

#### Dane's Den ASSEMBLY MANUAL

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## IMPORTANT - PLEASE READ

As fresh lumber acclimates to its new environment, the natural tendencies of the tree can show itself in the form of checks, or "cracks" in the lumber. In almost all cases this is normal and it will not affect the structural integrity of your play set.

Cosmetic defects that do not affect the structural integrity of the product, or natural defects of wood such as warping, checking or any other physical properties of wood that do not present a safety hazard, are not covered by this warranty. Defects that develop because the product is exposed to extreme climate conditions are not covered by this warranty. Defects that develop as a result of faulty or improper installation of the product are also not covered by this warranty.

**Most cracks are not warrantable**, however if you believe that the integrity of your play set is compromised by this natural occurrence, please contact us at <u>warranty@playnation.com</u>.

We appreciate your purchase and know that you will enjoy your play system for many years to come.



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#### PLEASE READ OWNER'S MANUAL CAREFULLY BEFORE STARTING ASSEMBLY!

#### Thank you for choosing PlayNation Play Systems, Inc. for your new backyard playground!

We've included everything you need, except tools, to build your very own professional looking play set. When complete, your new play set should far exceed the quality of play set kits from other build-your-own companies. Our engineers and design team have over 30 years of playground experience. What we've developed is a play set that doesn't compromise quality for simplicity. Yet you'll appreciate how quick and easy construction really is! Our play set kits are designed for children ages 3 to 11. **PlayNation Play Systems, Inc.** believes every child should have a play set and with our kits they can! You can rest assured your new play set is safe, durable and designed to hold up to the elements. As parents ourselves, we know how important the security and wellbeing of our children is, and this shows in all of our products.

Each play set features our step-by-step 3D illustrated manual, patented powder coated swing beam bracket, heavy-duty swing belts with chains, slide(s), accessories, plus all the required hardware and premilled lumber.

#### **Quality Lumber**

At PlayNation Play Systems, Inc., we use only the finest, hand selected lumber available. You can be assured that our lumber is strong, durable, and conforms to the national standards for use in children's play equipment. It's this quality that allows us to offer a 10 year warranty on the lumber used in our play sets.

#### **Limited Manufacturers Warranty**

PlayNation Play Systems, Inc. ("PlayNation") warrants its play sets to be free from defects in workmanship and materials, under normal use and conditions at its original installation, for 10 years for structural wood components and for one year for all other components (e.g., hardware, plastics, tarps, rope ladder, etc.).

Cosmetic defects or natural defects of wood (e.g., warping, seasonal checking or cracking, knots, or knot holes, etc.) that do not affect the structural integrity of the product are not covered by this warranty. Defects that develop because the product is exposed to extreme climate conditions, or that develop as a result of faulty or improper installation of the product, are not covered by this warranty. Fading or discoloration of any part or accessory, cracks in plastic components, surface rust on hardware, and chips on powder coated materials are not considered defects in material as long as they do not affect the functionality or structural integrity of the part or component.

It is the owner's responsibility to properly maintain the play set. Instructions for proper maintenance can be found on PlayNation's website. Imperfections or defects that develop because of a failure to properly maintain the play set are not covered by this warranty.

PlayNation will repair or, at its discretion, replace any part within the stated warranty period that is defective in workmanship or materials. This decision is subject to verification of the defect, which, at PlayNation's discretion, may be accomplished by submitting photographs or by delivery of the defective part to PlayNation. Any warranty claim must include proof of purchase, including the date of purchase.

This warranty is valid only if the product is used for the purpose for which it was designed and installed at a residential, single-family dwelling. This warranty is void if the product is put to commercial or institutional use. This warranty does not cover (a) products that have been damaged by acts of God, negligence, misuse, or accident, or that have been modified or repaired by unauthorized persons; (b) the cost of labor; or (c) the cost of shipping the product, any part, or any replacement product or part.

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#### **IMPORTANT SAFETY GUIDELINES**

This product is intended for residential use only and not intended for use in any public setting. A safety surface such as mulch or recycled tire should be used under the play set to prevent injury from falls. Also a 6 foot safety zone should be used around the entire play set.

As with any home project, good judgment and respect for power tools will greatly reduce the risk of injury. **PlayNation** recommends you follow all tool manufacturers' safety guidelines. Always wear eye protection and safety gloves to prevent injury. In several phases of construction two people may be required for lifting and securing of lumber. While play set is being constructed, please keep children off the equipment until the project is complete. Bolts and screw heads should be checked regularly for tightness. The ground ladder, rope ladder, slide, swings and other areas where children spend a majority of their playtime should be checked more frequently.

**PlayNation** shall not be liable for incidental, indirect or consequential damages or injuries that result from the building and/or playing on our play sets. Adult supervision is recommended anytime a play set is being used.

#### WEIGHT LIMITS FOR PLAYNATION PLAY SYSTEMS

- FORT PLATFORMS: 800 LBS. TOTAL WEIGHT
- SWING BELTS: 175 LBS.
- GLIDER SWINGS: 70 LBS. PER CHILD
- TRAPEZE: 125 LBS.
- FULL BUCKET SWING: 50 LBS.
- TODDLER BUCKET SWING: 50 LBS.
- INFANT SWING: 35 LBS.
- TIRE SWING: 125 LBS. TOTAL WEIGHT
- ROPE LADDER: 75 LBS.
- ROCK WALL: 150 LBS.
- ALL SLIDES: 125 LBS.

PlayNation recommends that the weight limits for all components must not be exceeded. Failure to adhere to these and other safety guidelines could result in damage to the play set and injury to the users.

#### Safety and Maintenance Tips for Your New Play Set:

**NOTE**: Your children's safety is our #1 concern. Observing the following statements and warnings reduces the likelihood of serious or fatal injury. Please review these safety rules regularly with your children.

- This play set is designed for the use of 4 occupants who have a combined weight **not** exceeding 800 pounds on the elevated floor, 3 occupants who have a combined weight of
   525 pounds on the swing area, for a total Unit capacity of 5 occupants who have a combined
   weight of 1325. (this weight is not including the picnic table area)
- On-site adult supervision is **required**.
- Teach children **not** to walk close to, in front of, behind, or between moving swings or other moving playground equipment.
- Teach children to sit in and **never** stand on swings
- Teach children **not** to twist the chains and ropes and not to loop them over the swing beam, since this may reduce the strength of the chain or rope.
- Teach children **not** to jump from swings or other playground equipment in motion.
- Teach children to **not push** empty seats. The seat may hit them and cause serious injury.
- Teach children to sit in the center of the swings with their full weight on the seats.
- Teach children **not** to use the equipment in a manner other than intended.
- Teach children to **always** go down slides feet first. Never slide headfirst.
- Teach children to **look** before they slide to make sure no one is at the bottom.
- Teach children to **never** run up a slide, as this increases their chances of falling.
- The parents should have the children **dress appropriately** with well-fitting shoes. Loose clothing such as scarves and ponchos should not be worn. Always take off, tie up or tuck in cords and drawstrings on children's clothing. These things can get caught on playground equipment and strangle a child.
- Teach children **not** to climb when the equipment is wet.
- Teach children to **never** jump from a fort deck. They should always use the ladder, ramp or slide.
- Teach children to **never** crawl or walk across the top of monkey bars.
- Teach children to **never** crawl on top of a fort roof.
- Verify that any suspended climbing ropes, chains, or cables are secured at both ends and that they cannot be looped around an adult hand.
- Teach children **not** to attach items to the playground equipment that are not specifically designed for use with the equipment, such as, but not limited to, jump ropes, clothesline, pet leashes, cables and chain as they may cause a strangulation hazard.
- Teach children to **never** use Monkey Bar when swings or glider are installed.
- Teach children to **never** wrap their legs around swing chain.
- Teach children to **never** slide down the swing chain.

# WARNING: Children must NOT use this play set until unit has been completely assembled and inspected by an adult to insure set has been properly installed and anchored.

#### Safety and Maintenance Tips for Your New Play Set: (continued)

Playgrounds should be inspected on a regular basis. If any of the following conditions are noted, they should be removed, corrected, or repaired immediately to prevent injuries.

- Hardware that is loose, worn or that has protrusions or projections
- Exposed equipment footings
- Scattered debris, litter, rocks, or tree roots
- Splinters, large cracks, and decayed wood components.
- Deterioration and corrosion on structural components, which connect to the ground
- Missing or damaged equipment components, such as handholds, guardrails, swing seats.
- Check all nuts and bolts frequently during the usage season and tighten as required. (But not so tight that you crack the wood) We recommend you check the swing beam and hardware often due to wood expansion and contraction. It is particularly important that this procedure be followed at the beginning of each season.
- Remove plastic swing seats and take indoors or do not use when the temperature drops below 32°F.
- Oil all metallic moving parts monthly during the usage period.
- Check all coverings for bolts and sharp edges twice monthly during usage season to be certain they are in place. Replace when necessary. It is especially important to do this at the beginning of each new season.
- Check swing seats, ropes, cables and chains monthly during usage season for evidence of deterioration. Replacement should be made of any swing seat that has developed cracks in the plastic seats or has exposed metal in the edges of the swing seat. If there are already exposed metal inserts on the edge of the seat, immediately remove the seats and chains to prevent serious injury. Ropes, cables and chains should be removed and replaced if excessive wear is found. Contact PlayNation for warranted replacement parts.
- For rusted areas on metallic members such as monkey bars, hand supports brackets, etc.; sand and repaint, using a non lead-based paint meeting the requirements of Title 16 CRF Part 1303.
- Inspect wood parts monthly. The grain of the wood sometimes will lift in the dry season causing splinters to appear. Light sanding may be necessary to maintain a safe playing environment. If you are treating your play set with stain regularly, it will help prevent severe checking/splitting and other weather damage.
- Once or twice a year, depending on your climate conditions, you must apply some type of protection (sealant) to the wood of your unit. Prior to the application of sealant, lightly sand any "rough" spots on your set. Please note this is a requirement of your warranty.
- Creating and maintaining the play set on a level location is very important. As your children play, your play set will slowly dig its way into the soil, and it is very important that it settles evenly. Make sure the play set is level and true once each year or at the beginning of each play season.
- Rake the surface periodically to prevent compaction and maintain appropriate depths.

**Disposal Instructions:** When the play set use is no longer desired, it should be disassembled and disposed of in such away that no unreasonable hazards will exist at the time the unit is discarded.

#### **Play Set Surfacing Recommendations:**

Below are some of the recommendations that the U.S. Consumer Product Safety Commission (CPSC) offers from its *Handbook for Public Playground Safety*. The guide can be downloaded in full at www.cpsc.gov/cpscpub/pubs/325.pdf

**1. Protective Surfacing** - Since almost 60% of all injuries are caused by falls to the ground, protective surfacing under and around all playground equipment is the most critical safety factor on playgrounds.

Certain manufactured synthetic surfaces also are acceptable; however, test data on shock absorbing performance should be requested from the manufacturer.

Asphalt and concrete are unacceptable. They do not have any shock absorbing properties. Similarly, grass and turf should not be used. Their ability to absorb shock during a fall can be reduced considerably through wear and environmental conditions.

Certain loose-fill surfacing materials are acceptable. Surfacing materials are acceptable, such as the types and depths shown in the table.

Material		Uncompressed Depth		Compressed Depth
	6" (152mm)	9" (228mm)	12" (304mm)	to 9" (228mm)
Wood Chips	7' (2.13m)	10' (3.05m)	11' (3.35m)	10' (3.05m)
Double-Shredded bark				
mulch	6' (1.83m)	10' (3.05m)	11' (3.35m)	7' (2.13m)
			>12'	
Engineered Wood Fibers	6' (1.83m)	7' (2.13m)	(3.66m)	6' (1.83m)
Fine Sand	5' (1.52m)	5' (1.52m)	9' (2.74m)	5' (1.52m)
Coarse Sand	5' (1.52m)	5' (1.52m)	6' (1.83m)	4' (1.22m)
Fine Gravel	5' (1.52m)	7' (2.13m)	10' (3.05m)	6' (1.83m)
Medium Gravel	5' (1.52m)	5' (1.52m)	6' (1.83m)	5' (1.52m)
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Shredded Tires*	3.6m)	N/A	N/A	N/A

#### Fall Heights and Materials

\*This data is from tests conducted by independent testing laboratories on a 6-inch depth of uncompressed shredded tire samples produced by four manufacturers. The tests reported critical heights, which varied from 10 feet to greater than 12 feet. It is recommended that persons seeking to install shredded tires as a protective surface request test data from the supplier showing the critical height of the material when it was tested in accordance with ASTM F1292.

It should be recognized that all injuries due to falls cannot be prevented no matter what surfacing material is used.

**2. Fall Zones** - A fall zone, covered with a protective surfacing material, is essential under and around equipment where a child might fall. This area should be free of other equipment and obstacles onto which a child might fall. Stationary climbing equipment and slides should have a fall zone extending a Minimum of 6' in all directions from the perimeter of the equipment.

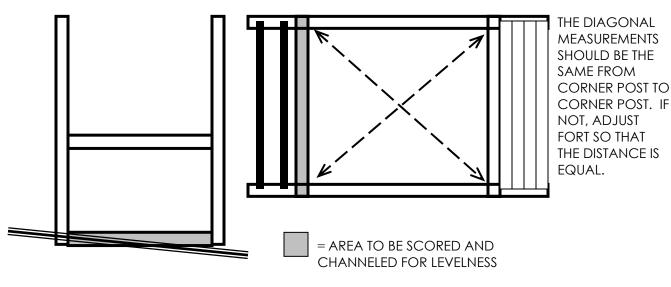
Swings should have a fall zone extending a minimum of 6' from the outer edge of the support structure on each side. The fall zone in front and back of the swing should extend out a minimum distance of twice the height of the swing as measured from the ground to the top of the swing support structure.

#### LEVELING YOUR FORT DURING ASSEMBLY

- Complete the steps which will be the basic frame of the fort {i.e. four corner posts with base (sand box boards) and deck supports}
- Position in the most level area chosen for the playset, keeping in mind the location and size of the swing beam, ladder, slides, etc. that extend off the fort.
- Once the frame is in the final position, check for vertical and horizontal levelness to determine which side(s) will need to be dug into the ground to level the play set.
- With a shovel, score the ground around the outside edges of the sandbox boards on the 'high' side of the fort. This is the area that will be dug in. Make sure to score deep enough; the scored lines will be your digging template.
- Push the frame off and away from the scored area, far enough to dig and remove dirt to reach the appropriate depth.
- Dig a channel along the scored line(s) for the base of the fort (corner post and sandbox boards) to rest into. Dig the channel(s) to the same level depth. The bottom of the channel(s) should be level to each other so your frame doesn't teeter or rock because the channel(s) are uneven.
- Once you have removed enough grass and dirt, slide/push the frame into the channel(s). Place a level on the vertical and horizontal boards of the frame to determine if enough soil, or too much, was removed.
- Repeat this process until the basic frame is plumb and level and in its final position before completing the rest of the assembly.
- Measure to make sure fort is square.

Important: if you require a channel depth of more than 6", then we recommend you have your play set area professionally graded before completing assembly.

Example play area:



## Dane's Den кіт сомтемтя

**COMPONENTS** Qty **Check List** Description (Swings, Slides, Accessories) **Trapeze Swing** 1 Swingbelts w/ Chains 2 1 Tire Swing Telescope 1 **Steering Wheel** 1 10ft. Wave Slide 1 The Dane's Den Assembly Manual 1 Rockwall Grips (assorted colors) 10

Description (Fort Hardware)

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Description (Swing Beam Hardware)

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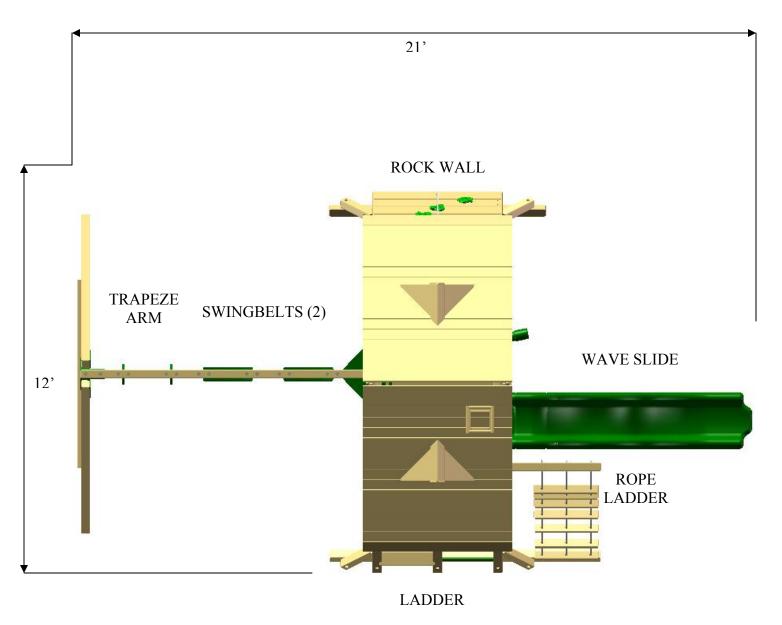
Description (Wood Components)

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### **REQUIRED TOOL LIST**

Standard or Cordless Drill w/ Phillips Bit (#2 square bit provided) 1/8" Drill Bit 3/8" Drill Bit 1⁄2" Wrench, Socket, and Deep Well Socket 9/16" Wrench, Socket, and Deep Well Socket Level Tape Measure Extension Cord (if using standard drill) Hammer Pencil Locking Pliers Shovel Rubber Mallet Please familiarize yourself with the manual, parts/components and general construction process of your new playset before getting started.

