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# SUMMER HOUSE BUYER'S GUIDE

Find your perfect summer house with the help of our buyer's guide.

# 1) Main Use



A summerhouse makes a wonderful addition to any garden and can be used in different ways to enhance your outdoor space.

We've listed different uses and builds so you can get a better understanding of ways to use your own summer house and easily find the ones which will suit you.



# Entertaining

Do you love hosting garden parties? Our summer houses offer a great space to entertain guests and all the family. For luxury entertaining, you should consider a larger summerhouse.

## **Bella**

This contemporary unit has been designed with a pent roof which is perfect for modern gardens. Sizes 8x8 up to 16x8 mean you are guaranteed to find a unit which suits your entertaining needs.

## **Petra**

The Petra's modern, long windows mean you can enjoy great views of your garden and position the double doors anywhere along the eaves. Available in sizes up to 20x10, you are provided with plenty of entertaining space.

## **Tessa**

This exciting, new summerhouse is a luxury build which is great for entertaining. A fantastic feature of this summer house is a dual entrance which means you can access the unit from the front or side of the build. Garden parties have never been more elegant with this summerhouse.



# Family Fun

Summer houses aren't just for adults. Store your children's toys in a safe and protected summerhouse and once they're older you can reclaim the building for yourself!

## Sasha

This fantastic Log Cabin Summerhouse is a great space for the family to enjoy. Long windows and doors open up to provide a light and airy building. The summerhouse is constructed using a solid 19mm T&G.

## Skinner

The Skinner is an 8x8 Log Cabin Summerhouse, which is the perfect size to house your children's toys. You can also choose from a windowed or windowless design to best suit your needs. The modern, pent roof looks stylish in any garden.

## Harper

A traditional summerhouse with Apex roof and Georgian bar windows and doors, the Harper is available in sizes ranging upwards from 4x6 which offers a compact and beautiful summerhouse for all the family.



# Relaxing Retreat

There's no better place than your own garden to relax with a good book during warm summer days. Our summerhouses create the perfect relaxing retreat.

## Lily

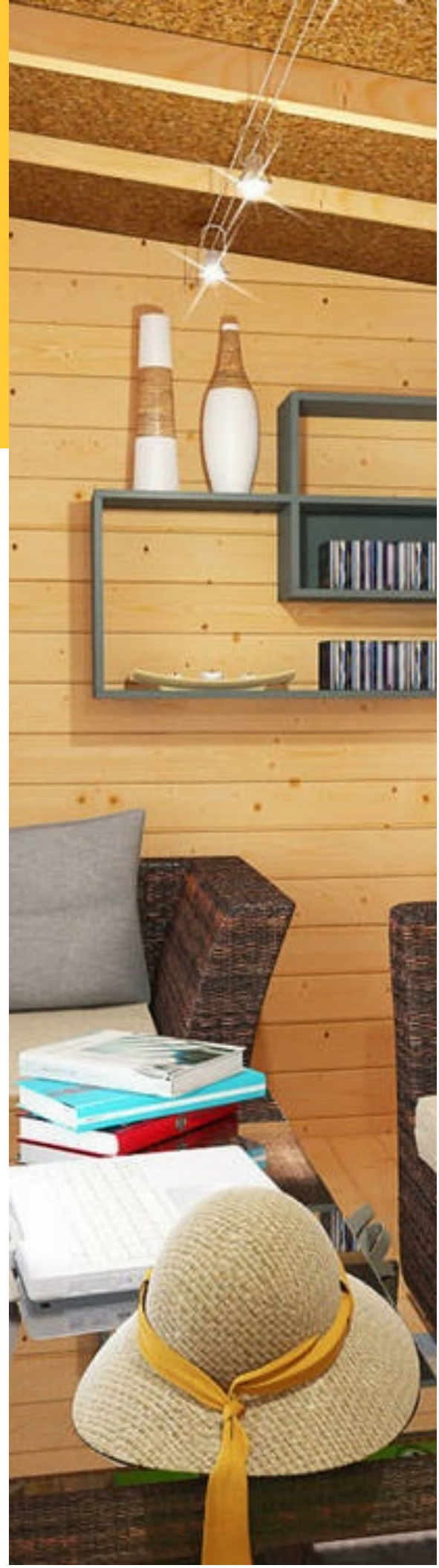
If you're looking for a traditional summer house to relax in, the Lily provides a comfortable retreat with elegant, Georgian bar doors and windows. The traditional overhanging verandah completes the summer house perfectly.

