Arbor

Romance! Enter the secret garden through this beautiful arbor constructed from Georgia-Pacific Treated Lumber. Plans are designed for the experienced carpenter. The arbor will add dimension and character to any yard or garden.

Note: Not for climbing. This arbor is not intended to support the weight of a person or any objects other than plants.

Materials Checklist
- 2—2"x8"x7’ cut to 79” top beams
- 2—2"x6"x5’ cut to 51” side beams
- 4—2”x4”x8’ cut to 93” min. post
- 3—2”x2”x6” cut to 6 36” top plant supports
- 1—2”x2”x8’ cut to 4–19” brackets
- 11—1”x2”x8’ cut to:
  - 22–27” horizontal laths
  - 8–19³⁄₄” vertical laths
  - 4–23” vertical laths

Instructions
- Four stout screw eyes to hold hanging potted plants from top beam ends.
- Hot-dipped galvanized or stainless-steel nails as required. Note: For better hold-down power, use galvanized screws and waterproof glue. For a finished look, recess screw heads and fill with wood plugs or putty.
- Water repellent or stain with water repellent or three coats of exterior paint after wood is thoroughly dry (several months exposed to weather) will help protect your pressure treated wood from splitting, checking, warping and splintering.
- Optional: Instead of sinking posts in ground, bolt to stakes or steel bars which are sunk firmly. If the stakes or bars disintegrate years later, they can be replaced without disturbing the plantings.
- pressure treated wood is recommended for exterior use. If you are confident of your skill, you may wish to use more costly material such as Redwood or Cedar.

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Did you know?

• **Pressure treated wood** may be painted or stained to match any outdoor color scheme. High-quality latex-based paints and oil or latex stains are recommended. Make sure the wood is dry and free from surface deposits before applying any coating.

• **Water repellent coatings** can be applied to enhance the long-term weathering performance.

• **Only wood** that is visibly clean and free of surface residue should be used for patios, decks and walkways.

• **To help maximize surface protection** and to keep your wood looking better longer, GP recommends applying a surface water repellent every two years.

Questions and Answers

**Q.** What kinds of projects are ideal for pressure treated wood?

**A.** Choose GP pressure treated wood for decks, porches, gazebos, planters, arbors and other outdoor structures. You’ll enjoy the beauty of wood plus long-lasting performance.

**Q.** How do I dispose of unused wood?

**A.** Scraps and sawdust should be disposed with ordinary trash. Do not burn treated wood, as toxic materials may be produced as part of the smoke or ashes.

**Q.** What is ACQ?

**A.** Alkaline Copper Quaternary (ACQ) is a chemical solution used as a preservative treatment for wood to help provide long-term protection from rot, decay and termites. The main active ingredient in ACQ is copper, which has long been established as the most cost-effective preservative component used in preserving timber. Quaternary acts as the co-biocide in the ACQ preservative, providing additional protection from decay, fungi and termite attack that copper alone would not control. Copper and quaternary solutions similar to ACQ are used for the control of fungi and bacteria in swimming pools and spas.

**Q.** How long has ACQ been in use?

**A.** For more than a decade, ACQ has been used in neighborhood playgrounds, backyards and other outdoor projects.

For the latest information about pressure treated wood, visit www.gp.com, or call 1-800-282-0600.
Safety First

Pressure treated wood is easy to work with. The following simple safety procedures are recommended.

• Do not burn treated wood. Toxic materials may be produced as part of the smoke or ashes.
• Clean up scraps and sawdust after construction and dispose by ordinary trash collection.
• Gloves should be worn to protect against splinters and abrasions.
• A dust mask should be worn when sawing, machining or sanding any wood to reduce the inhalation of wood dust. Whenever possible these operations should be performed outdoors to avoid indoor accumulations of airborne sawdust from treated wood.

coated fasteners should conform to ASTM Standard A153 and hot-dipped galvanized coated connectors should conform to ASTM Standard A653 (Class G-185). In demanding applications, such as treated wood foundations and playground equipment, use of stainless steel fasteners and connectors should be utilized and may be required by building codes.

Electroplated galvanized fasteners are not recognized as being corrosion resistant for exterior applications. Aluminum should not be used in direct contact with ACQ treated wood.

2. Nail bark side up
Always nail boards bark side up (annual rings are upward) to reduce cupping. Nail thin boards to thicker boards to help maintain structural integrity.

3. Drill pilot holes
Especially when nailing near the edge or end of a board, it’s a good idea to drill pilot holes for your fasteners.

4. Butt boards tightly
Butt decking boards together firmly. As drying occurs, some shrinkage can be expected.

5. Apply a weather resistant finish.
Any exposed wood, pressure treated or not, should be protected from the weather. Application of a finish coat of clear or semi-transparent water-repellent stain will help to minimize warping, checking or splitting. The finish coat should be applied immediately to untreated wood and to pressure treated wood as soon as the surface is dry.

Use Site Precautions
ACQ treated wood may be used both inside residences (should be clean and free of surface residues) and outdoors. However, it should not be used in or on sites where it could come into contact with food, animal feed or drinking water.

Examples of such sites are as follows:

1. Structures for storage or handling animal feed, (grain, silage, etc.) such as silos, feed troughs or bunks.
2. Use as kitchen countertops or cutting boards.
3. Use in construction of those portions of beehives which may come into contact with the honey.
4. Structures that would be in direct or indirect contact with drinking water, except for uses involving incidental contact such as residential fresh water docks and bridges. ACQ treated lumber should not be used in salt-water immersion applications.
5. Do not use ACQ treated lumber residues, such as sawdust and shavings, as mulch.