#### SITE PLAN:



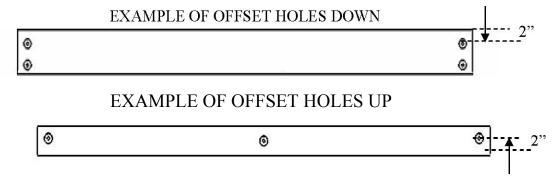
Playset height: 10'6" Approximate assembly time: 8-12 Hours { 6 foot unobstructed safety perimeter around playset recommended }

## General Info To Review Before Installation

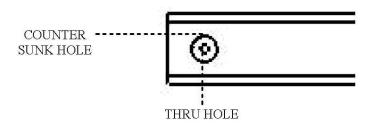
#### Helpful Installation Hints

- Depending on your experience, assembly of PlayNation playsets can take as little as 6 hours up to 24 hours, depending on size, after inventory of parts; therefore, we recommend you set aside a full two days for assembly.
- Identify all of the parts for your playset. Empty each box and lay out boards so you can see each part. Your instruction book will have detailed drawings that will make it easy for you to recognize individual parts. Keep all hardware and metal parts separate from wooden pieces.
- After everything is laid out, check carefully to ensure all parts are present. Make sure there are no broken boards.
- Find an area to sort your hardware. It is best to open the hardware on a solid surface so that you do not lose any pieces in the grass. This will save time and familiarize you with all the different pieces in the hardware bag.
- Important note: Wood has some natural defects such as knots, surface cracks, etc. We reject parts that are structurally defective. We use a high quality lumber in our structures; however, during shipping, boards may rub together, causing rough spots. You should inspect each part for splinters or rough spots and sand them smooth to prevent injury.
- After familiarizing yourself with all of the components, read all instructions thoroughly. Reading instructions after you have studied the parts will help you understand more clearly the installation process, and help to eliminate unnecessary mistakes.
- Pay close attention to the diameter and length of each bolt and screw.
- Never tighten hardware completely at first. It helps to have some adjustment for bolt alignment while you are attaching parts together. After everything is square, tighten each joint.
- After the main unit is assembled it is critical that the floor is **level** and **square**. If the main frame is not level, the walls and floor will be out of square.
- After you complete installation, make sure every bolt, screw, and nut is tight, and every board is secure. Wood will expand and contract with the seasons. Check all bolt connections and swing hangers seasonally.
- Place the set on level ground, not less than 6ft from any structure or obstruction such as a fence, garage, house, overhanging branches, laundry lines, or electrical wires.

**Offset Holes-** Throughout the installation procedures we will refer to parts with offset holes. This refers to the orientation of the holes on the board. An offset hole is one that is closer to one side than it is the other or in other words, it is not centered on the board. In the procedures you will be instructed to attach the boards with the holes offset up or with the holes offset down. This refers to which side of the board the hole/holes should be closer to. Offset holes up= hole/holes will be closer to the top of the board. Offset holes down= hole/holes will be closer to the bottom of the board. Note: some parts do not have offset holes, but instead the holes are on center. Therefore there will not be any reference to how to offset these parts.



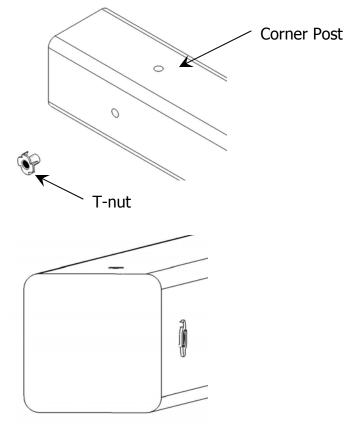
**Counter-sunk holes-** Many of the parts that will be used have counter-sunk holes. A counter-sunk hole is one that surrounds one side of a thru hole, but does not extend through the wood itself. When using a counter-sunk hole the bolt will be inserted through the thru hole and either the head of the bolt and washer or nut and washer will occupy the counter sunk hole.



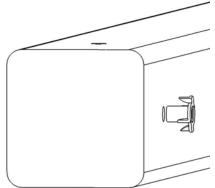
Lag Screws- Lag screws are used in the construction of our playsets to enhance the structural integrity of the unit. There will not be predrilled holes in the post for lag screw installation. Lag screws are self-tapping, though if you are using a manual socket wrench it may be necessary to tap the head of the lag screw with a hammer. You should also be sure to tighten the lags completely. Power tools such as an impact wrench or power drill should have enough torque to drive the lag screws without using a hammer, but make sure not to over tighten as this can cause the threads to "strip out" in the post.

#### Common installation practice Installing T-nuts

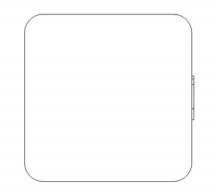
When installing T-nuts into the wood, use a smooth faced hammer to set the face of the T-nut flush into the wood.



This picture shows the T-nut insert and installed flush to the wood.

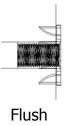


Insert the barrel of the T-nut into the predrilled hole. Using a smooth faced hammer, drive the T-nut until the face of the T-nut is flush to the wood.

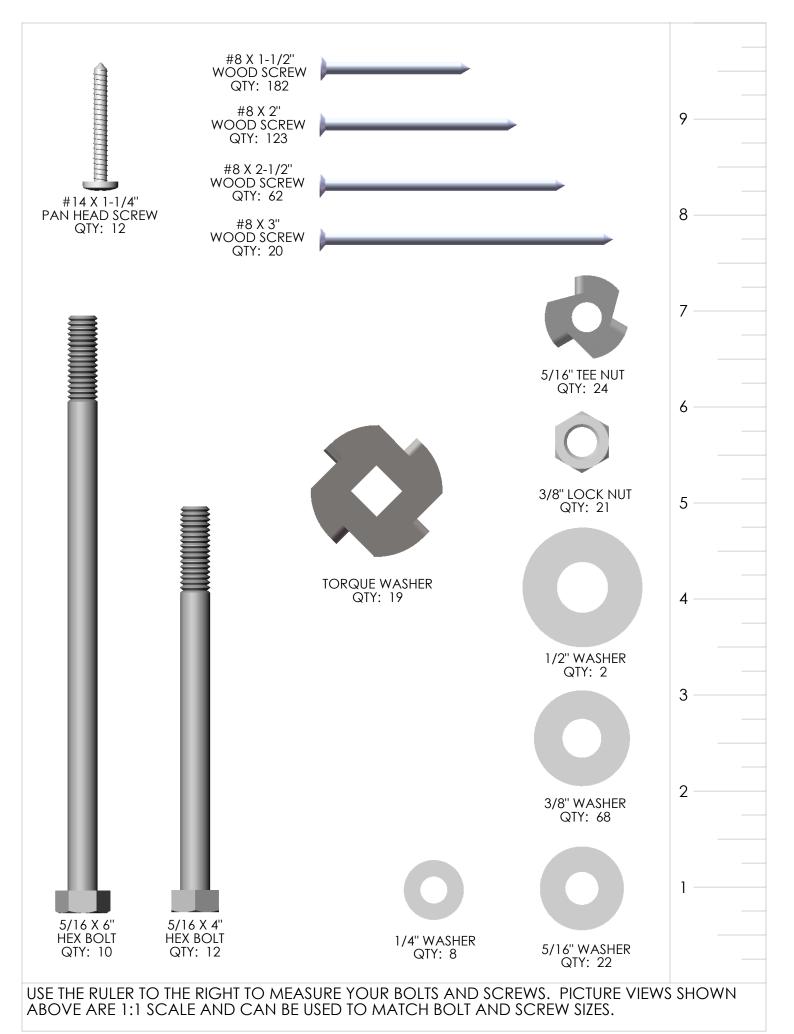


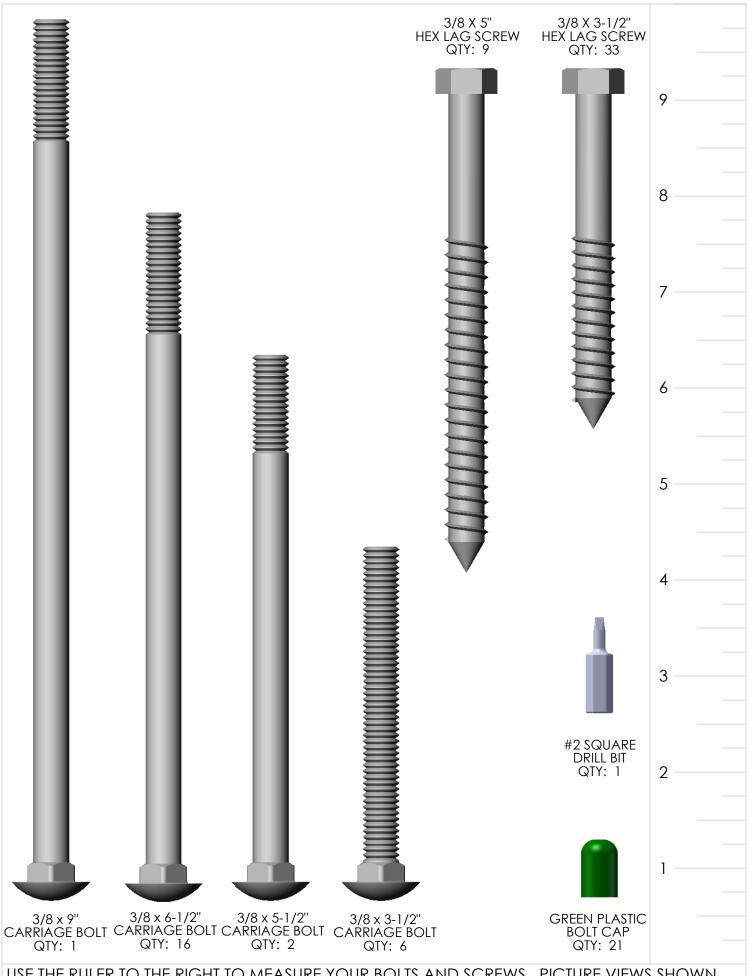
This picture shows an end view of the T-nut insert and installed flush to the wood. WARNING: DO NOT EMBED THE TOP OF THE T-NUT INTO THE FACE OF THE WOOD

Cross Section end views, you are looking at an Xray view of the post and T-nut. The barrel of the T-nut is in the corner post the line is the face of the wood.



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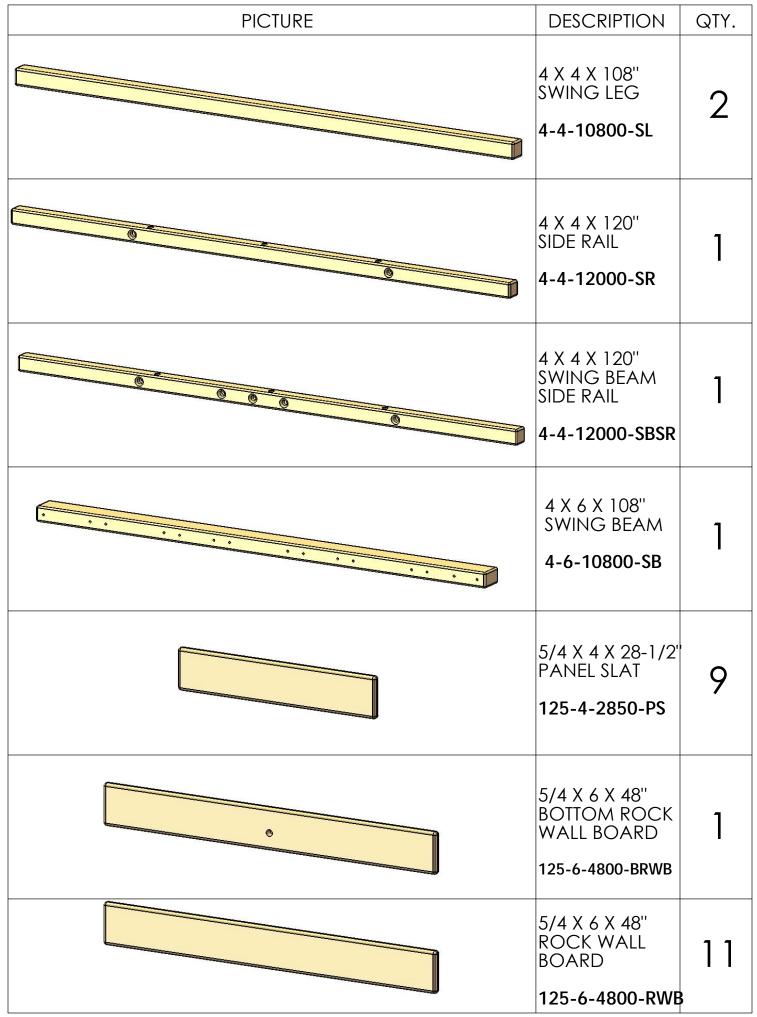


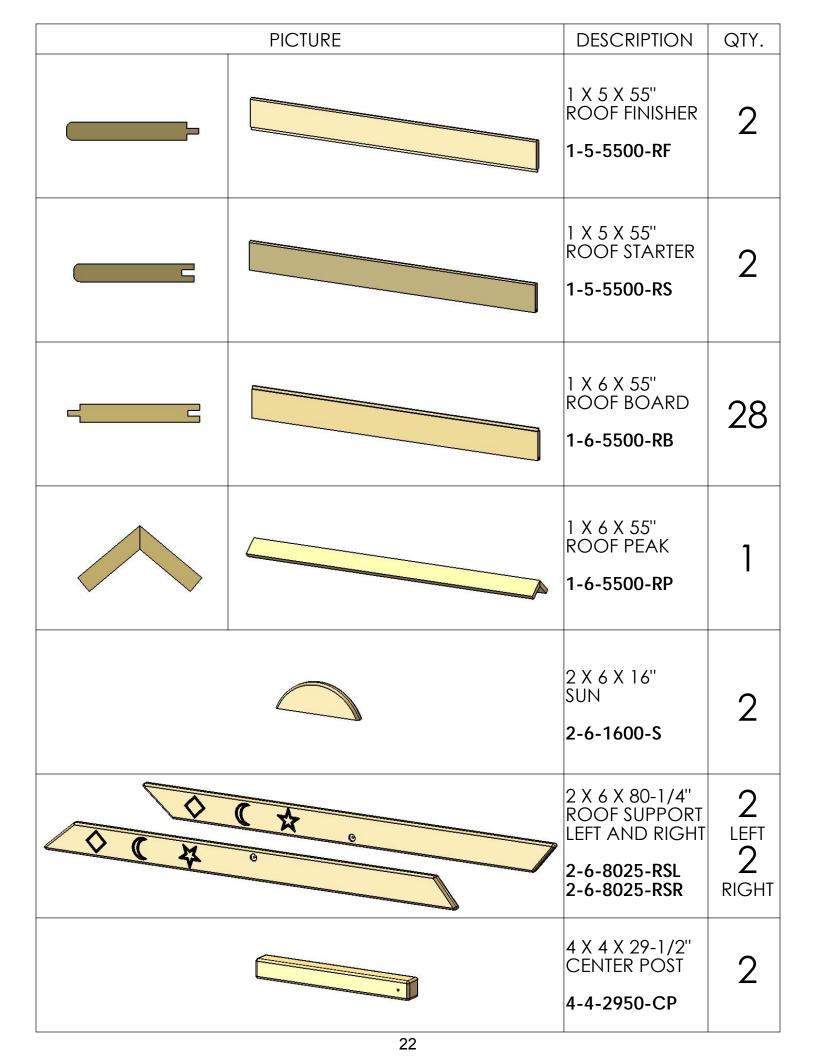
USE THE RULER TO THE RIGHT TO MEASURE YOUR BOLTS AND SCREWS. PICTURE VIEWS SHOWN ABOVE ARE 1:1 SCALE AND CAN BE USED TO MATCH BOLT AND SCREW SIZES.

