

LOG CABIN BUYING GUIDE



An affordable alternative to costly home extensions, log cabins are practical, adaptable and versatile. Constructed using thick, interlocking log boards, our cabins provide a robust and resilient structure for year-round enjoyment. Explore our comprehensive buying guide to find the perfect log cabin for you, with insights into various sizes, styles and log thicknesses available at Mercia.

1. HOW WILL YOU USE YOUR LOG CABIN?

Home Office

Log cabins are perfect for those looking for a practical, private office away from the distractions of home life. Choose a cabin with a greater log thickness and double-glazed windows for comfortable year-round use. The adaptability of our log cabins allows for the installation of electricity, so you can connect everything you need to set up a productive work environment. For creative professionals in need of more natural light, explore Mercia's selection of log cabins featuring large, tall windows and doors, creating a bright and inspiring workspace.



Living Space

Designed for comfort, Mercia log cabins are a cost-effective extension to your home and offer a peaceful sanctuary away from the daily hustle and bustle. Create your own tranquil retreat with a few key pieces of furniture, plenty of cosy soft furnishings and those essential finishing touches. Plus, they are not just limited to adults; a log cabin can also serve as a secure and enjoyable teenage hangout spot, or as a dedicated playroom for the kids! Choose from our selection of cabins featuring styrene glazed windows, a safer alternative to glass, providing peace of mind and enabling children to play freely.

Gym

Create your own home gym with a log cabin, the perfect choice for fitness enthusiasts. Our robust and secure cabins offer an ideal environment for most workouts. Opt for a larger cabin with generous headroom to accommodate bulky equipment and ensure easy manoeuvrability. Don't forget to protect your cabin by laying rubber tiles on the floor. With large windows and doors, Mercia log cabins provide plenty of natural light for visibility and ventilation to prevent overheating. Say goodbye to costly gym memberships, long travel times, and sharing equipment. Enjoy your log cabin gym in peace, knowing it's exclusively yours!







Entertaining Space

Take your garden parties to the next level by transforming your log cabin into an entertainment space! Whether you envision a cinema, a bar or a games room, Mercia offers an extensive range of log cabin styles and sizes to suit your preferences. For those needing extra space, select cabins come with a veranda or sheltered patio area, allowing you to maximise the functionality of your cabin. Elevate your social gatherings with a log cabin that's tailored to your entertainment dreams!

2. SIZE AND LAYOUT

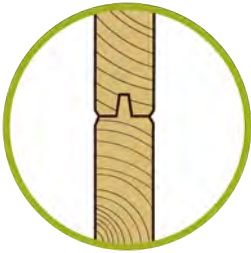
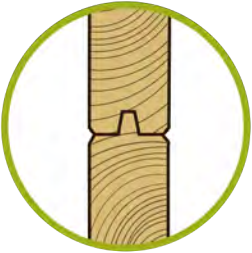
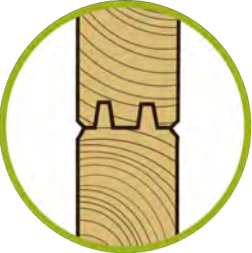
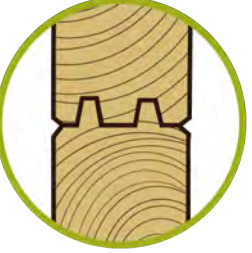
When it comes to choosing the perfect size log cabin, it's important to consider its intended use and the number of people it needs to accommodate. Mercia log cabins are designed for longevity, ensuring our cabins serve you for years to come. Select a space which is big enough to evolve with your family's needs, whether your playroom will eventually transform into a teenage hangout, or if your entertaining space doubles up as a hobby room.

SMALL	MEDIUM	LARGE
		
<p>These cabins are perfectly suited for smaller outdoor spaces and make an excellent office, reading space or hobby room. With double doors and large windows, these cabins are designed to maximise natural light and create the illusion of a more spacious environment.</p>	<p>Our medium sized cabins are a great choice for those who will be spending a considerable amount of time in the space. Whether you plan to use it as a home office or living space, these cabins provide ample room to accommodate your furniture and equipment, ensuring a functional and comfortable environment.</p>	<p>These spacious cabins can easily accommodate large equipment, making them perfect for home gyms or workshops. With their robust materials and sturdy construction, our log cabins are designed to withstand substantial everyday use, providing durability for years to come.</p>

STORAGE SPACE	VERANDA	CORNER	PATIO AREA
			
<p>Offering style and practicality, our log cabins with adjoining side shed provide storage space for all your outdoor furniture, garden accessories or everyday tools.</p>	<p>A selection of our log cabins are available with a veranda, maximising usable space and offering the perfect spot to enjoy the summer weather.</p>	<p>A corner log cabin is a great space-saving, yet functional option for those with smaller or unusually shaped gardens.</p>	<p>Providing the perfect sheltered space for a hot tub or outdoor dining area, these cabins offer the best of both worlds.</p>

3. LOG THICKNESS

Mercia cabins are constructed using interlocking log boards which slot together to ensure a strong, weatherproof structure that can withstand adverse conditions. Our cabins offer a range of log board thicknesses, each carefully selected to suit different seasons and specific uses.

