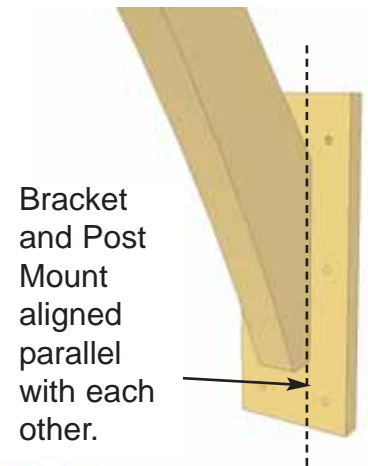
Pilot Hole Joist first and secure with 4" screws/ Ladder Section



**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.

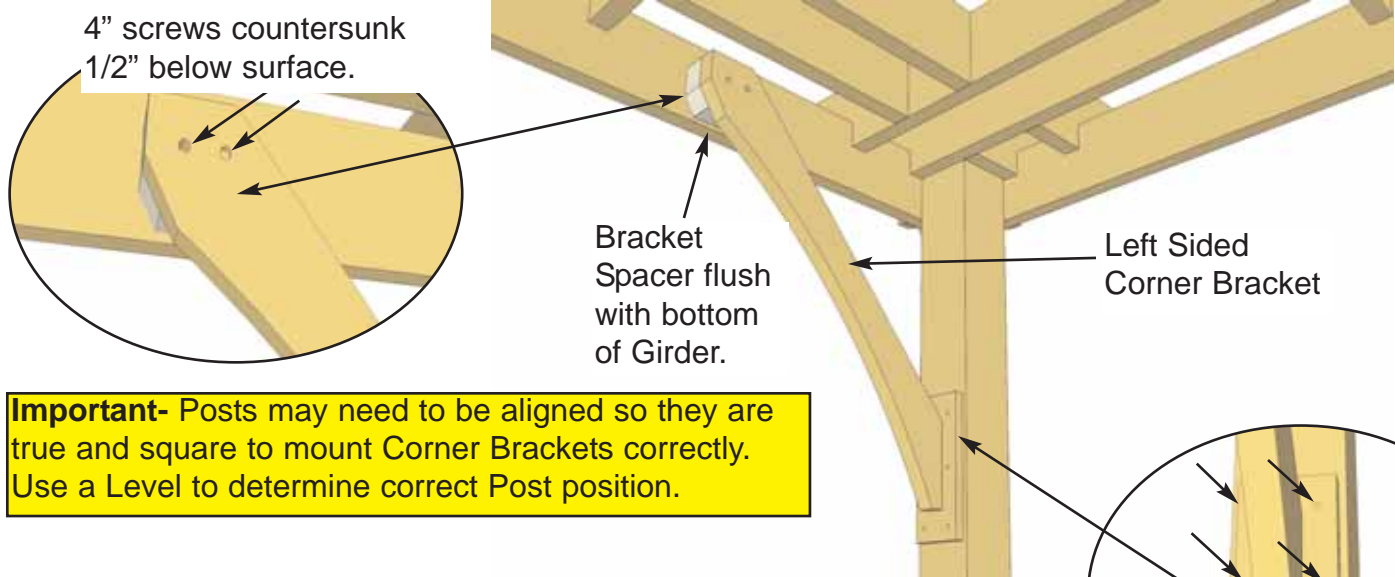


**19.** To assist you with Bracket and Post Mount alignment, both the end of the Bracket and Post Mount have been drilled for a **Wooden Dowel**. Wooden Dowels are found in the Hardware Kit Bag. Insert a Wooden Dowel in end of Corner Bracket first and then push Post Mount onto Dowel until Bracket and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