PICTURE	DESCRIPTION	QTY.
	2 X 4 X 24'' ROPE LADDER STEP <b>2-4-2400-RLST</b>	7
0	2 X 4 X 30-3/4" BOTTOM PANEL BOARD <b>2-4-3075-BPB</b>	· ]
0	2 X 4 X 54-1/2" TARP BOARD <b>2-4-5450-TB</b>	2
000000000000000000000000000000000000000	2 X 4 X 58'' REAR BOTTOM PANEL BOARD <b>2-4-5800-RBPB</b>	1
	2 X 4 X 58" Rock Wall Support <b>2-4-5800-RWS</b>	1
0	2 X 4 X 70" CROSS MEMBER <b>2-4-7000-CM</b>	1
18	2 X 6 X 20-1/2" LADDER STEP <b>2-6-2050-LS</b>	5

2 X 6 X 41-1/4" DECK SPACER 2-6-4125-DS	4
2 X 6 X 50-3/4"           DECK BOARD           2-6-5075-DB	9
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4 X 4 X 16" ANGLE SUPPORT (LEFT AND RIGHT) 4-4-1600-ASLS 4-4-1600-ASRS	2 LEFT 2 RIGHT
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4 X 4 X 68-3/4" LADDER CENTER 4-4-6875-LC 19	1

PICTURE DESCRIPTION	QTY.
4 X 4 X 70'' TIRE SWING SUPPORT 4-4-7000-TSS	1
4 X 4 X 80" ROCK WALL BOTTOM SUPPORT 4-4-8000-RWBS	1
4 X 4 X 80-1/4" LADDER LEFT SIDE 4-4-8025-LLS	1
4 X 4 X 80-1/4" LADDER RIGHT SIDE 4-4-8025-LRS	1
4 X 4 X 80-1/4" ROCK WALL SIDE 4-4-8025-RWS	2
4 X 4 X 88" ROPE LADDER SUPPORT 4-4-8800-RLS	1
4 X 4 X 100" ROPE LADDER RUNNER 4-4-10000-RLR 20	1

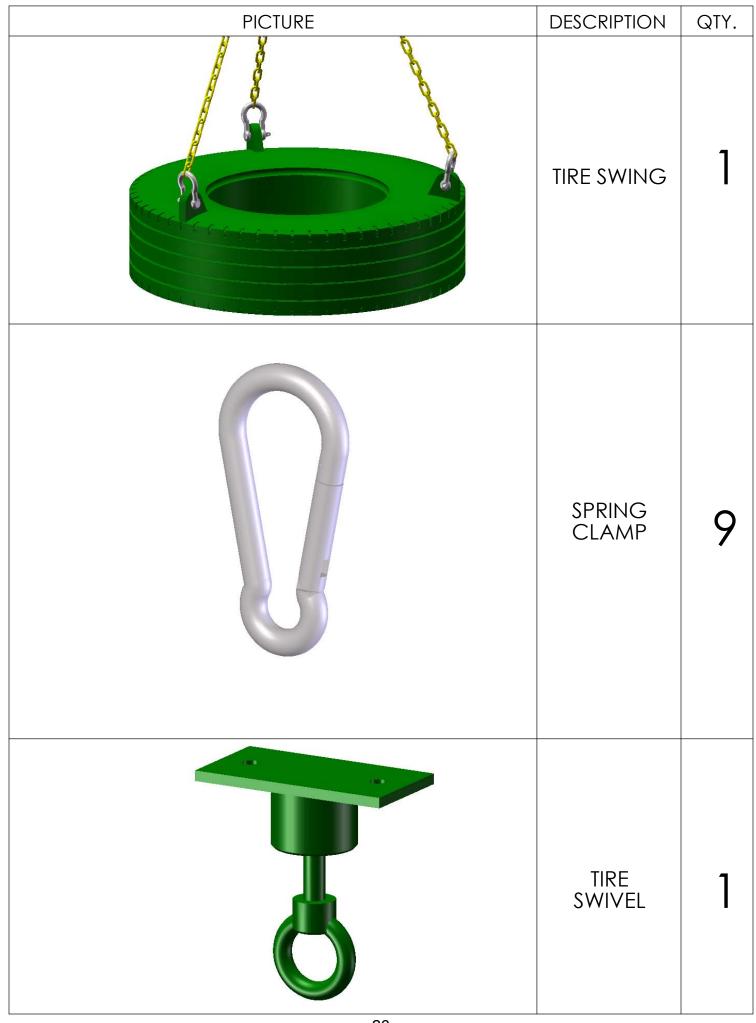




PICTURE	DESCRIPTION	QTY.
	10' WAVE SLIDE	1
	FLAG KIT	2
	swings W/Chains	2
	TRAPEZE BAR W/CHAINS	1

PICTURE	DESCRIPTION	QTY.
	SWING PLATE	1
	climbing Rocks	10
	A-FRAME SWING LEG BRACKET	1
NOT SHOWN	HARDWARE BOX INSTRUCTIONS	1 EA.

PICTURE	DESCRIPTION	QTY.
	iron Ductile Swing Hangers	6
	TELESCOPE	1
	10' ROPE 16' ROPE	1
25		



PICTURE	DESCRIPTION	QTY.
	UNASSEMBLED DORMER	2
	UNASSEMBLED CHIMNEY	1
	Steering Wheel	1
	LADDER STEPS	5
27	SAFETY HANDLE (PAIR)	2

## STEP 1: ASSEMBLING THE LADDER

1: START WITH THE 4 X 4 X 80-1/4" LADDER SIDES. THE SIDES SHOULD BE POSITIONED IN A MANNER THAT ALLOWS THE FIVE HOLES AND THE FIVE CHANNELS ON THE INSIDE TO FACE EACH OTHER, AND THE ANGLED ENDS SHOULD BE FACING THE SAME WAY. IT SHOULD ALSO BE NOTED THAT THERE ARE TWO 3/8" HOLES JUST ABOVE THE FIVE LADDER RUNG HOLES AND CHANNELS.

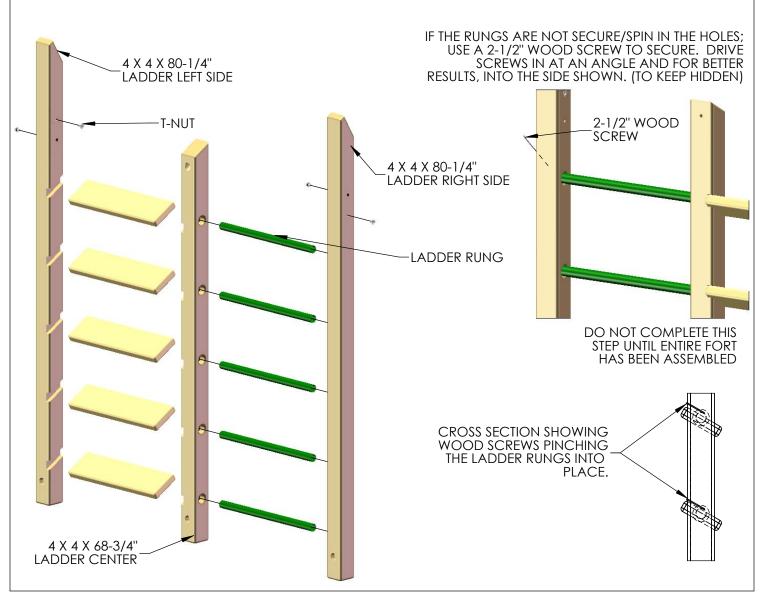
2: LAY THE LEFT LADDER SIDE ON THE GROUND AND PLACE THE FIVE 2 X 6 X 20-1/2" LADDER STEPS INSIDE THE CHANNELS. ATTACH WITH 3" WOOD SCREWS. LEAVE THE LADDER SIDE ON THE GROUND WITH THE LADDER STEPS STICKING UP. YOU MAY HAVE TO USE A RUBBER MALLET TO INSERT STEPS.

3: THE CHANNELS ON THE 4 X 4 X 68-3/4" LADDER CENTER WILL MATCH UP WITH THE LADDER STEPS INSTALLED IN THE PREVIOUS STEP. ATTACH THE LADDER CENTER TO THE LADDER STEPS USING A 3" WOOD SCREW IN EACH BOARD, STARTING THE SCREW FROM INSIDE EACH COUNTERBORE (THE HOLES WHERE THE METAL RUNGS WILL BE INSTALLED) IN THE LADDER CENTER.

4: THE METAL RUNGS WILL INSTALL IN THE COUNTERBORES OF THE LADDER CENTER. YOU MAY NEED TO USE A RUBBER MALLET TO INSERT THE RUNGS.

5: TAKE THE OTHER LADDER SIDE BOARD AND LINE UP THE LADDER RUNG HOLES WITH THE METAL LADDER RUNGS PREVIOUSLY INSTALLED. IF THE RUNGS CAN SPIN, USE 2-1/2" WOOD SCREWS TO SECURE. DRIVE THE SCREWS INTO THE LADDER SIDES AT AN ANGLE, FROM THE BACK SIDE. NOTE: DO NOT COMPLETE THIS STEP UNTIL ENTIRE FORT IS ASSEMBLED.

6: INSTALL T-NUTS INTO THE HOLES JUST ABOVE THE LADDER RUNGS AND STEPS. THE HOLE CLOSEST TO THE RUNGS WILL GET A T-NUT ON THE OUTSIDE, AND THE HOLE JUST ABOVE IT WILL GET A T-NUT ON THE INSIDE.



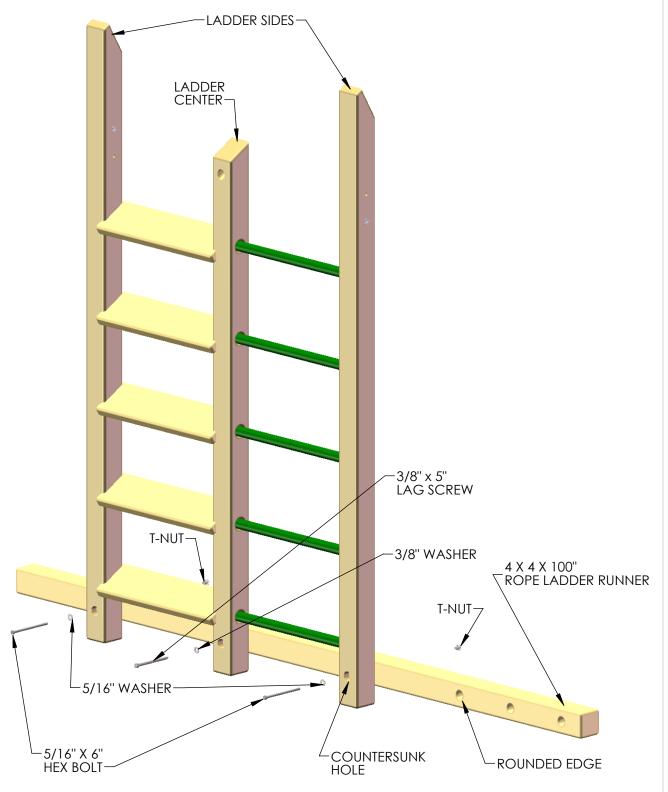
## STEP 2: ATTACHING THE ROPE LADDER RUNNER

1: FIND THE 4 X 4 X 100" ROPE LADDER RUNNER. TAKE SPECIAL NOTE OF THE ROUNDED EDGE ON THE 7/8" HOLES ON THE END OF THE ROPE LADDER RUNNER.

2: LINE UP THE TWO 3/8" PILOT HOLES ON THE ROPE LADDER RUNNER TO THE COUNTER-SUNK HOLES ON THE LADDER SIDE PIECES. THE COUNTERSUNK HOLES OF THE LADDER ASSEMBLY WILL FACE OUTWARDS.

3: FIND TWO T-NUTS, AND SET WITH A HAMMER ON THE EXPOSED 3/8" HOLES OF THE ROPE LADDER RUNNER.

4: FASTEN THE ROPE LADDER RUNNER TO THE LADDER ASSEMBLY WITH 5/16 X 6" HEX BOLTS AND 5/16" WASHERS THROUGH THE COUNTER-SUNK HOLES OF THE LADDER SIDES AND INTO THE T-NUTS INSTALLED IN THE ROPE LADDER RUNNER. ATTACH THE LADDER CENTER TO THE ROPE LADDER RUNNER USING ONE 3/8" X 5" LAG SCREW AND ONE 3/8" WASHER.



## STEP 3: INSTALLING ANGLE SUPPORTS

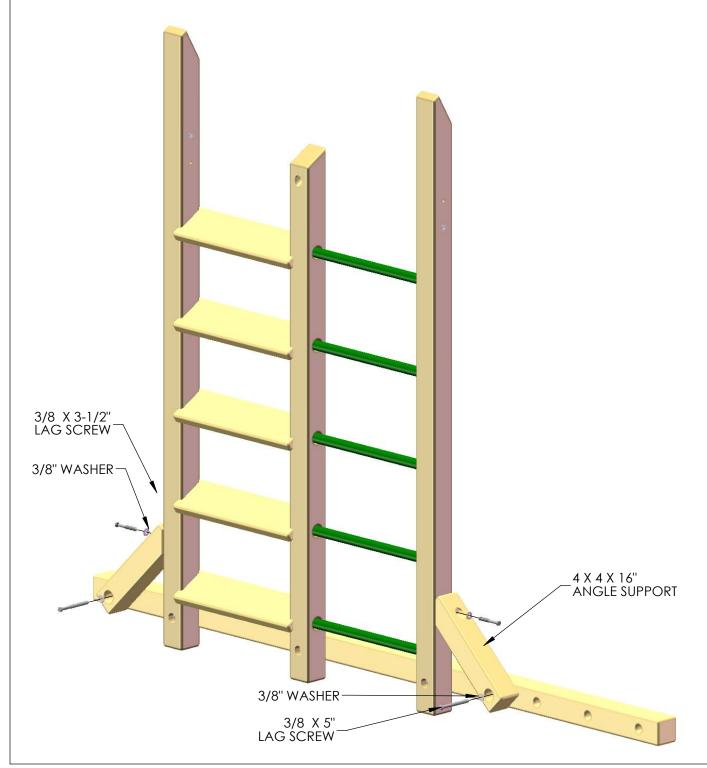
1: MAKE SURE THE LADDER ASSEMBLY IS SQUARE. FIND TWO 4 X 4 X 16" ANGLE SUPPORTS.

2: PLACE THE ANGLE SUPPORTS ON THE LADDER ASSEMBLY SO THAT THE ANGLED END RESTS AGAINST THE LADDER SIDES, AND THE COUNTER-SUNK HOLE ON THE FLAT END FACES OUT. CENTER THE COUNTER-SUNK HOLES ON THEIR RESPECTIVE BOARDS BEFORE ATTACHING.

3: FASTEN THE ANGLED END TO THE LADDER SIDE WITH ONE 3/8 X 3-1/2" LAG SCREW WITH A 3/8" WASHER.

4: FASTEN THE FLAT END TO THE ROPE LADDER RUNNER WITH ONE 3/8 X 5" LAG SCREW WITH A 3/8" WASHER.

5: REPEAT STEPS 2-4 TO FASTEN THE ANGLE SUPPORT TO THE OPPOSITE SIDE OF THE LADDER ASSEMBLY.



## STEP 4: ASSEMBLING THE ROCK WALL

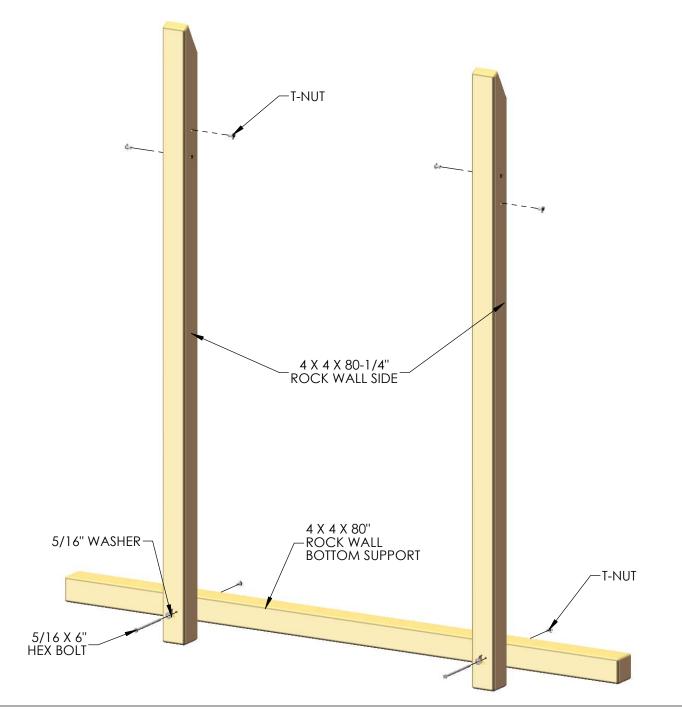
1: START WITH THE 4 X 4 X 80-1/4" ROCK WALL SIDES. THE SIDES SHOULD BE POSITIONED IN A MANNER THAT ALLOWS THE ANGLED ENDS TO FACE THE SAME WAY. IT SHOULD ALSO BE NOTED THAT THERE ARE TWO 3/8" HOLES JUST BELOW THE ANGLED ENDS.

2: INSTALL T-NUTS INTO THE HOLES JUST BELOW THE ANGLED ENDS. THE BOTTOM HOLES WILL GET A T-NUT ON THE OUTSIDE, AND THE TOP HOLES WILL GET A T-NUT ON THE INSIDE.

3: FIND THE 4 X 4 X 80" ROCK WALL BOTTOM SUPPORT. LINE UP THE 3/8" PILOT HOLES ON THE ROCK WALL BOTTOM SUPPORT TO THE COUNTER-SUNK HOLES ON THE ROCK WALL SIDES.

