

# Assembly Guide For Albany 505 Birchcroft Playhouse

IMPORTANT: IF THE DOOR HAS A TURN BUTTON FITTED THIS SHOULD BE REMOVED AFTER ASSEMBLY.

PLEASE DO NOT LEAVE YOUNG CHILDREN UNSUPERVISED IN THE PLAYHOUSE.

**RECOMMENDED TOOLS: HAMMER, SCREWDRIVER (BATTERY OPERATED IF AVAILABLE), STANLEY KNIFE, SAW, STEPLADDERS TO FELT ROOF.**

**ESTIMATED ASSEMBLY TIME: TWO PEOPLE 2 HOURS.**

**WE RECOMMEND PILOT DRILLING SCREW HOLES FIRST.**

PARTS LIST	
A: 1 X FLOOR PANEL	G: 1 X HANDLE
B: 2 X SIDE PANELS	H: 1 X TRIM PACK
C: 1 X PLAIN GABLE	I: 2 X DIAMOND FINALE
D: 1 X DOOR GABLE	J: PERSPEX (2 X WINDOW, 1 X DOOR)
E: 2 X ROOF PANELS	K: 1 X FELT (4.0 M)
F: 2 X VERANDAH RAILS	L: 1 X NAIL & SCREW PACK

1. Lay the floor panel (A) in its desired position (remember to leave enough space around the building for roof overhang and maintenance). It is essential the floor is on a solid level base otherwise the building will not fit together properly and the door may not fit flush. Place the panels around the floor - it will help you understand how they fit together. N.B. The gap in the floor runs parallel with the door section of the playhouse.

2. Position the plain gable (C) on the back edge of the floor (the lip on the bottom overhangs the floor). While your assistant holds the gable place a side panel (B) on the floor to form a corner. Check that the sides are sitting flat on the floor and the panels are butted together, screw them together from the inside using two of the screws provided.

3. Select the other side panel (B) and place on the floor, screw to the plain gable as before with two screws, again making sure the sections are flat on the floor.

4. Position the door gable (D) and put this into the remaining space, screw the door gable to the sides from the inside as before.

5. Attach the handle (G) by screwing into the door framing using 25 mm screws.

6. Screw the verandah rails to the front and floor using 65 mm screws.

7. Position the roof panels onto the walls (do not fix yet), the lip on the side of the roof goes where the roofs meet at the top. Slot the uppermost piece of framing into the W shaped cut out at the top of the gable. Push the roofs to the front so that there is

approximately 75 mm overhang at the back of the house. Check that the roofs are sitting square on the shed. I. e. the roof panels run parallel to the walls all way round. If they do not then it is likely that your base is not perfectly level and will need packing in one corner under the floor to square up the roofs, try each corner in turn until you find the correct one. With the roof square check that the sides and gables are sitting flat on the floor. Screw the panels to the floor using two screws per panel, ensuring that you screw into a floor joist (follow the lines of nails in the floor to locate the joists).

8. Screw the two roof sections together then secure by nailing through the roof into the framing on the sides and gables.

9. Felt the roof using the small clout nails provided. Start by carefully removing the paper from the wide roll of felt, roll the felt out on a flat surface and cut in half to give two equal strips (2 M long).

Place the first strip front to back on one roof leaving 40 mm overhang to the three sides. Secure with three evenly spaced nails along the upper edge then fold the felt over the side of the roof and nail every 100 - 150 mm along the bottom roof framing working from the middle outwards. Repeat on the other side with the second strip of felt nailing approximately 100 - 150 mm where the two roofs meet. Fold the ends of the felt and nail into the ends of the framing.

10. Open the trim pack and remove the four fascia boards, nail them to the ends of the roof then trim the felt if necessary. Nail on the diamond finales (its best to pre-sink the nails first on a flat surface so as not to split them) where the two fascia boards meet.

10. Fix the corner strips (long narrow strips) to each outside corner using two nails per strip. These strips may need trimming to length.

11. Using the Perspex provided glaze the windows and door by pulling out the nails that hold the beading in place. Remove the beading and the protecting covering film from both side of the Perspex. After inserting the Perspex, replace and nail the window beading.

**IMPORTANT:** before allowing children to play in the playhouse make sure that all the screw and nail heads are flush with the timber surface and that you have not missed the framing with any nails or screws. Also check that there are not any nails or screws exposing their points, especially from the roof above the internal base.

**We recommend you treat your building annually with a recognized brand of spirit-based preservative. Barrettine red cedar can be ordered from your local dealer in 5L cans.**

**These instructions are meant as a guide only we reserve the right to alter design without prior notice.**

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