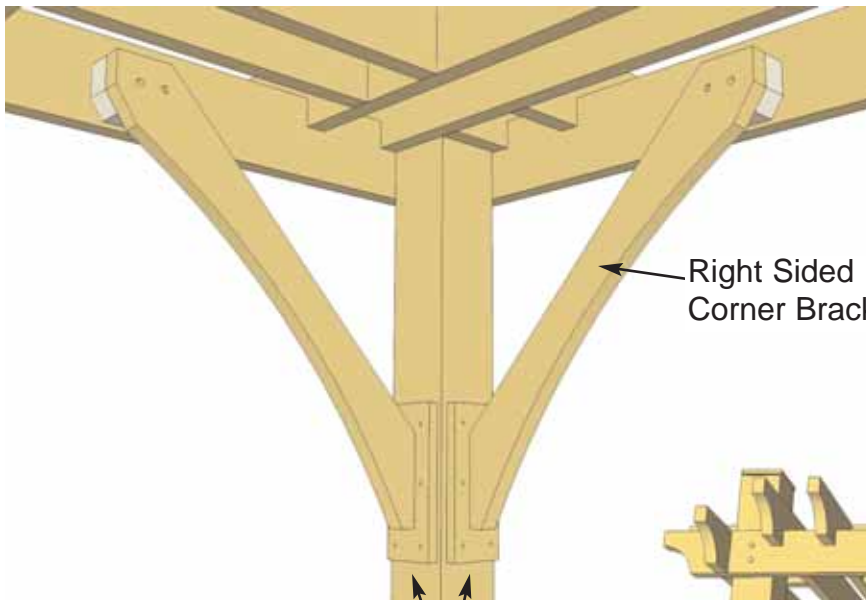
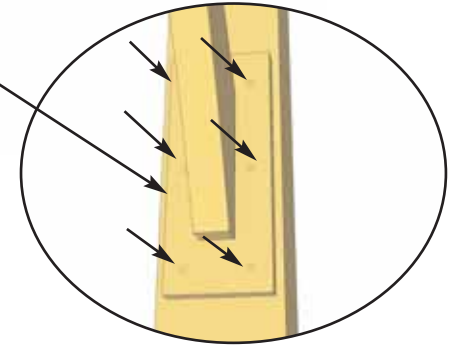
**Important:-** Drill pilot holes to prevent wood from splitting.

**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.



**Important-** Posts may need to be aligned so they are true and square to mount Corner Brackets correctly. Use a Level to determine correct Post position.

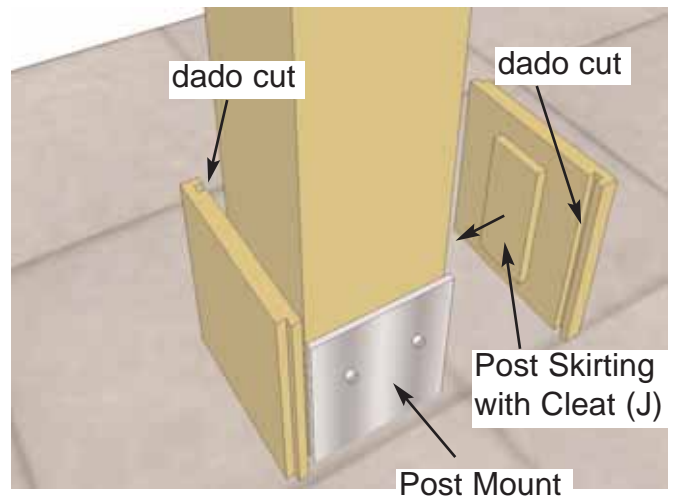
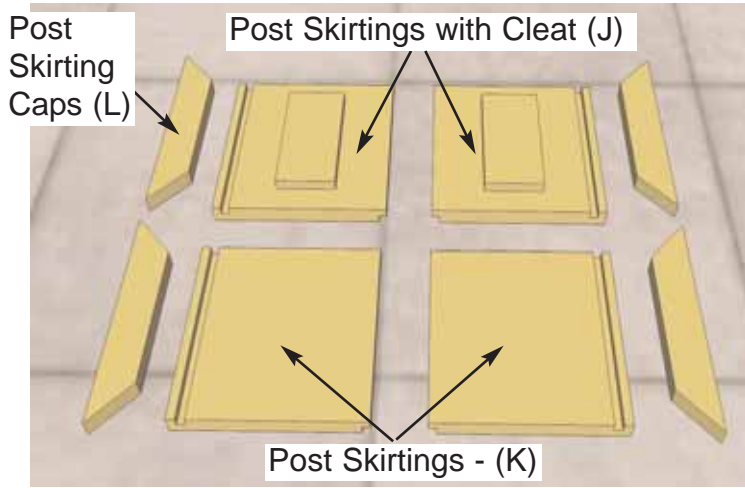
**21.** Lift completed Left Sided Corner Bracket up and align bottom of Bracket Spacer flush with bottom of Girder. At bottom of Corner Bracket, align Post Mount evenly and tight against Post. When correctly aligned, secure at top with 2 - 4" Screws. To secure Post Mount, use 6 - 2" Stainless Steel Screws.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