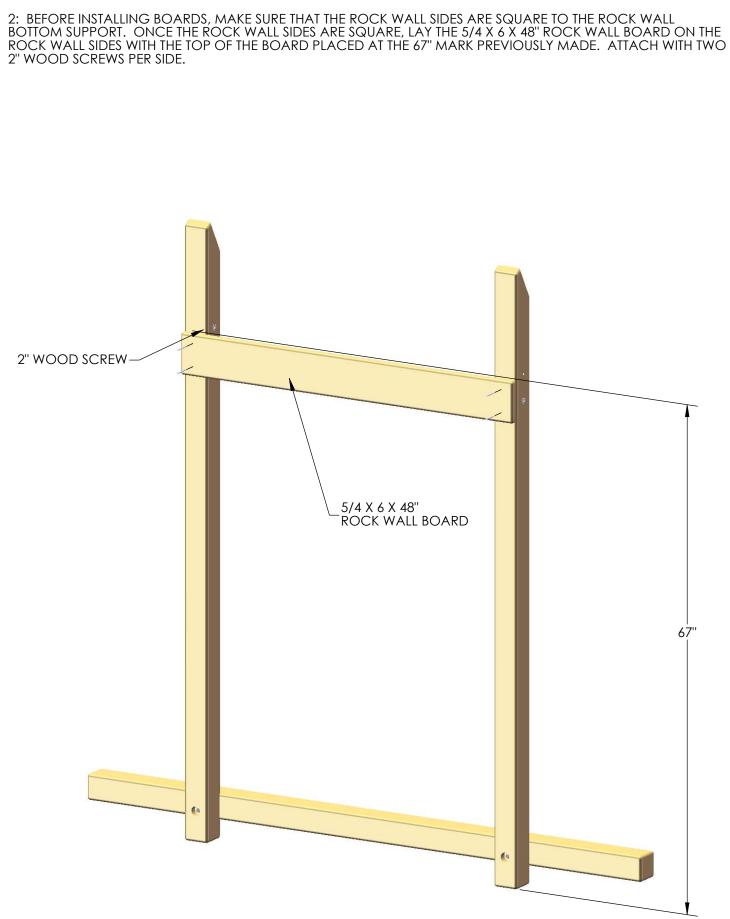
4: FIND TWO T-NUTS, AND SET WITH A HAMMER ON THE EXPOSED 3/8" HOLES OF THE ROCK WALL BOTTOM SUPPORT.

5: FASTEN THE ROCK WALL BOTTOM SUPPORT TO THE ROCK WALL SIDES WITH 5/16 X 6" HEX BOLTS AND 5/16" WASHERS THROUGH THE COUNTER-SUNK HOLES OF THE ROCK WALL SIDES AND INTO THE T-NUTS INSTALLED IN THE ROCK WALL BOTTOM SUPPORT.



## STEP 5: ASSEMBLING THE ROCK WALL

1: MEASURE 67" FROM THE BOTTOM OF EACH OF THE ROCK WALL SIDES AND MARK THIS LOCATION.



## STEP 6: INSTALLING ANGLE SUPPORTS

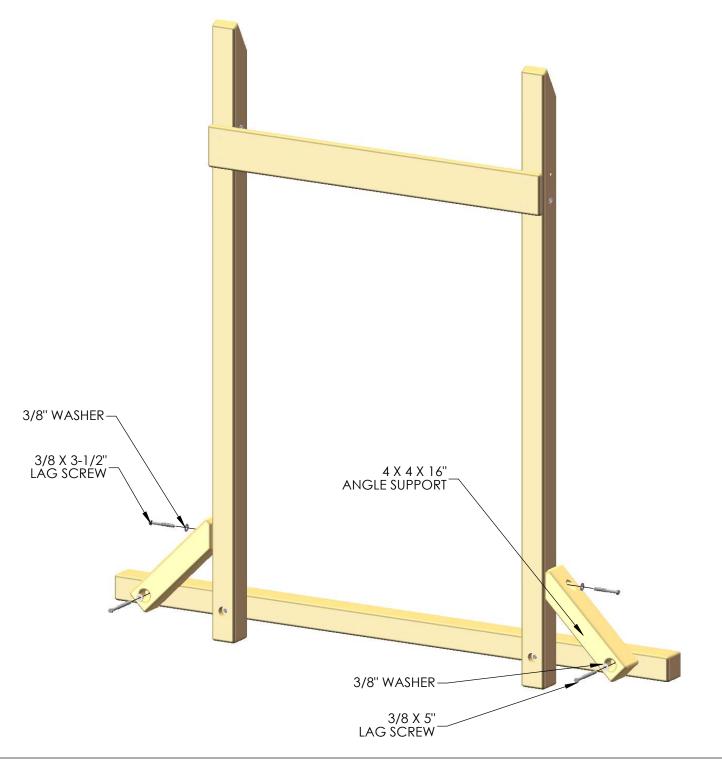
1: MAKE SURE THE ROCK WALL ASSEMBLY IS SQUARE. FIND TWO 4 X 4 X 16" ANGLE SUPPORTS.

2: PLACE THE ANGLE SUPPORTS ON THE ROCK WALL ASSEMBLY SO THAT THE ANGLED END RESTS AGAINST THE ROCK WALL SIDES, AND THE COUNTER-SUNK HOLE ON THE FLAT END FACES OUT. CENTER THE COUNTER-SUNK HOLES ON THEIR RESPECTIVE BOARDS BEFORE ATTACHING.

3: FASTEN THE ANGLED END TO THE ROCK WALL SIDE WITH ONE 3/8 X 3-1/2" LAG SCREW WITH A 3/8" WASHER.

4: FASTEN THE FLAT END TO THE ROCK WALL BOTTOM SUPPORT WITH ONE 3/8 X 5" LAG SCREW WITH A 3/8" WASHER.

5: REPEAT STEPS 2-4 TO FASTEN THE ANGLE SUPPORT TO THE OPPOSITE SIDE OF THE ROCK WALL ASSEMBLY.



## STEP 7: INSTALLING OUTER FORT SUPPORTS

1: FIND THE TWO 2 X 6 X 79-1/4" OUTER FORT SUPPORTS. THE EASIEST WAY TO DIFFERENTIATE THE OUTER SUPPORTS FROM THE INNER SUPPORTS IS TO LOOK FOR THE COUNTER-SUNK HOLES AT 12-1/4" FROM EACH END. THE TWO BOARDS WITH THE HOLES CLOSEST TO THE BOTTOM (LONGER) SIDE ARE THE OUTER FORT SUPPORTS, THE BOARDS WITH THE HOLES CLOSEST TO THE TOP (SHORTER) SIDE ARE THE INNER FORT SUPPORTS.

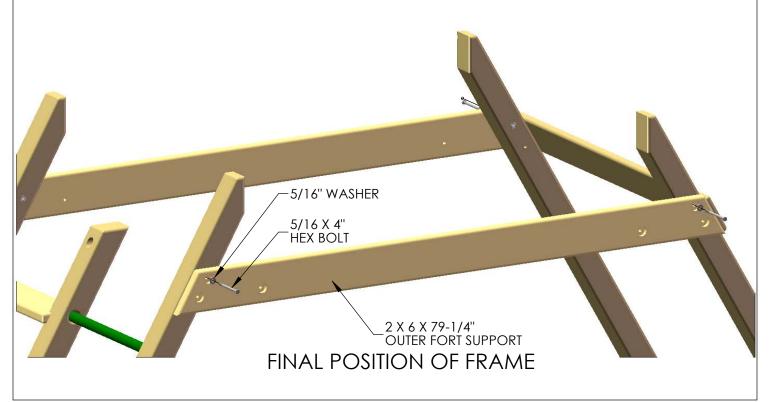
2: LAY THE LADDER ASSEMBLY AND ROCK WALL ASSEMBLY FLAT ON THE GROUND, AND LINE UP THE 3/8" HOLE CLOSEST TO THE TOP WITH THE TOP HOLE OF THE OUTER FORT SUPPORT.

3: ATTACH THE OUTER FORT SUPPORT TO THE LADDER AND ROCK WALL ASSEMBLY WITH 5/16 X 4" HEX BOLTS AND 5/16" WASHERS.

4: REPEAT STEPS 2 AND 3 TO FASTEN THE OUTER FORT SUPPORT TO THE OPPOSITE SIDE OF THE FORT.

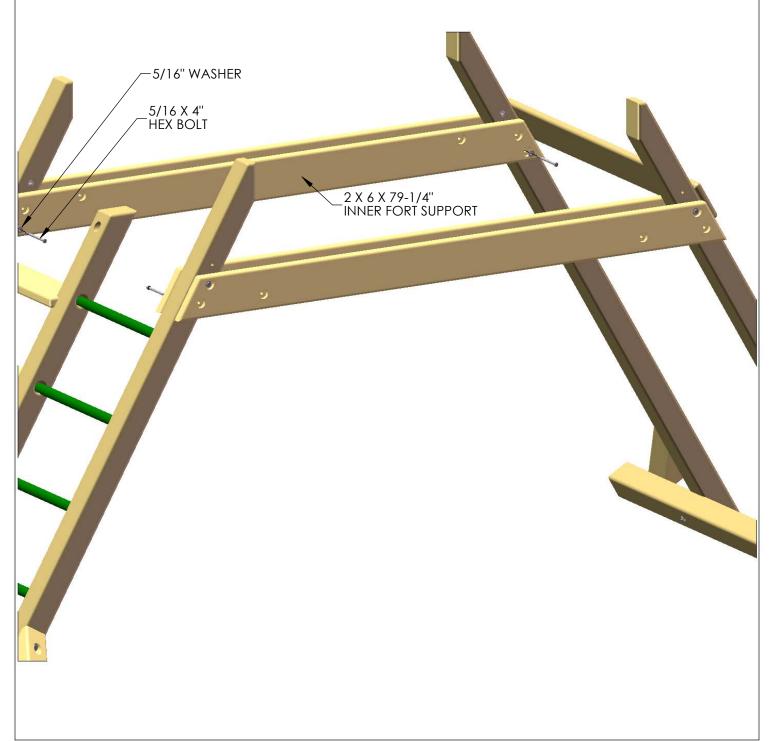
5: WITH HELP, LIFT UP THE LADDER ASSEMBLY AND ROCK WALL ASSEMBLY SO THAT THE LADDER SIDES AND ROCK WALL SIDES ARE FLUSH TO THE ANGLED SIDES OF THE OUTER FORT SUPPORT.





## STEP 8: INSTALLING INNER FORT SUPPORTS

- 1: FIND THE TWO 2 X 6 X 79-1/4" INNER FORT SUPPORTS.
- 2: LINE UP THE 3/8" HOLE CLOSEST TO THE BOTTOM WITH THE BOTTOM HOLE OF THE INNER FORT SUPPORT.
- 3: ATTACH THE INNER FORT SUPPORT TO THE LADDER ASSEMBLY WITH 5/16 X 4" HEX BOLTS AND 5/16" WASHERS.
- 4: REPEAT STEPS 2 AND 3 TO FASTEN THE INNER FORT SUPPORT TO THE ROCK WALL ASSEMBLY.

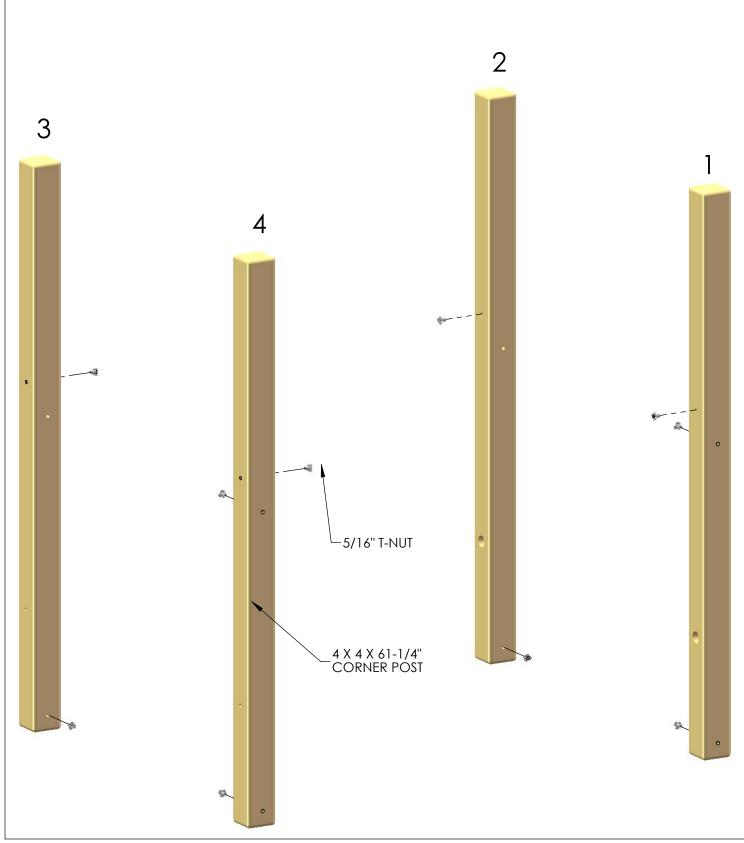


## STEP 9: INSTALLING T-NUTS ON CORNER POSTS

1: FIND FOUR 4 X 4 X 61-1/4" CORNER POSTS.

2: USING THE DIAGRAM BELOW, INSTALL T-NUTS INTO THE APPROPRIATE HOLES. PLACE T-NUTS INTO THE HOLES OF THE CORNER POST AND SET WITH A HAMMER.

3: THE CORNER POSTS ARE SHOWN RELEVANT TO THEIR ORIENTATION ON THE UNIT.



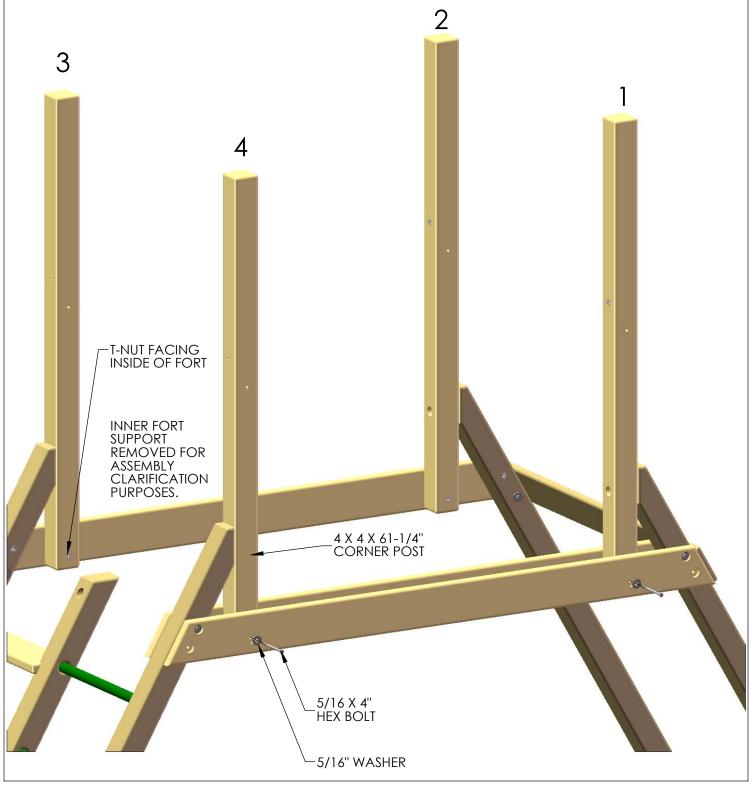
## STEP 10: INSTALLING INNER FORT SUPPORTS

1: TAKE THE CORNER POSTS WITH THE T-NUTS INSTALLED FROM THE PREVIOUS STEP AND ARRANGE THE POSTS IN THEIR PROPER ORIENTATION. (SHOWN BELOW WITH NUMBERS TO REFERENCE THE PREVIOUS STEP)

2: THE CORNER POSTS SHOULD BE ORIENTED WITH THE COUNTER-SUNK HOLES FACING TOWARD EACH OTHER ON BOTH SIDES. THE CORNER POSTS SHOULD BE PLACED BETWEEN THE INNER AND OUTER FORT SUPPORTS, AND REST FLUSH AGAINST THE ANGLED END OF THE LADDER AND ROCK WALL ASSEMBLIES. THE HOLES AT THE BOTTOM SHOULD BE LINED UP WITH THE COUNTER-SUNK HOLE OF THE OUTER FORT SUPPORT, AND THE T-NUTS ON THE HOLES SHOULD FACE EACH OTHER ON THE INSIDE OF THE FORT.

3: INSTALL THE CORNER POSTS WITH 5/16 X 4" HEX BOLTS AND 5/16" WASHERS.

4: DO NOT INSTALL ANY LAG SCREWS AT THIS TIME.