## Darcy

This luxurious Log Cabin features modern doors and windows which create a serene interior. Wide, central doors offer easy access to the building. Relax in style with this summerhouse.

## Ivy

The Ivy includes a stunning verandah which offers the perfect shade on hot, summer days. Shut yourself away with a good book in the Ivy summerhouse. This unit is available from sizes ranging from 8x8 to 20x10, so no matter how big or small your outdoor space, you can own a relaxing summerhouse to retreat to.



# DIY Workshop

The open plan space in larger summer houses is ideal for using as a workshop. Carry out your favourite hobbies and if you need your own studio space, you can even work from home.

## **Penton**

Featuring a useful side store, the Penton is a unit which would make a great workshop for your garden. Store your tools away safely in the side store and have plenty of room for your workshop. The unit is designed to fit into a corner which maximises the space in your garden.

## **Dorset**

The Dorset Log Cabin is a summerhouse which you could easily use as a workshop or studio for your garden. Decide where you want to position the side window for maximum light.

## **Holly**

The extra tall Apex design makes this summer house perfect for a workshop or studio. Extra headroom makes a comfortable space work in. This summerhouse is available from sizes 8x8 to 20x10 and constructed using T&G panels.



## 2) *style*

Our summerhouses are designed in a variety of styles to suit your tastes and garden style. Modern or traditional summerhouses mean you will find one which is right for you.

### **Traditional**

Many of our summerhouses feature an Apex design which has a traditional appearance. Our Lily, Ivy and Harper are just three of our summerhouses which have a traditional design.

If you would like a traditional summer house, you may want to have one which features a verandah or Georgian bar windows and doors. Traditional summer houses look great in any garden setting.

### **Modern**

If you're looking for a summer house which has a more contemporary appearance, you may want to opt for a summerhouse with a pent roof.

Many of our summer houses such as the Bella, Picton and Skinner have been designed with this look. We also offer unique curved roof with the Sunroom summerhouse, which will add a contemporary edge to your outdoor aesthetic.



# 3) Wooden Construction

The construction of the summerhouse impacts how strong and durable it is, as well as how weatherproof the build is against the elements.

## **Log Cabins**

Our premium Log Cabins are constructed using interlocking T&G boards which have varied a choice of thicknesses from 28mm, 35mm, 44mm and 70mm. Log Cabins such as the Dorset and Devon can be enjoyed by the family all year round.

## **Log Cabin Summerhouses**

The Log Cabin Summerhouses we offer can be enjoyed from spring all the way up until autumn. Summerhouses such as the Darcy and Sasha are constructed using interlocking T&G in 19mm-28mm thicknesses.

## **Summerhouses**

Our standard summerhouses are constructed using 11mm pre-assembled panels. Summerhouses such as the Picton or Tessa will completely enhance your spring and summer outdoors.





## 4) Access

Consider how you want to access your summerhouse and where it will be located. There are great features of our summerhouses which make accessing them just that bit easier.

### **Dual Entrance**

The stunning Tessa Summerhouse features a handy dual entrance. Enter the building through the front double-doors, positioned anywhere along the eaves and you can also enter through the side gable doors.

### **Wide, Central Doors**

Wide, central doors are featured on many of our popular summerhouses. This enables you, your family and guests to enjoy comfortable and easy access to the building.

### **Windows**

Windows are an important aspect of any summerhouse. For a light and airy feel, all our summerhouses feature windows which come in a variety of styles and designs. From traditional to modern, you get to choose which suits you best.