19mm	28mm	34mm	44mm
			
<p>This single tongue construction offers excellent value. Creating a durable and sturdy structure, the 19mm log cabins are perfect for the summer months. Our 19mm log cabins are supplied with styrene glazed windows as standard.</p>	<p>Offering a strong and long-lasting construction, this thicker single tongue construction is ideal for the warmer spring and summer months. Our 28mm log cabins are supplied with double glazed windows and adjustable hinges as standard.</p>	<p>With their double tongue construction, the 34mm log cabins provide a heavy duty and hardwearing structure. This option is ideal for the spring and summer months. Our 34mm log cabins are supplied with double glazed windows and adjustable hinges as standard.</p>	<p>This thicker double tongue construction offers the best protection against draught and water ingress. Perfect for year round use, our 44mm log cabins are supplied with double glazed windows and adjustable hinges as standard.</p>

4. CHOOSING THE STYLE OF YOUR LOG CABIN

A log cabin has the potential to become a striking focal point in your garden for years to come so it's very important to consider its lasting appeal. At Mercia, we understand the significance of aesthetics, which is why we offer a wide range of styles and designs to cater to every garden. Whether you lean towards a timeless traditional look or prefer a contemporary and modern vibe, we have the perfect log cabin that aligns with your preferences and complements the overall aesthetic of your garden.

APEX	REVERSE APEX	PENT	CURVED
			
<p>The apex roof design is the most timeless and traditional. Not only does this style provide generous headroom, is also effectively aids water run-off to prevent a build-up of rain.</p>	<p>A twist on the classic apex, the reverse apex roof style slopes down to the front and back of the shed, also aiding with water run-off and providing generous headroom.</p>	<p>A stylish and contemporary design, the pent roof is constructed with an angled flat panel roof. With its sleek finish, the pent log cabins complement any garden.</p>	<p>Harmonising modern design with traditional construction, the elegant and contemporary curved roof log cabins create an eye-catching feature in any garden.</p>

Traditional

Our traditional log cabin designs exude the timeless charm of classic Scandinavian aesthetics. Adding to their rustic charm, these cabins often feature an apex roof style. With their versatile and adaptable nature, our traditional log cabins serve as a blank canvas, allowing you to unleash your creativity and create your ideal garden room. Whether you envision an inspiring hobby room, a serene home office, or an exciting playroom, the traditional cabin style is perfectly suited for all uses.



Contemporary

Elevate the modern aesthetics of your garden with our captivating range of contemporary log cabin designs. Offering a diverse selection of styles and layout options, from pent roof with patio area to corner cabin with side shed, we have the perfect contemporary log cabin design to complement any garden. Harmonising style and functionality, each log cabin is crafted to enhance the overall look and feel of your outdoor space while maximising usability, so your log cabin can reach its full potential.

5. LOCATION AND INSTALLATION

When choosing the size of your new log cabin, consider how it may be used in the future. Is there a possibility you might need more space down the line? If budget and garden space allow, buy a slightly bigger cabin than the one you think you need to allow for adaptability in the future. Please note that planning guidelines restrict any garden building from occupying at least 50% of your garden without planning permission. Most commercially available log cabins are designed to fall within mandatory planning restrictions, but it is advised to check with your local planning office before making any purchases.

It's also important to assess your installation site. To utilise the building to its full potential you may want to observe where the sunlight hits your garden throughout the day and position the log cabin according to your preference. Before construction you should ensure that at least three feet of space will be left around the building to allow easy access during the install and future maintenance. Planning to add utilities such as electricity or running water? Take into account the cabin's proximity to any vital infrastructure you need to avoid any unnecessary headaches.

Once you've chosen your log cabin it's time to make a base! The base of your log cabin must be solid and level to protect the building from water build-up which would lead to rot and degradation. A good base will save you money in the long run as it extends the life of your garden building and helps to keep it away from elements which cause damage such as insects and ground water.

6. MAINTENANCE

Regular maintenance is essential to ensure your log cabin remains functional and in good condition. Mercia log cabins are supplied with a 10 year anti-rot guarantee, providing it is treated with a wood preservative and waterproofing topcoat after installation and annually thereafter. To maintain your log cabin between treatments, it is recommended to regularly clear any debris away from the building and check for damp or mould. Efficient maintenance of your cabin will ensure its longevity and functionality, so it can be utilised and enjoyed for years to come.