#### STEP 11: ATTACHING THE SWING BEAM PLATE TO THE SWING BEAM SIDE RAIL

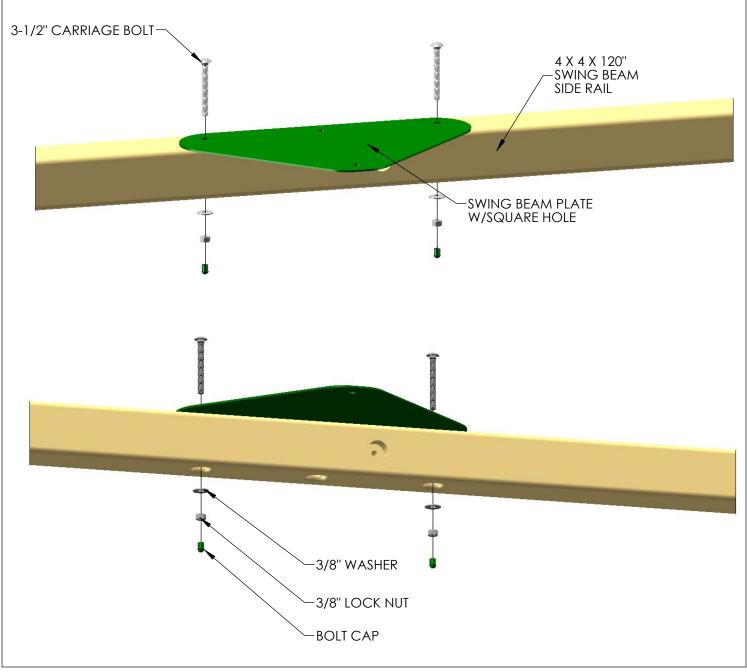
1: FIND THE 4 X 4 X 120" SWING BEAM SIDE RAIL. NOTE THE DIFFERENCE BETWEEN THE SWING BEAM SIDE RAIL AND THE SIDE RAIL. THE SWING BEAM SIDE RAIL WILL HAVE THREE MORE COUNTER SUNK HOLES ON ONE SIDE THAN THE SIDE RAIL.

2: FIND THE SWING BEAM PLATE. NOTICE THE TWO SQUARE HOLES ON THE SWING BEAM PLATE.

3: PLACE THE SWING BEAM PLATE ON TOP OF THE SWING BEAM SIDE RAIL AND LINE UP THE THREE HOLES ON THE PLATE WITH THE THREE HOLES ON THE SWING BEAM SIDE RAIL. MAKE SURE THE COUNTER-SUNK HOLES ARE ON THE OPPOSITE SIDE OF THE SWING BEAM PLATE.

4: FASTEN THE SWING BEAM PLATE TO THE SWING BEAM SIDE RAIL WITH TWO 3-1/2" CARRIAGE BOLTS. THE SQUARE NECK OF THE CARRIAGE BOLT WILL FIT INSIDE THE SQUARE HOLES OF THE SWING BEAM PLATE. NO WASHER IS NEEDED.

5: FINISH INSTALLING THE SWING BEAM PLATE TO THE SWING BEAM SIDE RAIL WITH 3/8" WASHERS, AND 3/8" LOCK NUTS. INSTALL BOLT CAPS OVER ANY EXPOSED THREADS.

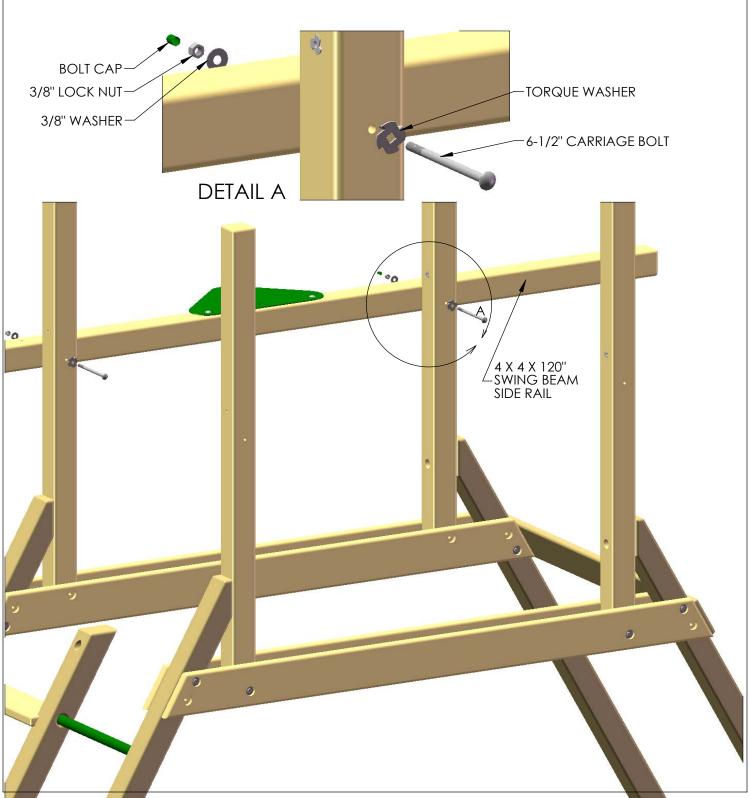


## STEP 12: ATTACHING THE SWING BEAM SIDE RAIL

1: FIND TWO TORQUE WASHERS. PLACE A 6-1/2" CARRIAGE BOLT INSIDE THE TORQUE WASHER. PLACE THE TORQUE WASHER/CARRIAGE BOLT ASSEMBLY INTO THE HOLES OF THE CORNER POST SO THAT THE HEAD OF THE CARRIAGE BOLT IS INSIDE OF THE FORT.

2: TAKE THE 4 X 4 X 120" SWING BEAM SIDE RAIL WITH THE SWING BEAM PLATE AND LINE UP THE PILOT HOLES IN THE CORNER POSTS WITH THE HOLES IN THE SWING BEAM SIDE RAIL. PUSH THE CARRIAGE BOLTS THROUGH THE HOLES IN THE SWING BEAM SIDE RAIL.

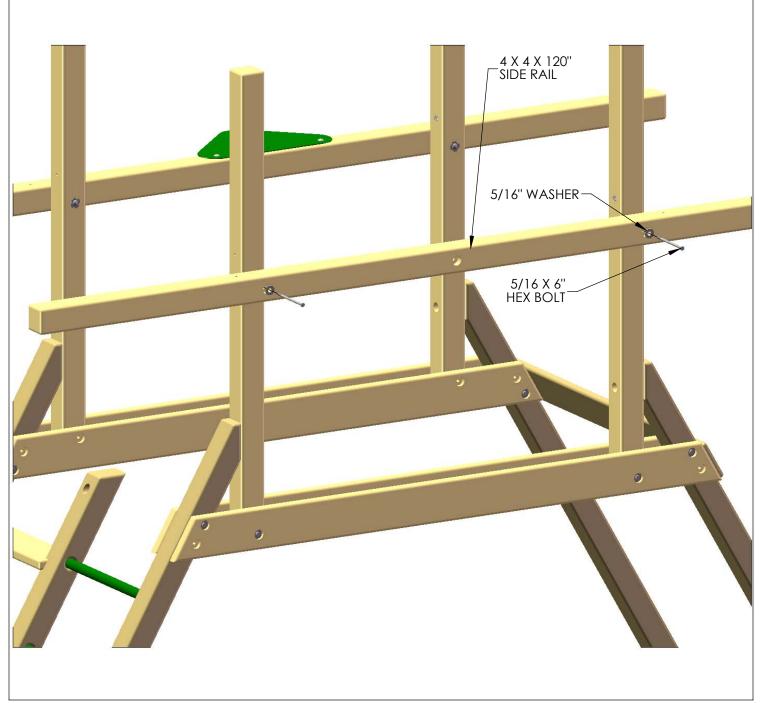
3: FASTEN THE SWING BEAM SIDE RAIL TO THE FORT WITH 3/8" HEX NUTS AND 3/8" WASHERS. COVER ANY EXPOSED THREADS WITH BOLT COVERS.



## STEP 13: ATTACHING THE SIDE RAIL

1: TAKE THE 4 X 4 X 120" SIDE RAIL AND LINE UP THE PILOT HOLES IN THE CORNER POSTS WITH THE HOLES IN THE SIDE RAIL.

2: FASTEN THE SIDE RAIL TO THE FORT WITH 5/16 X 6" HEX BOLTS AND 5/16" WASHERS INTO THE T-NUTS OF THE CORNER POSTS.



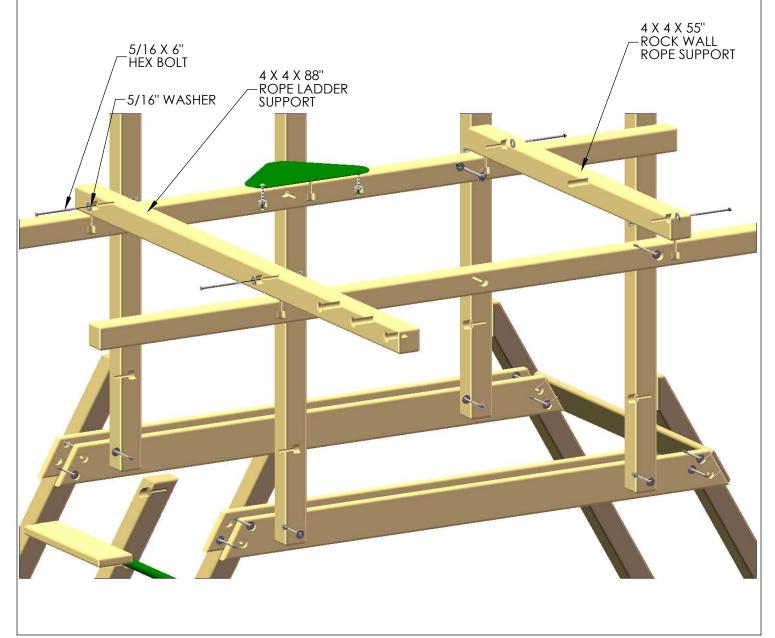
#### STEP 14: ATTACHING THE ROPE LADDER RUNNER AND THE ROCK WALL ROPE SUPPORT

1: FIND THE 4 X 4 X 88" ROPE LADDER SUPPORT AND LAY IT ON TOP OF THE SIDE RAIL AND THE SWING BEAM SIDE RAIL ON THE LADDER SIDE OF THE FORT.

2: LINE UP THE COUNTER-SUNK HOLES OF THE ROPE LADDER SUPPORT WITH THE HOLES IN THE CORNER POSTS AND ATTACH WITH 5/16 X 6" HEX BOLTS WITH 5/16" WASHERS. THE THREE HOLES ON THE END OF THE ROPE LADDER SUPPORT SHOULD BE ON THE OPPOSITE SIDE OF THE SWING BEAM PLATE BEFORE INSTALLING.

3: FIND THE 4 X 4 X 55" ROCK WALL ROPE SUPPORT AND LAY IT ON TOP OF THE SIDE RAIL AND THE SWING BEAM SIDE RAIL ON THE ROCK WALL SIDE OF THE FORT.

4: LINE UP THE COUNTER-SUNK HOLES OF THE ROCK WALL ROPE SUPPORT WITH THE HOLES IN THE CORNER POSTS AND ATTACH WITH 5/16 X 6" HEX BOLTS WITH 5/16" WASHERS.

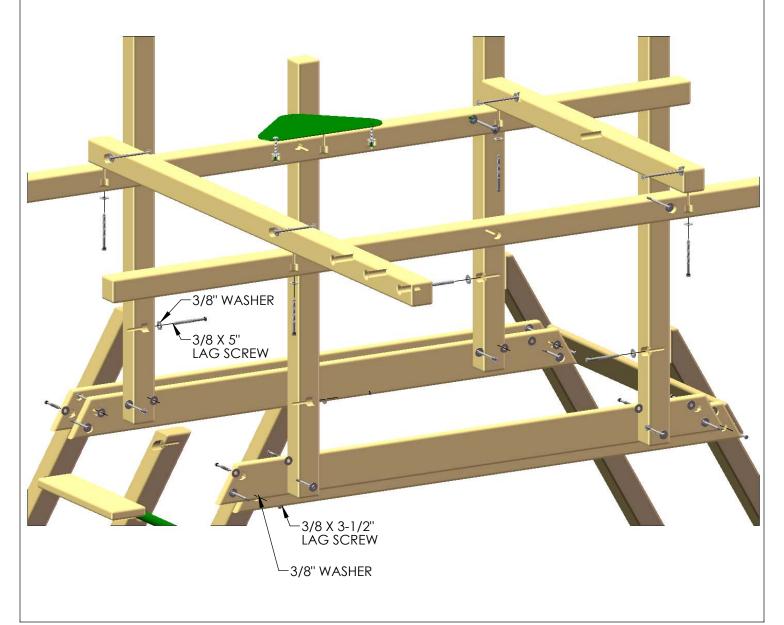


#### STEP 15: INSTALLING LAG SCREWS

1: MAKE SURE THAT THE UNIT IS LEVEL AND SQAURE.

2: STARTING AT THE INNER AND OUTER FORT SUPPORTS, USE 3/8 X 3-1/2" LAG SCREWS WITH 3/8" WASHERS IN THE EMPTY HOLES ON THE 2 X 6 PARTS TO SECURE THE BASE OF THE FORT.

3: THE UPPER PART OF THE FORT NEEDS TO BE SECURED WITH 3/8 X 5" LAG SCREWS WITH 3/8" WASHERS IN THE EMPTY HOLES OF THE 4 X 4 PARTS.



## STEP 16: INSTALLING ROCK WALL BOARDS

1: FIND ELEVEN 5/4 X 6 X 48" ROCK WALL BOARDS.

2: LAY THE ROCK WALL BOARDS ACROSS THE ROCK WALL SIDES ON TOP OF THE PREVIOUSLY INSTALLED ROCK WALL BOARDS.

3: ATTACH THE ROCKS WITH TWO 2" WOOD SCREWS PER END.

4: THE FINAL BOARD WILL BE THE 5/4 X 6 X 48" BOTTOM ROCK WALL BOARD WITH ONE HOLE IN THE CENTER. IT WILL ATTACH IN THE SAME MANNER AS THE OTHER ROCK WALL BOARDS.

5: AFTER ASSEMBLY, YOUR ROCK WALL MAY HAVE A GAP AT THE BOTTOM. THIS IS NORMAL DUE TO MILLING VARIANCES AND WOOD SHRINKAGE.



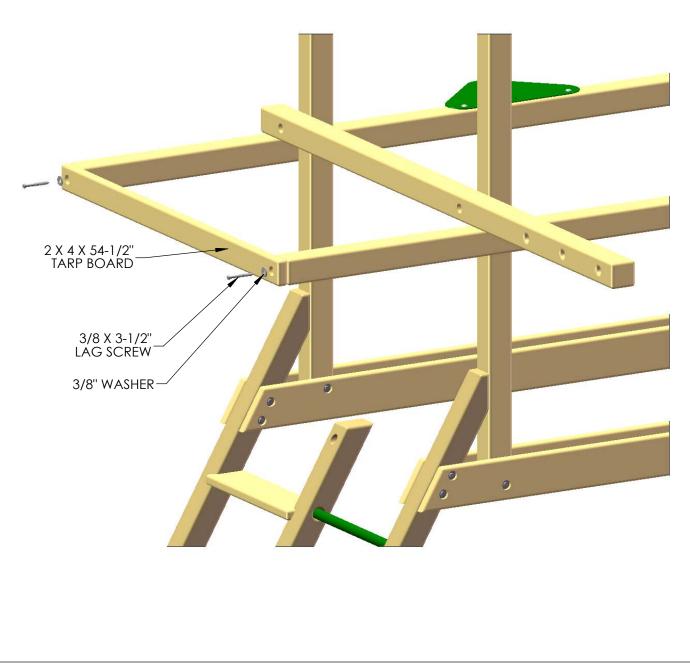
## STEP 17: INSTALLING TARP BOARDS

1: FIND TWO 2 X 4 X 54-1/2" TARP BOARDS.

2: CENTER THE BOARD ACROSS THE ENDS OF THE SWING BEAM SIDE RAIL AND THE SIDE RAIL.

3: ATTACH THE TARP BOARDS WITH 3/8 X 3-1/2" LAG SCREWS AND 3/8" WASHERS.

4: REPEAT THIS PROCESS ON THE OPPOSITE SIDE OF THE FORT.



#### STEP 18: DECK

1: FIND NINE 2 X 6 X 50-3/4" DECK BOARDS.

