

Site Preparation

How to prepare your site for your shed or playhouse

Correct site preparation matters a great deal to how long your new building lasts.

Step 1



Mark the area, allowing an extra 12" on each side of the building.

Step 2



Excavate the marked-off area.

Step 3



Compact the excavated area.

Step 4



Check that the area is level.

Step 5



Fill the site with your foundation material (crushed stone shown).

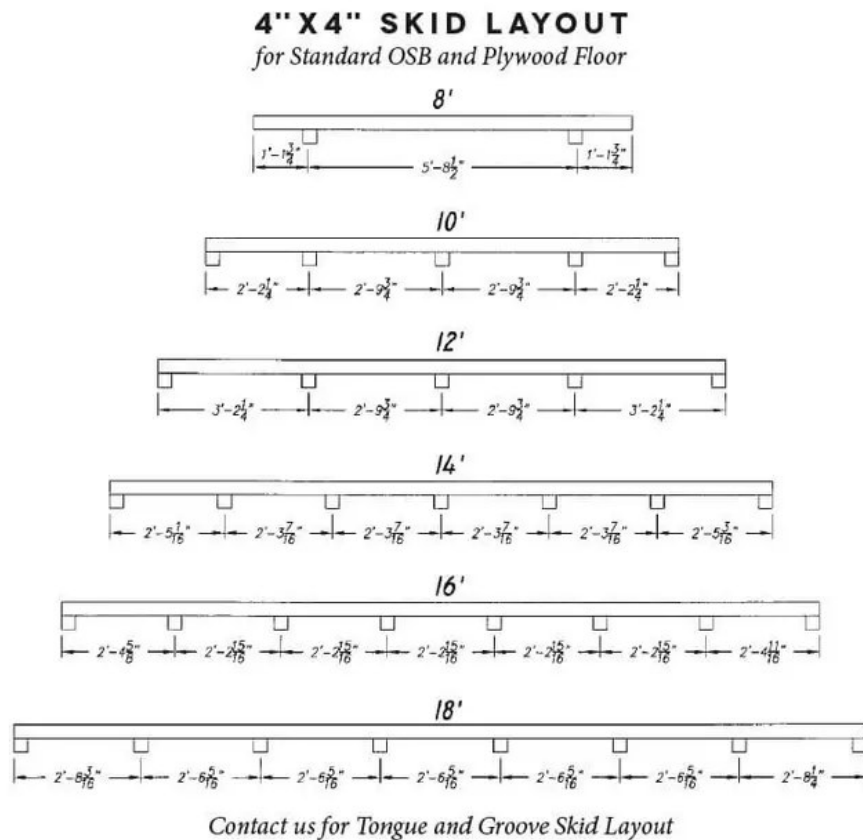
Step 6



Level the foundation material.

Skid Layout

4" x 4" skid spacing for standard OSB and plywood floors. Contact Little Cottage Co. for tongue-and-groove skid layouts.

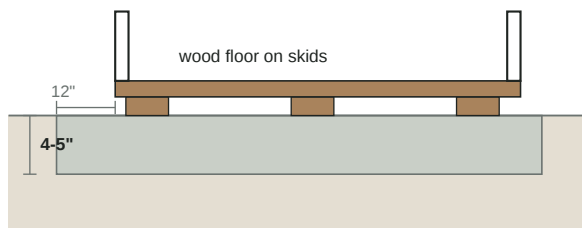


Foundation & Floor Materials

Crushed stone (with wooden floor)

Remove 4 to 5 inches of topsoil and replace it with 4 to 5 inches of #8 crushed limestone. Extending the stone 12" around the perimeter is also beneficial: the border reduces weed growth and minimizes moisture, which contributes to a longer-lasting building.

SECTION A - CRUSHED STONE / WOOD FLOOR

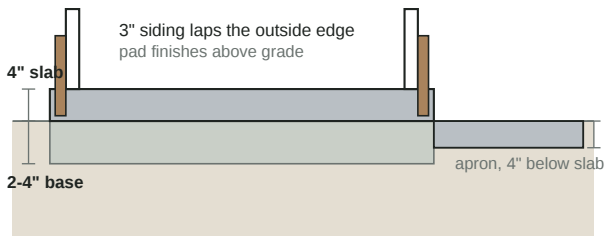


#8 crushed limestone, 4-5" deep, compacted and levelled.

Concrete pad

Remove 2 to 4 inches of topsoil, replace it with #8 crushed limestone, then pour a 4-inch slab on top. Pour the slab approximately 1 inch smaller than the building footprint, since concrete tends to widen slightly during the pour. These buildings are designed with 3" of siding overlapping the outside edge of the concrete, so the pad must remain above ground level. If you are adding an apron in front of the building, drop it 4 inches below the main slab so it does not interfere with the structure.

SECTION B - CONCRETE PAD



Base is #8 crushed limestone. Pour the slab about 1" smaller than the footprint.

Permits

If a building permit is required, or if delivery means crossing a neighboring property, obtaining the permit or the neighbor's permission is the buyer's responsibility and must be handled prior to delivery.

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