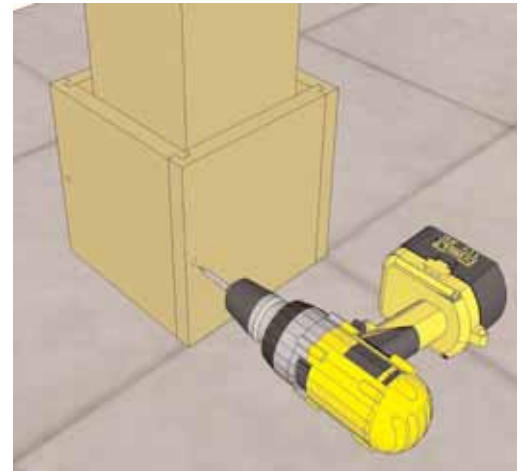
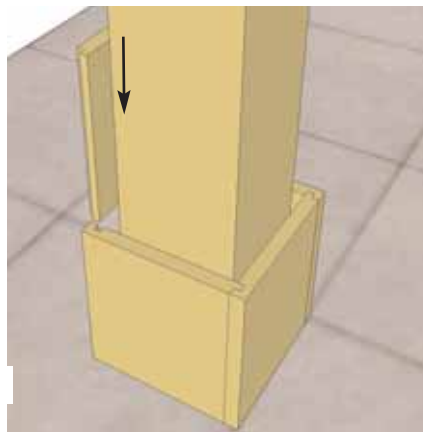
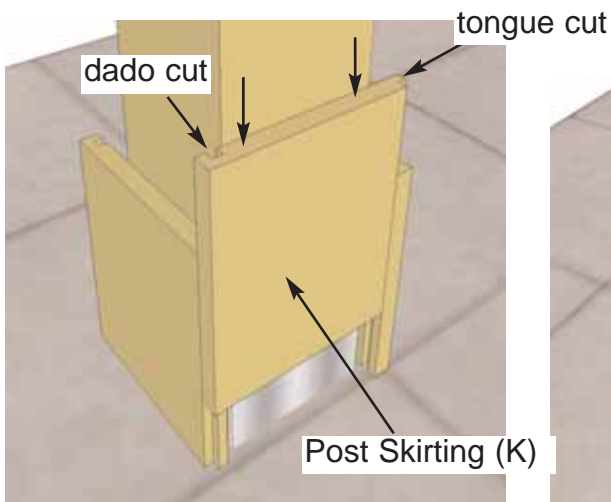
**22.** Align and attach a Right Sided Corner Bracket on Post as per **Step 21**. Make sure both Brackets are aligned on Post at the same height before attaching.

**23.** Complete remaining Left and Right Sided Corner Bracket attachments.

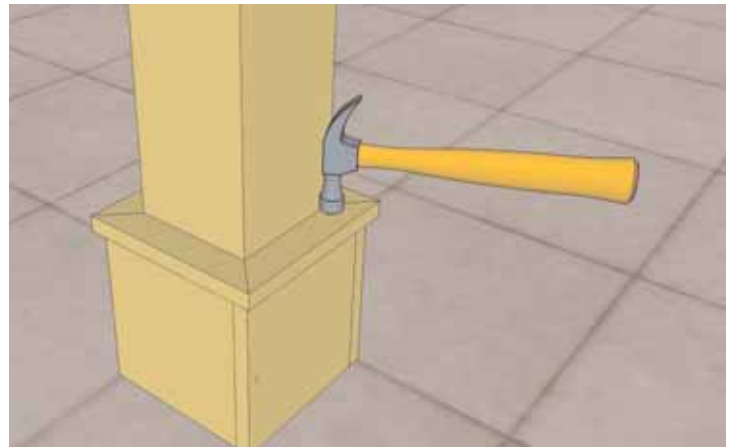
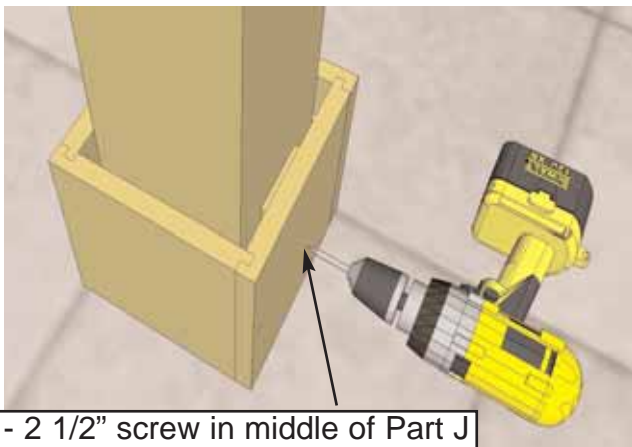




**24.** To complete your Breeze, position 2 **Post Skirtings with Cleats (J)** on opposite sides of Post with Dado cuts facing to the inside as shown above. Cleat should be aligned tight against Post and not against Post Mount Hardware.