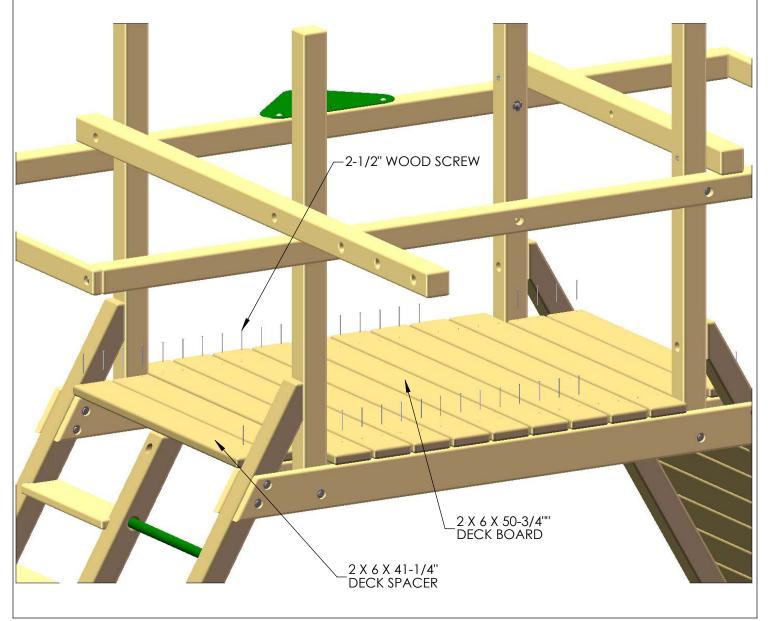
2: LAY THE DECK BOARDS ACROSS THE INNER FORT SUPPORTS, BETWEEN THE BOTTOM AND REAR BOTTOM PANEL BOARDS, AND INSIDE THE AREA BETWEEN THE CORNER POSTS.

3: FIND FOUR 2 X 6 X 41-1/4" DECK SPACERS.

4: LAY TWO DECK SPACERS ACROSS THE INNER FORT SUPPORTS ON THE LADDER AND ROCK WALL SIDES OF THE FORT.

5: MAKE SURE THAT ALL BOARDS ARE EVENLY SPACED ACROSS THE DECK AND ATTACH THE DECK BOARDS AND DECK SPACERS TO THE FORT WITH TWO 2-1/2" WOOD SCREWS PER SIDE.

#### MAKE SURE ALL BOARDS ARE EVENLY SPACED ACROSS THE DECK BEFORE SECURING



## STEP 19: INSTALLING THE BOTTOM PANEL BOARDS

1: FIND THE 2 X 4 X 58" REAR BOTTOM PANEL BOARD.

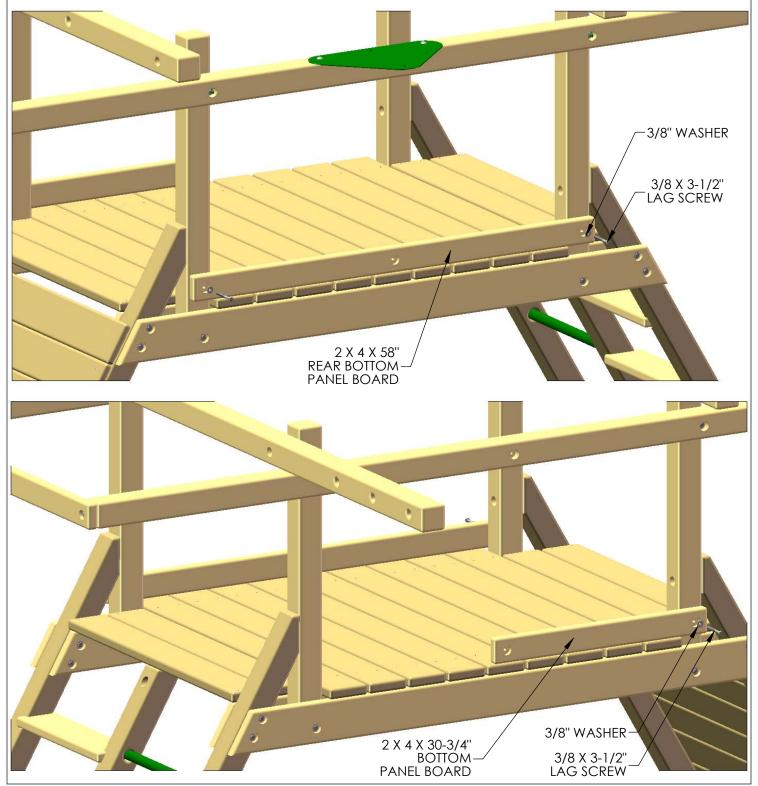
2: LAY THE BOARD ACROSS THE DECK ON THE SWING BEAM SIDE OF THE FORT, CENTERED BETWEEN THE TWO CORNER POSTS.

3: ATTACH THE REAR BOTTOM PANEL BOARD WITH 3/8 X 3-1/2" LAG SCREWS AND 3/8" WASHERS.

4: FIND THE 2 X 4 X 30-3/4" BOTTOM PANEL BOARD.

5: LAY THE BOARD ACROSS THE DECK ON THE FRONT OF THE FORT, FLUSH WITH THE OUTSIDE OF THE TWO CORNER POSTS.

6: ATTACH THE BOTTOM PANEL BOARD WITH 3/8 X 3-1/2" LAG SCREWS AND 3/8" WASHERS.



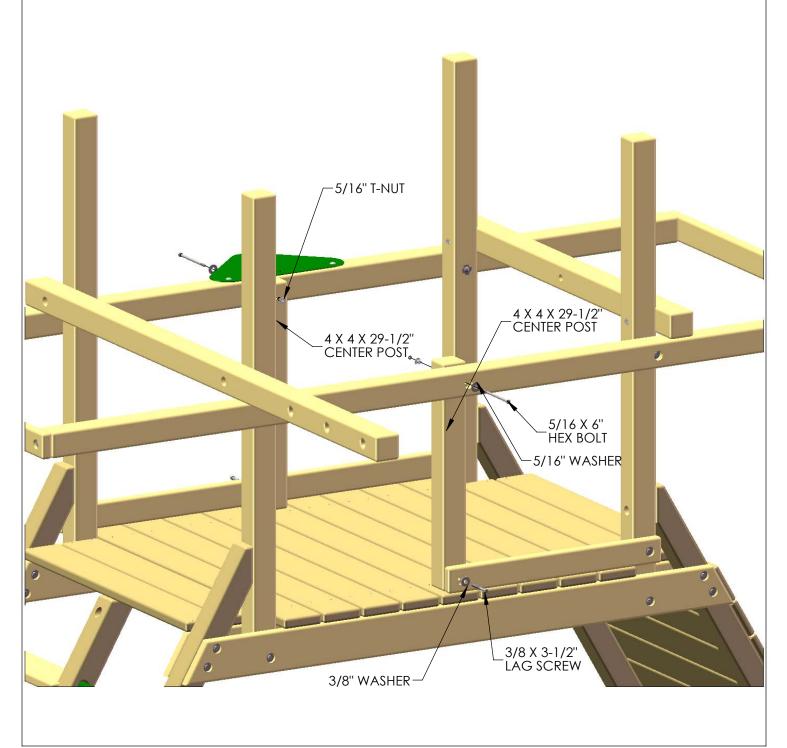
## STEP 20: CENTER POSTS

1: TAKE THE 4 X 4 X 29-1/2" CENTER POSTS, AND LINE UP THE HOLE IN THE POSTS WITH THE THROUGH HOLE IN THE SWING BEAM SIDE RAIL/SIDE RAIL.

2: WHEN THE CENTER POST IS LINED UP PROPERLY, INSTALL A 5/16" T-NUT INTO THE HOLE IN THE CENTER POSTS.

3: FASTEN THE CENTER POSTS TO THE FORT WITH 5/16 X 6" HEX BOLTS AND 5/16" WASHERS THROUGH THE SWING BEAM SIDE RAIL/SIDE RAIL, AND INTO THE T-NUTS OF THE CENTER POST.

4: MAKE SURE THAT THE CENTER POSTS ARE SQUARE AND LEVEL, AND FASTEN TO THE BOTTOM PANEL BOARDS WITH 3/8 X 3-1/2" LAG SCREWS AND 3/8" WASHERS.

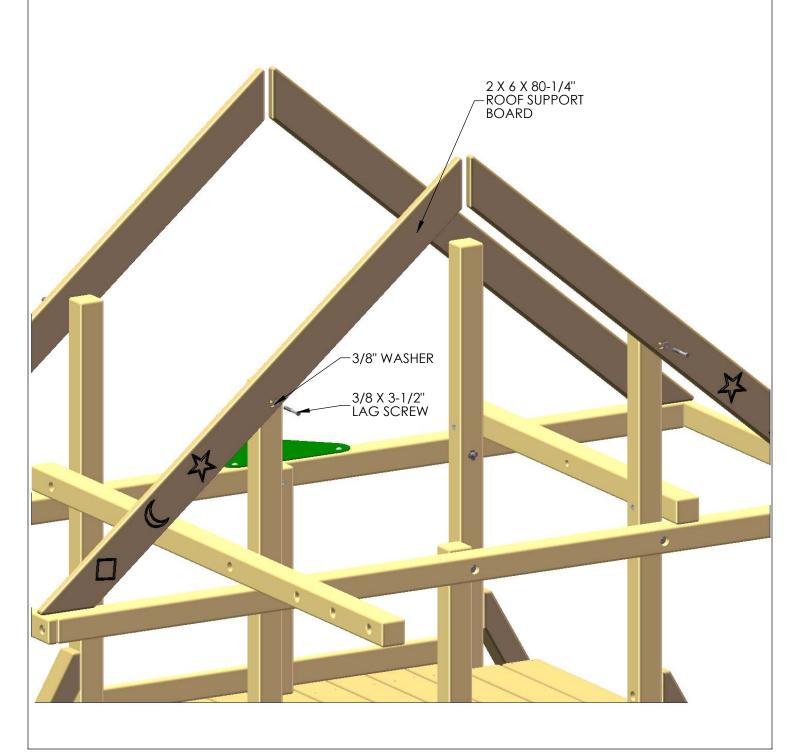


## STEP 21: ROOF SUPPORT

1: FIND FOUR 2 X 6 X 80-1/4" ROOF SUPPORT BOARDS. THERE WILL BE TWO FOR THE LEFT, AND TWO FOR THE RIGHT.

2: LAY THE ANGLED ENDS (WITH THE ENGRAVED DESIGNS) ON TOP OF THE SWING BEAM SIDE RAIL, AND THE SIDE RAIL. ALLOW SOME OF THE BOARD TO HANG PAST THE SIDE RAILS SO THAT THERE WILL BE NO INTERFERENCE WITH THE TARP BOARDS AND THE ROOF BOARDS THAT WILL BE INSTALLED LATER.

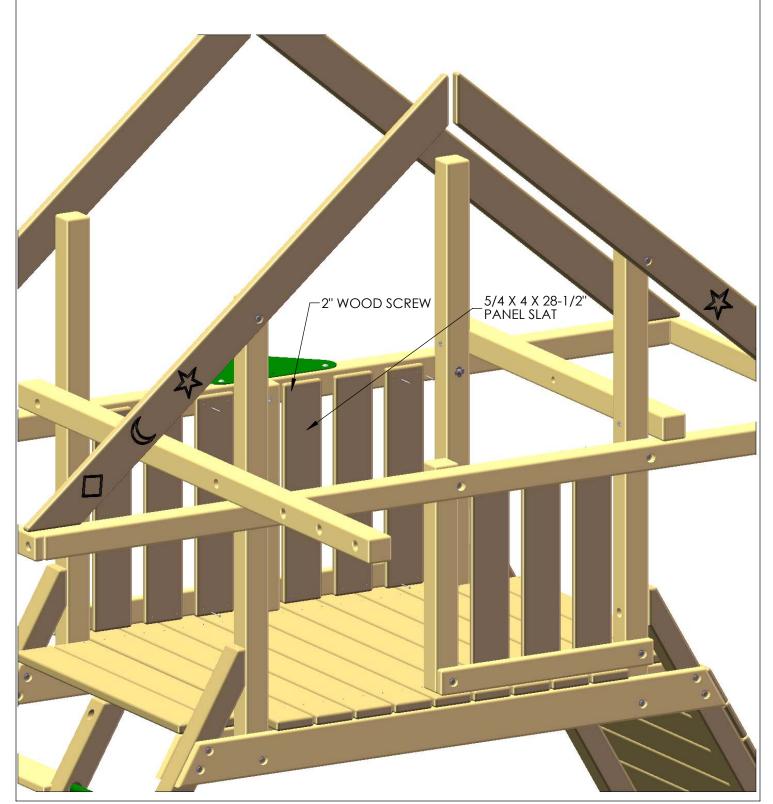
3: ATTACH THE ROOF SUPPORTS TO THE CORNER POSTS WITH 3/8 X 3-1/2" LAG SCREWS AND 3/8" WASHERS.



## STEP 22: PANEL SLATS

1: FIND NINE 5/4 X 4 X 28-1/2" PANEL SLATS, AND ARRANGE THEM SO THAT SIX OF THEM ARE EVENLY SPACED ACROSS THE SWING BEAM SIDE OF THE FORT, AND THREE OF THEM ARE EVENLY SPACED ALONG THE OPENING ON THE ROCK WALL SIDE ON THE FRONT OF THE FORT.

2: ATTACH THE PANEL SLATS WITH TWO 2" WOOD SCREWS PER END.



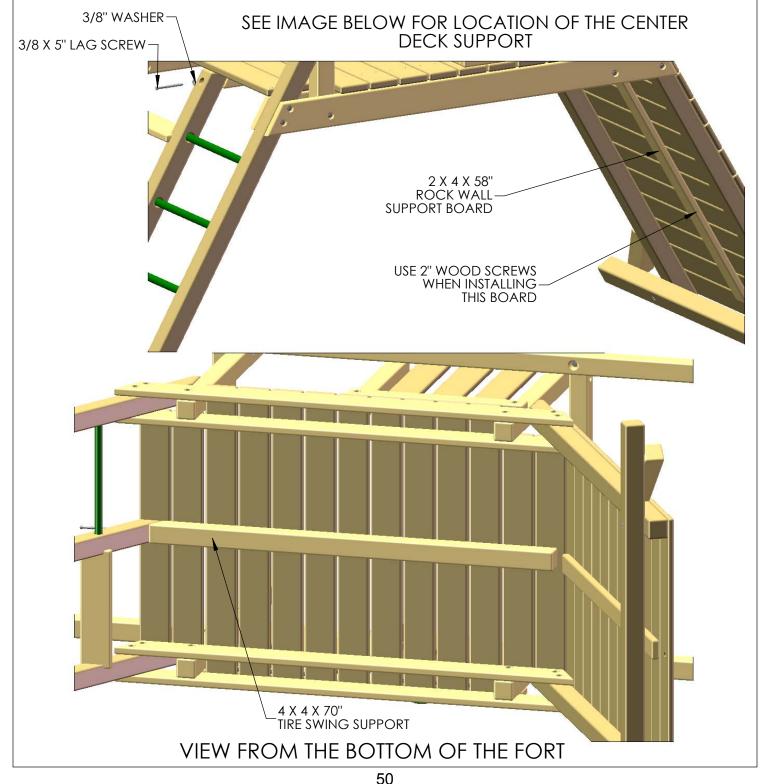
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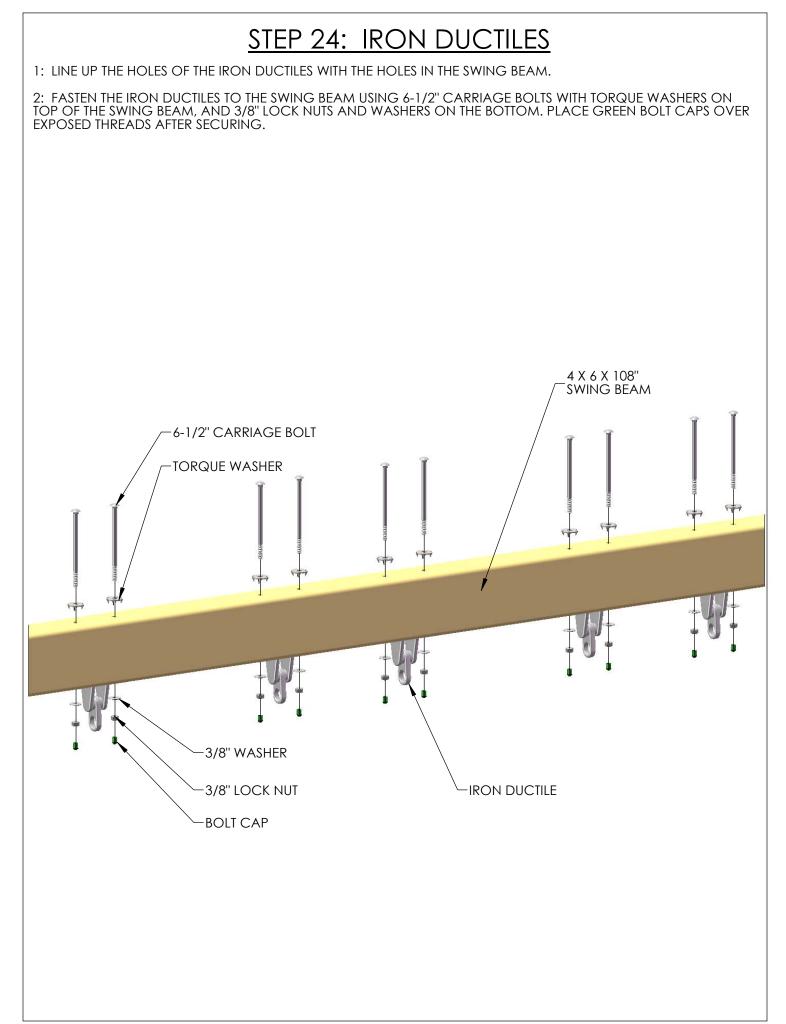
1: FIND THE 4 X 4 X 70" TIRE SWING SUPPORT, AND ARRANGE EVENLY UNDERNEATH THE DECK.