# 5) Floor Choices

We offer different floor options for our summerhouses, which will provide the building with light use to heavy duty use.

## Interlocking T&G

**11mm:** We offer high-quality 11mm T&G floors which are well equipped for all domestic use. The interlocking tongue and groove technique works effectively to protect the floor from moisture.

**19mm:** For a more heavy duty flooring, which can handle larger and heavy furniture, you can also opt for the 19mm T&G floor.

## Solid Sheet

**Durelis:** Our standard 10mm solid sheet flooring is constructed from water-resistant chipboard and provides summerhouses with basic flooring that can handle standard domestic use. If you will be furnishing the unit with lightweight items, then this material makes sufficient flooring for your summerhouse.

**OSB:** This budget floor option is made from 9mm OSB solid sheet and is only equipped for lightweight use. For a summerhouse which you will spend lots of time in, you may want to opt for higher-quality Durelis or T&G flooring.



# 6) Roof Choices

We offer a great range of roof choices for our summerhouses and included budget and premium options.

## Roof Material

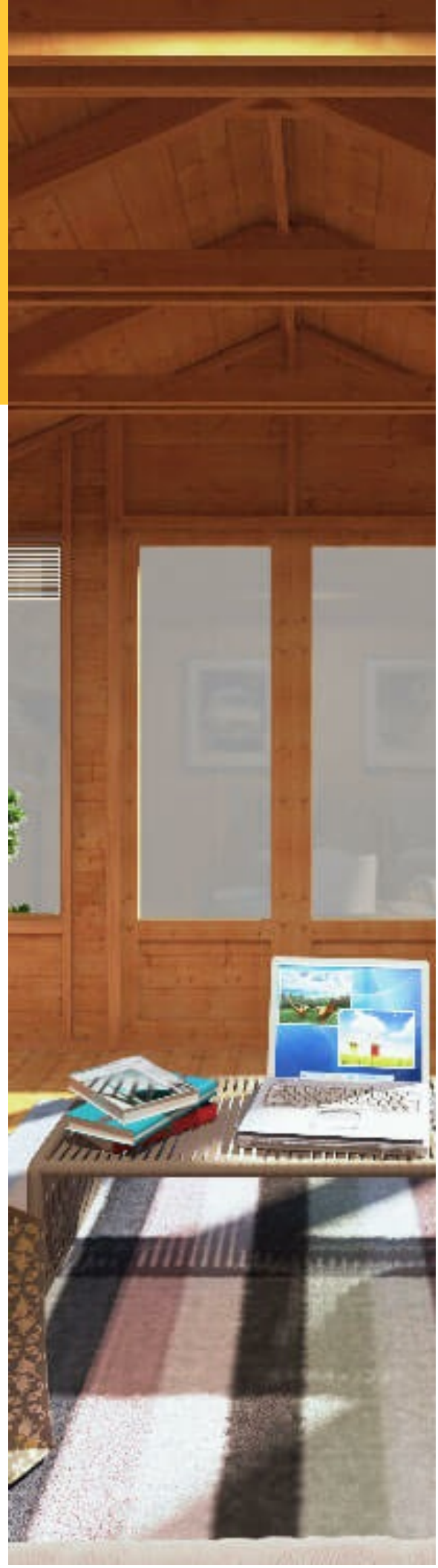
We supply 19mm T&G panels as our premium roof option, this is also the most effective against harsh weather and looks great in any summer house. To add strength to the build, we offer the option of an 11mm roof with trusses. The trusses provide extra support for the overall build.

For a basic to mid range roof material, you have the choice of 8mm OSB solid sheet roof or 9mm and 11mm Durelis. The solid sheet roof is constructed using a water-resistant chipboard.

## Roof Cover

Summerhouses require roof coverage to keep them protected from the worst of the weather. We offer the choice of premium and budget cover.

Sand felt is our standard option and will provide basic protection and mineral felt is used for our mid-range summerhouses and Log Cabins. For premium roof cover, we also offer shingles which are made from a thicker material than our roofing felt and are great for heavy duty use.





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