

HOW TO CHOOSE THE RIGHT BASE



Any garden building requires a flat, levelled and strong foundation. This will help protect your shed from deteriorating and will prolong its life.

Where should I place my shed?

The size of the shed will determine where you should place it and how big the base should be. Before purchasing a shed, remember to check that you have an appropriate space for the product, check all dimensions and make sure that there are no obstructions. When choosing where to place your shed you should keep in mind that tree roots can grow larger causing uneven ground consequently damaging your shed. Placing a shed near a tree can also lead to problems during winter; bad weather conditions can cause parts of the tree to fall and damage your shed.

When choosing where to place your shed you need to consider its maximum height and dimensions.

What can I build my base from?

There are many options when it comes to choosing a base for your garden building. There are a few things to consider before purchasing the right materials for your garden. Here are a few factors you might want to consider before you make a final decision: If you rent a home you might want to choose a non-permanent base. You might need to consider what the weather is like where you live. If you get a lot of rain or heavy weather you might want to choose a material that is strong enough to withstand it.



Portabases

A portabase is a time and cost saving option. A portabase is made from timber and comes in a range of sizes to suit different buildings. Our portabases are made from pressure treated timber and features bearers to give stability and strength.

You will need to ensure that the ground where you will be placing your garden building is completely flat and levelled before you install your portabase. Remember to use a spirit level when installing a base to check if it is truly levelled.

Concrete Paving Slab

A concrete paving slab base is perfect if you want to install the base yourself and are relatively inexpensive. Before installing a paving slab base you need to make sure that the ground is completely levelled.

To check if the ground is levelled used a builder's spirit level. These can be purchased from any major DIY stores. Lay the spirit level across the diagonals of your base. This is the best way to ensure the base is completely levelled.

Once levelled, you can lay your paving slabs to form a base, use a mixture of sand and cement to set your paving slabs.

Concrete Slab Base

A concrete slab base is one of the most permanent bases you can lay. A concrete base is strong and if laid correctly it can be used for any size building. This type of base requires professional skills.

You will need to ensure that the ground is completely flat and levelled before you install your concrete slab base.

Lay a frame for your concrete base; this can be made from lengths of timber. The frame needs to be secure as it will hold the concrete until it is set. Once a frame is laid you can then pour wet concrete into the frame to set.

Plastic Base

A Plastic Base is the perfect option if you live in rented accommodation or just want something a little less permanent. This type of base is made from 100% recycled plastic. The plastic grids fit together to form a base.

The ground where you want to place your shed needs to be 100% flat and levelled before laying down your plastic base. The plastic base grids come in packs, simply layout the packs to cover your base and connect with the metal ties.

Once laid flat you can place your shed or garden building on top of the grids. We recommend that you fill your plastic base with pea gravel.

For more information on how to lay each type of base please take a look at our [How To Build A Base Guide](#).