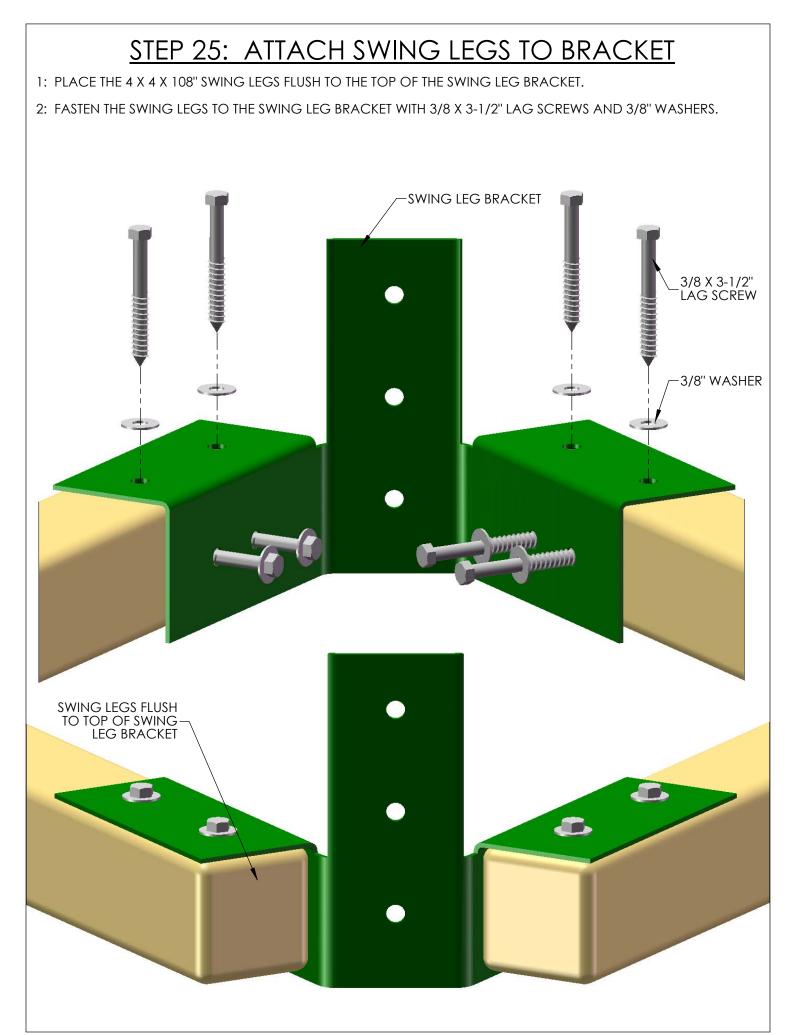
2: ATTACH THE TIRE SWING SUPPORT WITH A 3/8 X 5" LAG SCREW AND A 3/8" WASHER THROUGH THE LADDER CENTER. FROM THE TOP, ADD TWO 2-1/2" WOOD SCREWS THROUGH THE DECK BOARDS, INTO THE TIRE SWING SUPPORT.

3: FIND THE 2 X 4 X 58" ROCK WALL SUPPORT BOARD, AND CENTER IT ON THE BACK OF THE ROCK WALL. MAKE SURE THAT THE HOLE IN THE BOTTOM ROCK WALL BOARD IS NOT OBSTRUCTED BY THE ROCK WALL SUPPORT BOARD.

4: THE ROCK WALL SUPPORT BOARD WILL ATTACH TO THE ROCK WALL WITH TWO 2" WOOD SCREWS PER END, AND AN ADDITIONAL 2" WOOD SCREW IN THE MIDDLE OF THE ROCK WALL SUPPORT BOARD AT EACH ROCK WALL BOARD. FROM THE FRONT OF THE ROCK WALL, ADD TWO 2" WOOD SCREWS THROUGH THE ROCK WALL BOARDS, INTO THE ROCK WALL SUPPORT BOARD.







## STEP 26: REST SWING BEAM ON FORT

\*TWO PEOPLE ARE REQUIRED FOR THIS STEP.

1: LAY THE SWING BEAM ACROSS THE FORT AND POSITION THE LEGS UNDERNEATH THE END OF THE BEAM.

2: LINE UP THE PRE-DRILLED HOLES AND REST THE SWING BEAM ON TOP OF THE SWING BEAM SUPPORT PLATE AND SWING LEGS. MAKE SURE THE IRON DUCTILES ARE FACING DOWN.

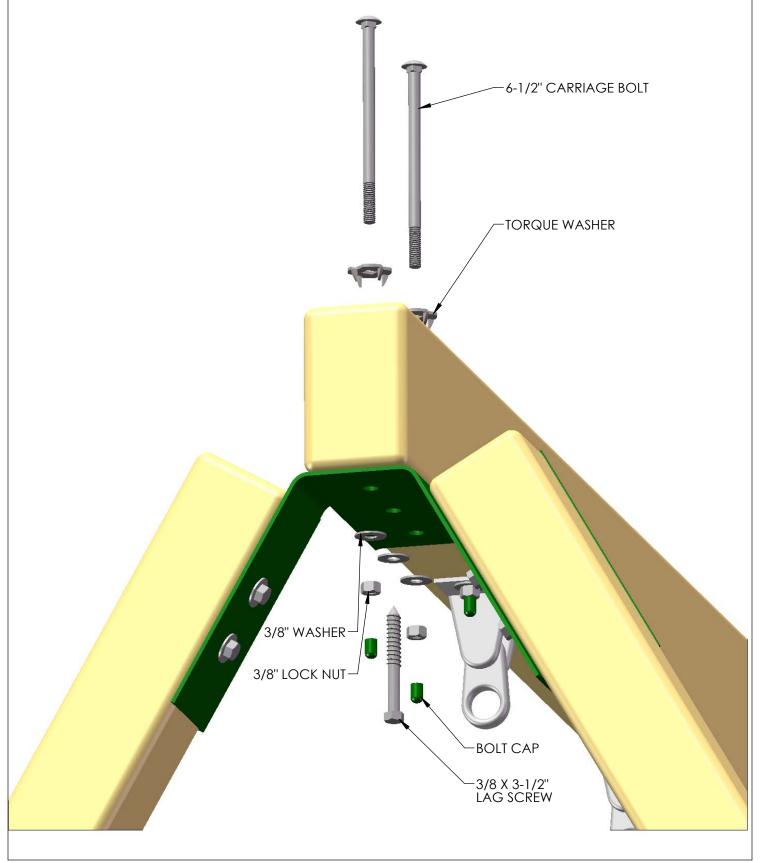


# STEP 27: ATTACHING SWING BEAM TO SWING BEAM LEGS

1: FASTEN THE SWING BEAM TO THE SWING BEAM LEG BRACKET USING 6-1/2" CARRIAGE BOLTS WITH TORQUE WASHERS ON TOP OF THE SWING BEAM, AND 3/8" LOCK NUTS WITH 3/8" WASHERS UNDERNEATH.

2: USE A 3/8 X 3-1/2" LAG SCREW AND 3/8" WASHER IN THE MIDDLE HOLE OF THE SWING LEG BRACKET.

3: PLACE BOLT CAPS OVER EXPOSED THREADS AFTER SECURING.



# STEP 28: ATTACHING THE SWING BEAM TO THE FORT

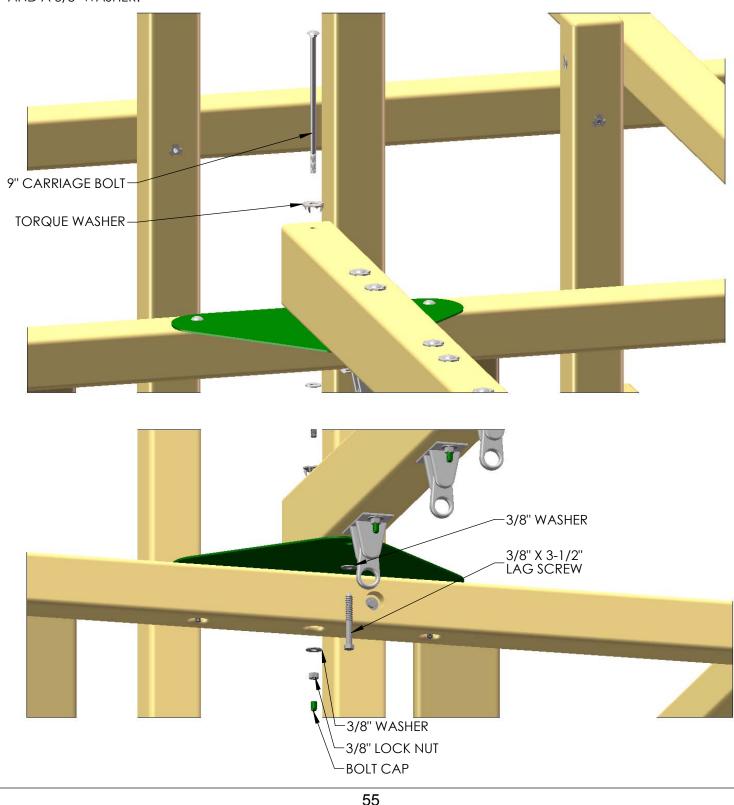
\*AN EXTRA PERSON IS REQUIRED FOR THIS STEP.

1: AFTER THE LEGS ARE ATTACHED, HAVE ONE PERSON ON THE GROUND PICK UP THE SWING BEAM BY THE LEGS, AND ANOTHER PERSON PICK UP THE SWING BEAM FROM INSIDE THE FORT AND WALK OUT THE SWING BEAM.

2: LINE UP THE PILOT HOLE ON THE END OF THE SWING BEAM WITH THE MIDDLE HOLE ON THE SWING BEAM PLATE.

3: FASTEN THE SWING BEAM TO THE SWING BEAM PLATE AND SWING BEAM SUPPORT USING A 9" CARRIAGE BOLT WITH A TORQUE WASHER ON TOP AND A 3/8" LOCK NUT AND WASHER ON THE BOTTOM. PLACE GREEN BOLT CAP OVER EXPOSED THREADS AFTER SECURING.

4: FASTEN THE SWING BEAM TO THE SWING BEAM PLATE FROM UNDERNEATH WITH A 3/8 X 3-1/2" LAG SCREW AND A 3/8" WASHER.



## STEP 29: LEVEL THE SWING BEAM

1: PLACE A LEVEL ON TOP OF THE SWING BEAM AND ADJUST THE LEGS IN OR OUT AS NEEDED TO MAKE THE SWING BEAM LEVEL.



#### **STEP 30: SWING LEG CROSS-MEMBER** 1: POSITION THE 2 X 4 X 70" SWING LEG CROSS-MEMBER AGAINST THE SWING BEAM LEGS.

2: LEVEL CROSS-MEMBER, AND FASTEN TO THE SWING LEGS WITH 3/8 X 3-1/2" LAG SCREWS AND 3/8" WASHERS.



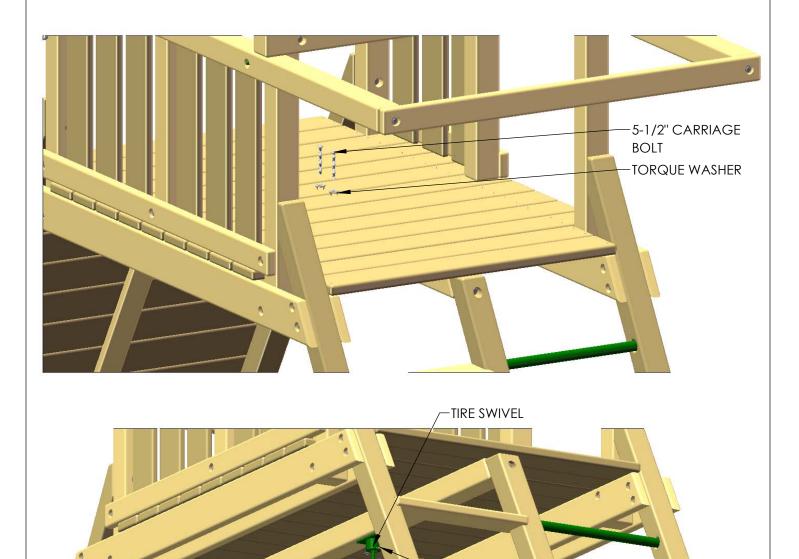
## STEP 31: TIRE SWING

1: CENTER THE TIRE SWING SWIVEL ON THE CENTER DECK SUPPORT.

2: MARK THE LOCATION OF THE HOLES IN THE SWIVEL WITH A PENCIL, AND WITH A 3/8" DRILL BIT, DRILL HOLES THROUGH THE CENTER DECK SUPPORT AND DECK BOARD.

3: USE A 5-1/2" CARRIAGE BOLT TO CLEAR OUT ANY DEBRIS LEFT OVER FROM DRILLING, MATE WITH A TORQUE WASHER AND SET THE TORQUE WASHER ON TOP OF THE DECK WITH A HAMMER.

4: PLACE THE TIRE SWIVEL ON THE TWO CARRIAGE BOLTS, AND FASTEN WITH 3/8" LOCK NUTS WITH 3/8" WASHERS. COVER ANY EXPOSED THREADS WITH BOLT CAPS.



3/8" WASHER

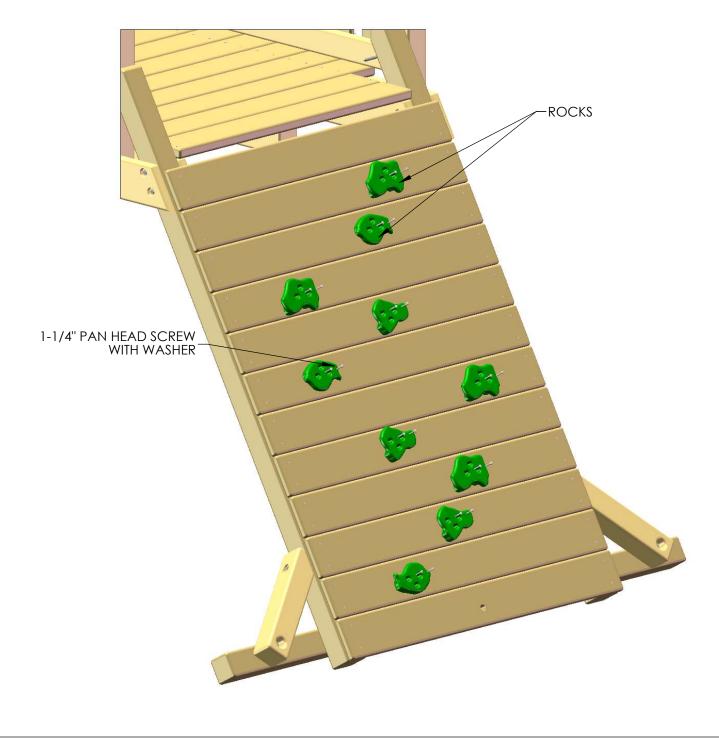
3/8" LOCK NUT

-BOLT CAP

#### STEP 32: INSTALLING THE ROCKS

1: THE ROCKS SHOULD FOLLOW THE GENERAL STAGGERED LAYOUT SHOWN BELOW. HOWEVER, A DIFFERENT CONFIGURATION CAN BE USED.

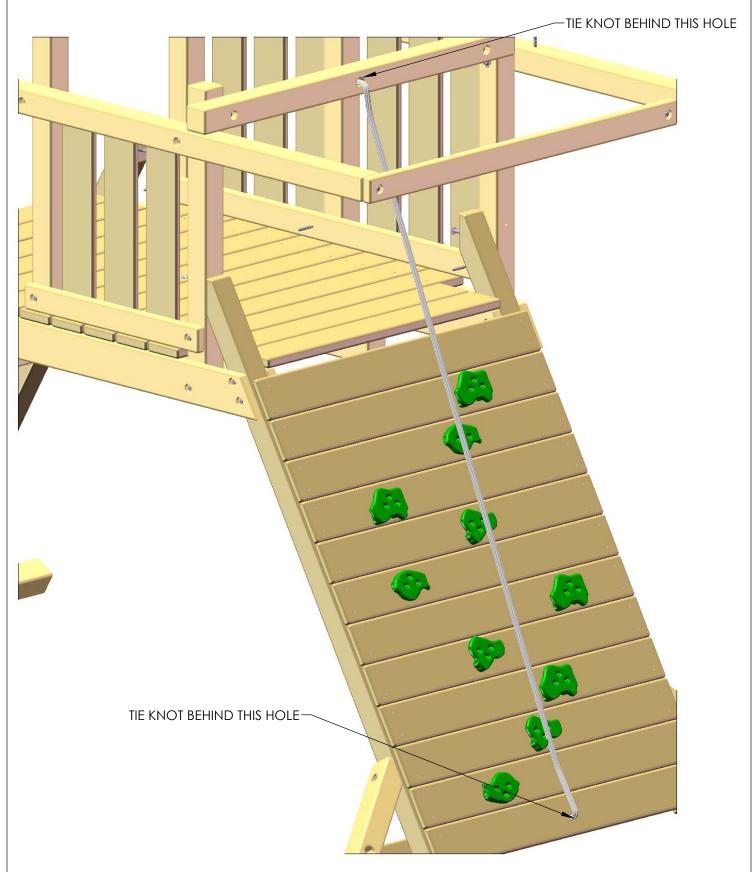
2: THE ROCKS INCLUDED IN YOUR PLAYSET MAY VARY, IN ANY CASE, THE 1-1/4" PAN HEAD SCREWS WITH WASHERS WILL BE USED TO ATTACH THE ROCKS.