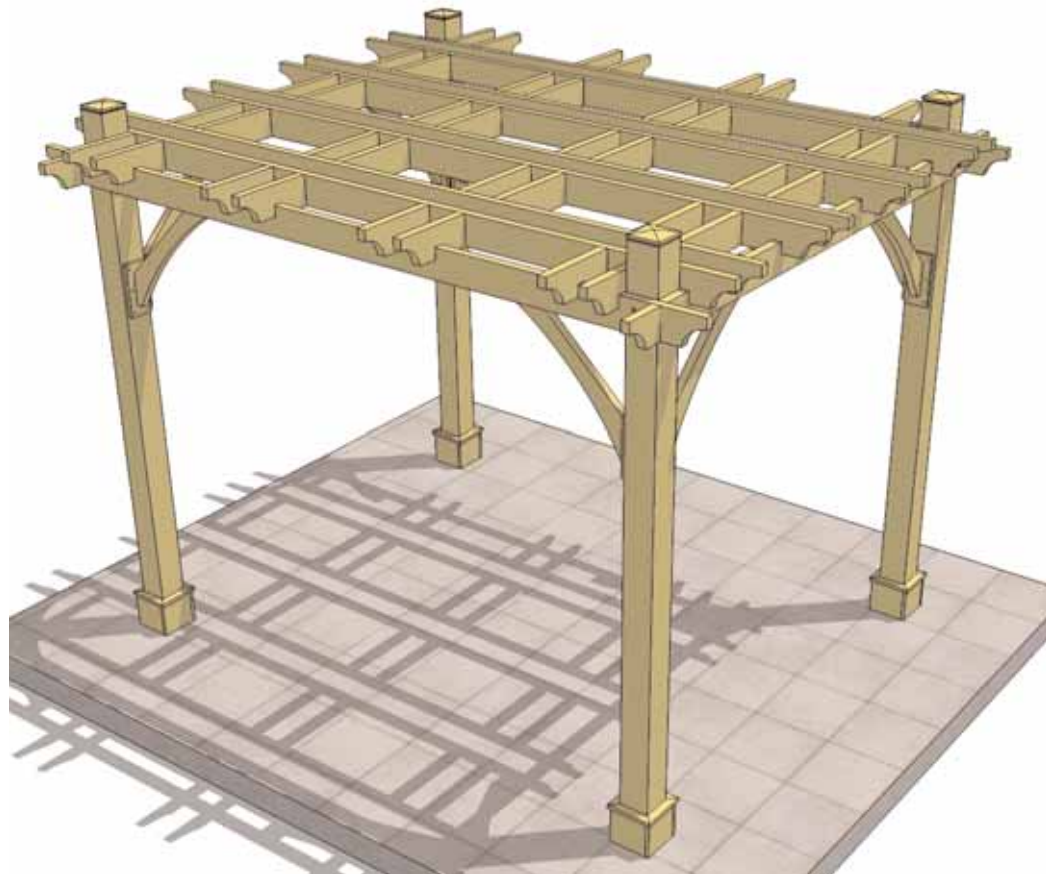
**25.** Slide the tongue and dado cuts of both **Post Skirtings (K) Pieces** into the adjoining tongue and dado cuts of **Part J**. Align all skirting pieces evenly at top. Carefully secure Post Skirtings together with with 1 - 1 1/4" screw per dado cut side. (1 per side).  
**Important - Drill 1/8" pilot hole first to prevent wood from splitting!**



**26.** Secure Skirting Unit to Post by screwing 1 - 2 1/2" screw into each Post Skirting with Cleat (J). Align **Post Skirting Caps (L)** tight against Post and equally from side to side of skirting frame. Nail Cap down into Skirting with 3 - 1 1/4" finishing nails per piece. Complete remaining Post Skirtings.

## Congratulations on building your 8x10 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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