



The Ultimate Pine Shed Project Checklist

Phase 1: Planning & Preparation

- ☐ **Define Your Needs:** What will you store? (Tools, mower, bikes, workshop items, etc.) List your largest items.
- ☐ **Measure Your Space:** Mark out the potential footprint in your yard. Check for overhead clearance (branches) and underground lines.
- ☐ **Check Local Regulations:** Contact your local building authority. Do you need a permit for the size you want? Are there setback requirements from your property line?
- ☐ **Set Your Budget:** Account for the kit/shed, foundation, delivery, tools, and finishing supplies (paint/sealant).

Phase 2: Choosing Your Shed

- ☐ **Select a Style:**
 - ☐ Gable (Classic peak)
 - ☐ Gambrel (Barn-style, max storage)
 - ☐ Lean-To (Space-saver)
- ☐ **Choose a Size:** Based on your needs list, add 25-30% extra space for future growth.
- ☐ **Kit vs. Pre-Built:**
 - ☐ DIY Kit (Lower cost, requires your time and skill)
 - ☐ Pre-Built (Higher cost, maximum convenience)

Phase 3: The Foundation

- ☐ **Choose a Foundation Type:**
 - ☐ Gravel Pad (Good drainage)
 - ☐ Concrete Blocks on Gravel (Affordable & simple)
 - ☐ Poured Concrete Slab (Most durable & expensive)
- ☐ **Prepare the Site:** Clear all grass and debris.
- ☐ **Level the Ground:** This is the most critical step. Use a long level to ensure the site is perfectly flat.

Phase 4: Assembly & Finishing

- ☐ **Gather Your Tools:** (Drill, level, hammer, tape measure, ladder, safety glasses, etc.)
- ☐ **Follow Instructions:** Read the manual completely before you begin.
- ☐ **Protect the Wood:** Once assembled, apply a quality exterior primer.



- ☐ **Paint or Seal:** Apply at least two coats of high-quality exterior paint or a weather-proofing sealant.

Phase 5: Annual Maintenance

- ☐ **Spring Inspection:** Check for roof damage, gaps in siding, and proper door/window function.
- ☐ **Clean the Exterior:** Wash away any dirt, mildew, or debris.
- ☐ **Check the Sealant:** Look for cracks in the caulk around windows and doors.
- ☐ **Re-Seal or Re-Paint:** Plan to apply a fresh coat of sealant or paint every 3-5 years, or as needed.