

Rosedale Arbor

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1 Trellis Caps (7)

HARDWARE

2 Headers (2)

- 2 1/2" Wood screws (30)
- 3 Braces (4)
- Driver bit (if other than Phillips head)
- 4 Lattice Side Panels (2)
- Wood block marked "spacer" (1)
- Anchoring kit

TOOLS YOU WILL NEED

- Power screwdriver or drill that accepts interchangeable bits*
- Two bags of concrete mix (60#) to anchor the arbor

HANDY TO HAVE

- Tape measure
- Carpenters Square
- Stool or short ladder

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PRELIMINARIES

IF YOU PLAN TO

If you wish to stain or paint your arbor, we recommend that you do so before assembly, it makes the job easier. Use a high quality exterior stain or paint. Be careful not to cover up guide marks on top of headers.

WORK AREA

Select an area close to where the arbor will be finally placed. While the assembled unit is not very heavy, it is awkward to move far and requires two people to do so easily.

The assembly area should be relatively flat and open, at least 8' square. A lawn, driveway or wide path will be satisfactory.

It is a good idea to lay out the arbor box on your work surface to protect the arbor from nicks and scratches.

^{*} A bit holder may be needed if using a drill with a quick-change chuck.

ATTACHING THE HEADERS TO THE SIDE PANELS

STEP 1

Lay one of the 2" x 6" header boards flat on your work surface, with the 12 small pilot holes facing up and the shorter side toward you.

Place one of the two lattice side panels on its edge, with the upper end (2 screw holes, closely spaced) toward the header board and the inside edge of the side post (single screw hole about 12" from the top) toward the center of the header board.

Drive one of the 2 1/2" screws through the top hole in the bottom side post, holding the frame up a bit so that the point of the screw stick through about 1/2" inch.

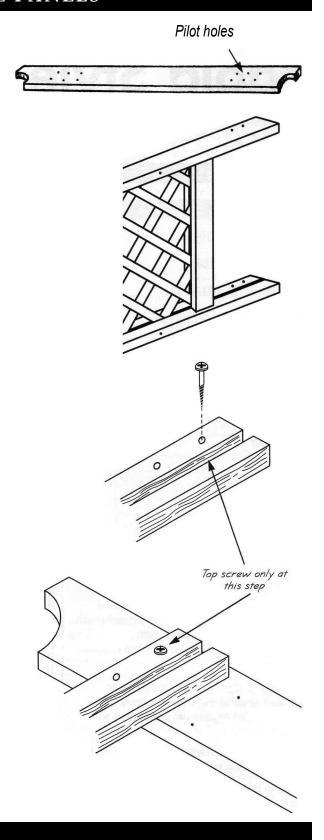
Choose the pair of pilot holes in the header for the width of opening you prefer.

Outside Holes - for a 48 ½" width opening Center Holes - for a 42 ½" width opening Inside Holes - for a 36 ½" width opening

Place the top edge of the frame over the header board with the point of the screw lined up with the upper pilot hole of the pair you have selected. When you are sure that the screw point is properly aligned, drive it firmly into the header.

NOTE: Do not drive in the second screw at this time.

IMPORTANT: It is possible to drive a screw into the wood without using a pilot hole. So, it is critical that you line up the screw with the pilot hole before you drive in the screw.



ATTACH SECOND HEADER

STEP 2

Turn the assembly over and attach the second header following the same method as the first. Take special care to:

- Make sure the inside edge of the panel (the edge with the single hole 12" from the top of the post) is facing inward.
- Be careful to use the matching pair of screw holes to give you the opening width you have selected.

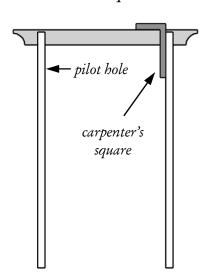
SQUARE UP THE ARBOR

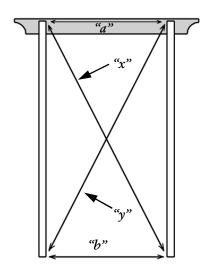
STEP 3

Now square up the arbor. This can be easily done with a large Carpenter's Square, a tape measure, or even a length of string as shown below.

With a square:

With a tape measure or





- 1. Measure the distance "a" at post tops.
- 2. Set bottom of posts to same spacing "b".
- 3. Measure diagonal distance "x".
- 4. Check opposite diagonal distance "y".

When a=b and x=y, the arbor is

When the arbor is squared up, drive the second screw at the top of each post into the lower pilot hole in the header.

SQUARE UP SECOND SIDE PANEL & HEADER

Turn the assembly over so that the attached header board is on the upper side, with the free edge of the side panels on the ground or working surface.

ATTACH THE BRACES TO THE HEADERS AND PANELS

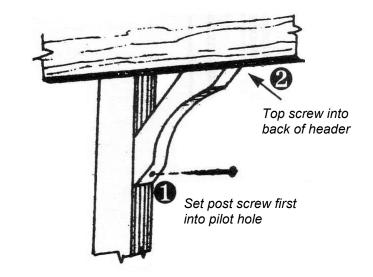
STEP 4

Carefully tip your assembled arbor to the upright position and check that the side panels are vertical and parallel.

Attach the four braces to the post, using the same technique as for the header boards: drive the 2 1/2" screw through the bottom hole in the brace so that it protrudes about 1/2", and insert the point into the pilot hole on the inner edge of the panel frame. Then drive the screw in firmly.

Double-check your side panel posts to make sure they are square with the header board and parallel to the post on the other side.

When the position is set, hold the upper end of the brace firmly in contact with the header and drive the screw in. Tighten all screws in your assembly.



ATTACH THE CAP PIECES

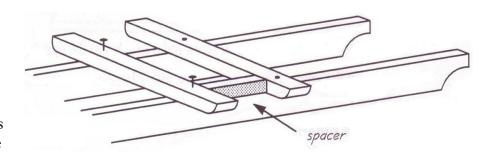
STEP 5

Center one of the cap pieces across the two headers, placing it between the two marks.

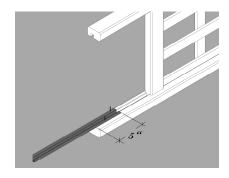
Center one screw hole on top edge of header.

Secure cap to second header in same manner.

Using spacer provided, attach other cap pieces at equal intervals, 3 boards on each side of the center one.

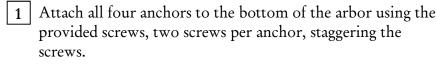


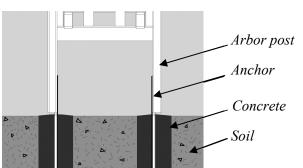
INSTALLING THE ARBOR



This arbor may be secured using a variety of techniques. These include attaching to an existing structure or anchoring with gravel or river rock instead of concrete. The instructions below represent secure mounting with concrete. Use caution when moving the arbor to its final placement. Two people are required to lift or move the arbor.

STEPS





- Measure the distance in between all anchors and dig four 8" diameter holes to accommodate the anchors.
- 3 Carefully lift the arbor and position in place, avoid tilting the arbor on the anchors.
- 4 Plumb and level the arbor.
- Mix concrete according to the manufacturer's instructions, fill each hole within 1/4" of the bottom of each post, posts should not be set in the concrete.



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