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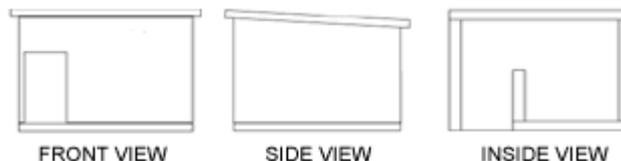
Free Dog House Plans for the Building and Construction of a Custom Built Dog House

A dog house is essential to protect pets from the elements, including sun, wind and cold weather. If you are looking for dog house plans and blueprints for construction of a custom built dog house, then here are a few factors to consider:

- Check the designs of Dog Houses – assess dog houses design requirements, ensuring it is big enough to allow your dog easy entrance and the ability to turn around inside the house and lie down flat.
- Consider the weather climate - In hot climates, ensure dog house plans include measures for ventilation. While in cold and damp climates, doghouse plans should accommodate good insulation.
- Check the size of Dog Houses – assess the size of dog houses and again, do so with your environment and climate in mind. Large, well vented dog houses may not be appropriate in cool climates where smaller dog houses with good insulation may be more suitable.



Free Dog House Plans



This is a customized dog house, developed for dogs of all sizes. Simply enter your dogs height and length below and the dog house measurements will adjust according to your dogs size.

The key features to this dog house include:

1. Customized to suit your dogs size
2. Easily assembled

3. The ability to unscrew each part for portability
4. The roof can be made removable for easy cleaning

You will need 4 kinds of wood (2x4 lumber, 2x2 lumber, 3/4 inch plywood, 1/2 inch plywood).

If you are building this dog house for a puppy - use our [breed guide](#) to get an estimate of the average size your dog will grow to and use those measurements.

Enter your Dogs measurements: - in inches.	
Your Dogs Height:	<input type="text" value="26"/>
Your Dogs Length:	<input type="text" value="30"/>

calculate measurements

Cutting Instructions:

Frame Structures

Item	Amount / Material	Length	Description
A	3 X (2x4 lumber) 2 X (2x2 lumber)	43 "	Base Frame Height
B	2 X (2x4 lumber)	50 "	Base Frame Width
C	2 X (2x2 lumber)	27.33 "	Front Frame Width
D	4 X (2x2 lumber)	31 "	Back Height
E	5 X (2x2 lumber)	36 "	Front Height
F	2 X (2x2 lumber)	43 "	Side Frame Sloped Top
G	1 X (2x2 lumber)	17.5 "	Wind Break Height
H	2 X (2x2 lumber)	54 "	Roof Width
I	2 X (2x2 lumber)	54 "	Roof Height
J	1 X (2x2 lumber)	33.5 "	Wind Break Inside Height
K	1 X (2x2 lumber)	17.5 "	Wind Break Sloped Top
L	2 X (2x2 lumber)	42 "	Back Frame Width

Wall Cladding

Item	Material	Amount/length	Description
Base	3/4 inch Plywood	43 "4 X 50 "	Base Cladding
Back	1/2 inch Plywood	42 "4 X 31 "	Back Outside Wall Cladding
Front	1/2 inch Plywood	27.33 "4 X 36 "	Front Outside Wall Cladding
L Side	1/2 inch Plywood	43 "4 X 36 "	L Side Outside Wall Cladding

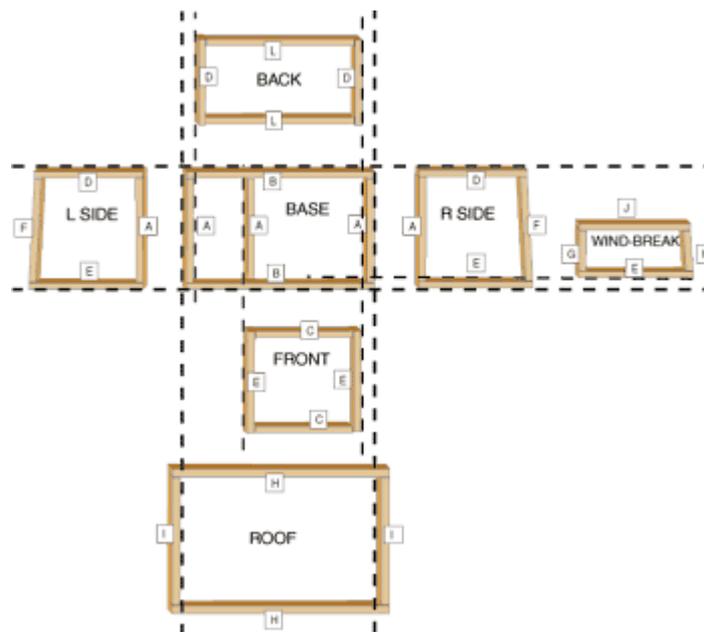
R Side	1/2 inch Plywood	43 "4 X 36 "	R Side Outside Wall Cladding
Wind Breaker	1/2 inch Plywood	17.5 "4 X 36 "	Wind Breaker Wall Cladding
Roof	1/2 inch Plywood	54 "4 X 54 "	Roof Outside Cladding

The above tables give each piece of wood an 'item' letter - use the diagram below to see the visual of how each piece of wood fits together.

Step by Step Instructions.

Step 1: Cut out all the wood as described in the above tables - it helps to write the 'item' letter in pencil onto each bit of wood. Assemble and nail together each separate frame piece, as shown in picture below. The Letters show what pieces fit together. Note that the 2x4 lumber is used for the base only.

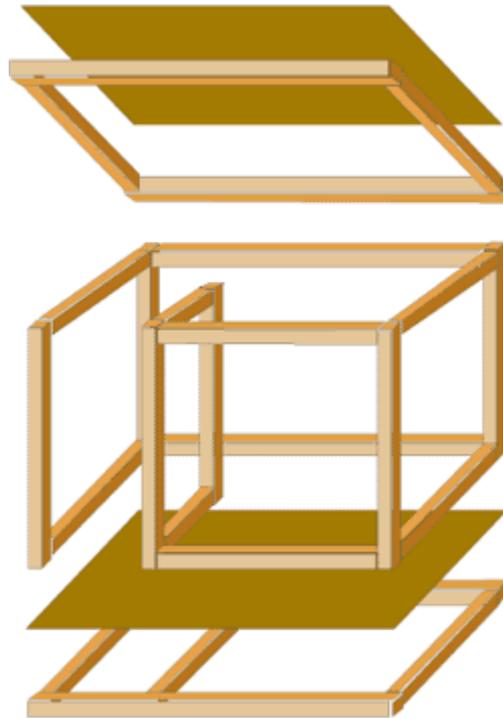
The most important piece is the middle stud in the 'base' frame. This stud needs to align with the 'wind-break' frame. View the image below to see the alignment.



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Step 2: Nail the respective wall claddings (plywood) onto each frame. Make sure the plywood goes on the outside of each frame (especially the left and right sides - you do not want two left side walls!).

Step 3: Line up each 'frame' piece, drill holes for screws and screw together. (make sure each hole is aligned with each joining frame. We have found it is easier to screw the wall frames together first, then screw them onto the base, see picture below.



Step 4: The roof frame is designed to overlap the outside of the wall structure (like a lid on a shoe box) - this can be removable if desired or simply screwed into place.

We suggest the roof be 'latched' or 'hinged' onto the wall structure rather than screwed, as this allows removal for easy cleaning of the dogs sleeping area, as they can get very dusty and a may harvest fleas.

If you live in a windy area, ensure the roof is secured firmly.

And there you have it, a nice cozy house for your dog. It is important to weather-proof your dog house, so a couple of coats of exterior house paint and your all done.