## STEP 33: CLIMBING ROPE

1: THREAD ONE END OF THE 10' ROPE THROUGH THE HOLE ABOVE THE ROCK WALL. TIE A SECURE KNOT ON THE INSIDE OF THE TOP PANEL BOARD. ADD KNOTS IN ROPE TO AID IN CLIMBING. SET KNOTS ACCORDING TO YOUR CHILD'S NEEDS. 2-3 KNOTS SHOULD BE SUFFICIENT.

2: THREAD THE OTHER END OF THE ROPE THROUGH THE HOLE IN THE BOTTOM ROCK WALL BOARD. PULL THE ROPE TIGHT AND TIE A SECURE KNOT BEHIND THE BOTTOM ROCK WALL BOARD.

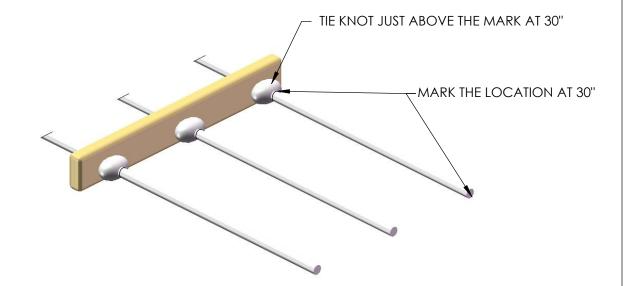


## STEP 34: ROPE LADDER ASSEMBLY

1: FIND THE THREE 16' LENGTHS OF ROPE. MEASURE 30" FROM ONE SIDE OF EACH PIECE OF ROPE AND MAKE A MARK AT THIS LOCATION.

2: TIE A KNOT ON THE OTHER SIDE OF THE ROPE THAT IS JUST ABOVE THE MARK THAT WAS MADE ON THE ROPE (SEE BELOW).

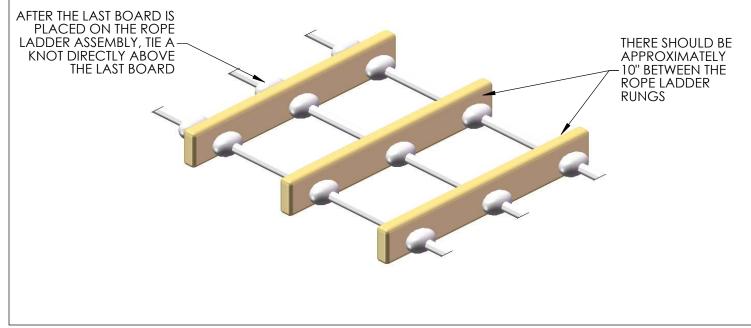
3: THREAD THE ROPE THROUGH THE HOLES OF THE 2 X 4 ROPE LADDER RUNG. YOU MAY NEED TO TWIST THE ROPE TO GET IT THROUGH.



4: MEASURE 19" FROM THE TOP OF THE ROPE LADDER RUNG ON THE ROPE AND MARK THIS LOCATION. MAKE SURE THE BOARD IS RESTING AGAINST THE PREVIOUS KNOT THAT WAS TIED WHEN MEASURING.

5: TIE A KNOT BELOW THE MARK THAT WAS MADE AND THREAD THE ROPE THROUGH THE HOLES IN THE NEXT ROPE LADDER RUNG. THERE SHOULD BE APPROXIMATELY A 10" GAP BETWEEN THE BOARDS.

6: CONTINUE THIS PROCESS UP THE ROPE, AND WHEN THE LAST BOARD HAS BEEN PLACED, TIE A KNOT DIRECTLY ABOVE IT. THE LAST BOARD TIED WILL BE THE TOP OF THE ROPE LADDER.



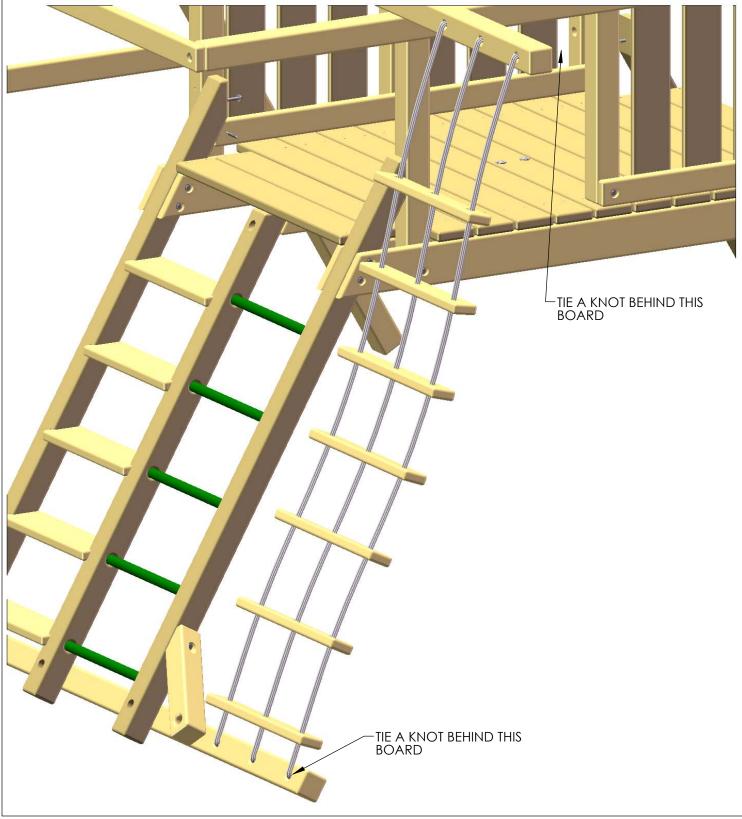
## STEP 35: INSTALLING THE ROPE LADDER

1: TAKE THE ROPE LADDER ASSEMBLY FROM STEP 34 AND LOOK FOR THE BOARD THAT HAS KNOTS TIED ABOVE AND BELOW THE ROPE LADDER STEP. THIS WILL BE THE TOP OF THE ROPE LADDER.

2: THREAD THE TOP OF THE ROPE LADDER THROUGH THE HOLES IN THE ROPE LADDER SUPPORT, AND TIE A SECURE KNOT.

3: THREAD THE BOTTOM OF THE ROPE LADDER THROUGH THE HOLES IN THE ROPE LADDER RUNNER, AND TIE A SECURE KNOT.

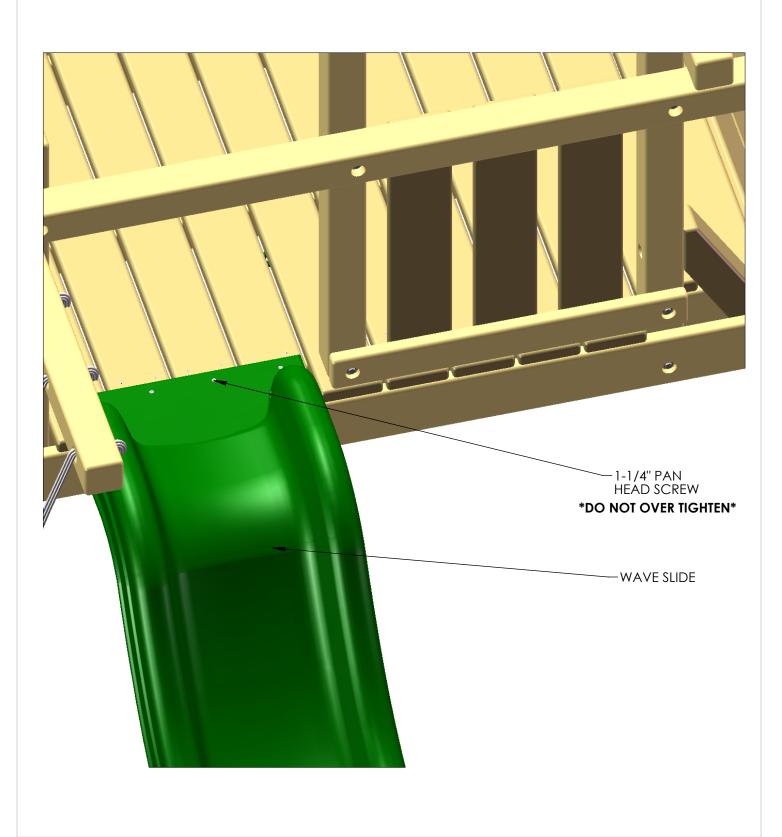
4: MAKE SURE THE ROPE LADDER ROPES WILL NOT LOOP AROUND YOUR HAND.

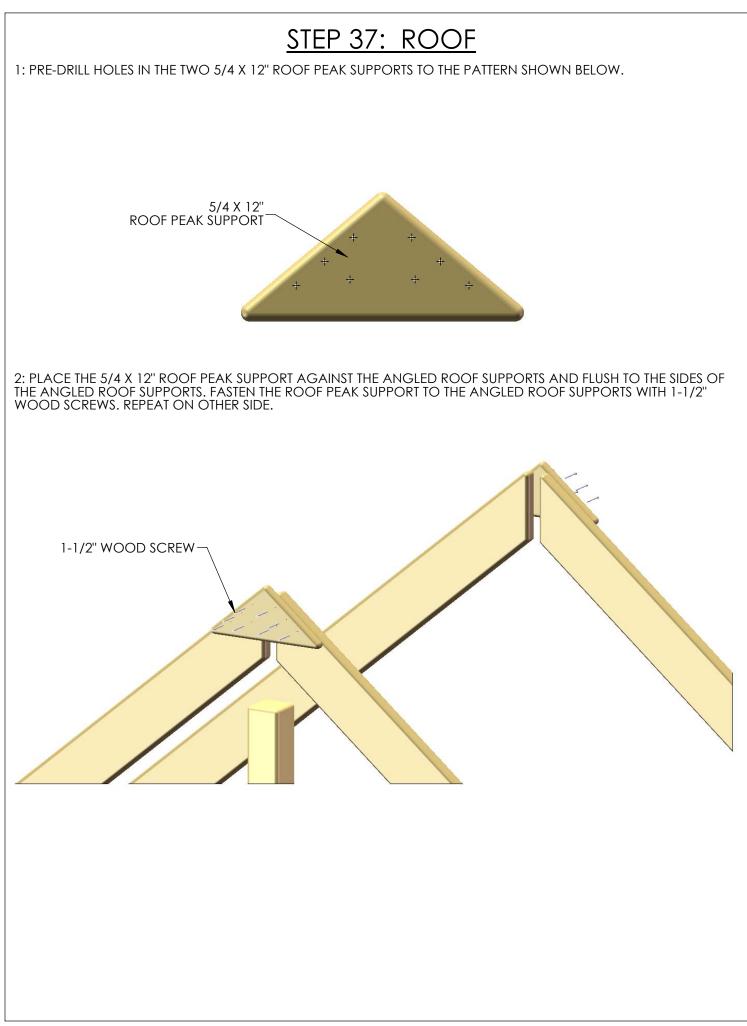


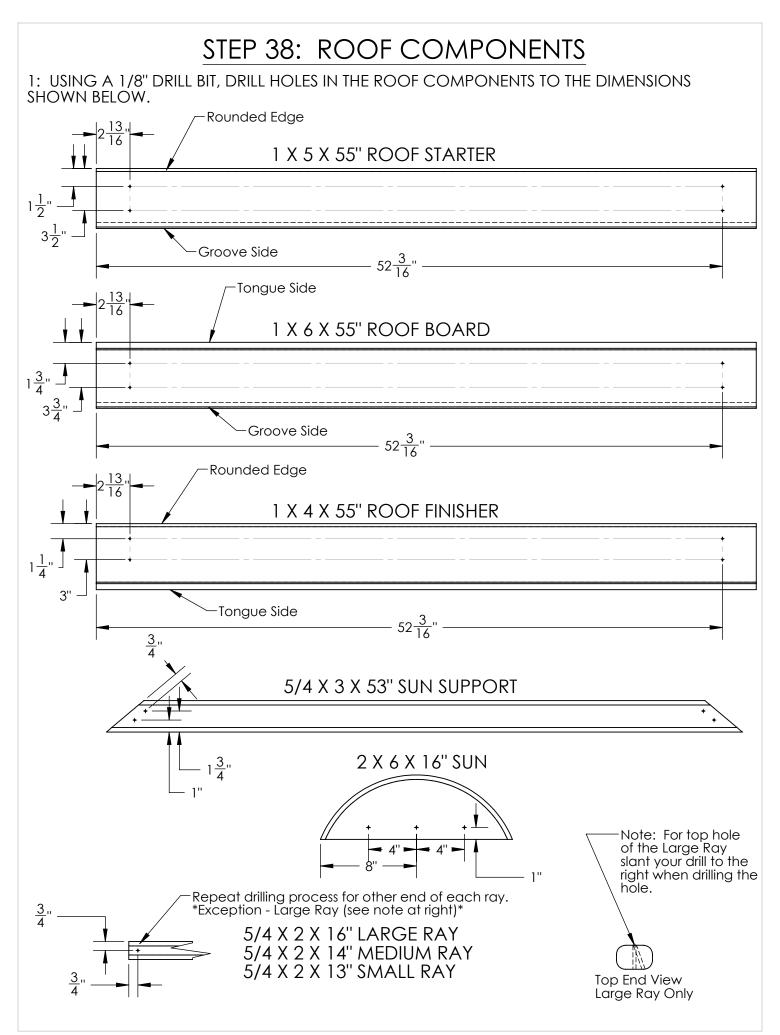
## STEP 36: INSTALLING THE SLIDE

1: PLACE THE SLIDE IN THE OPENING AT THE FRONT OF THE FORT. LAY THE SLIDE ON THE DECK WITH THE LIP EXTENDING ONTO THE DECK.

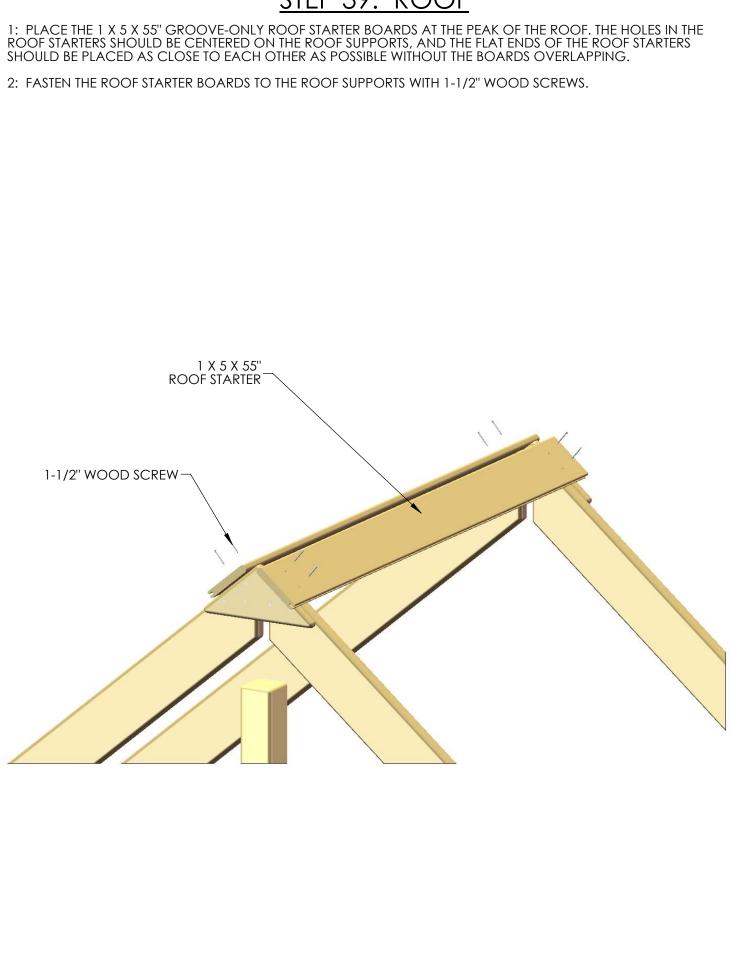
- 2: THE FLARED END OF THE SLIDE WILL REST AGAINST THE LOWER PANEL BOARDS.
- 3: ATTACH THE SLIDE TO THE DECK WITH 1-1/4" PAN HEAD SCREWS. \*DO NOT OVER TIGHTEN\*

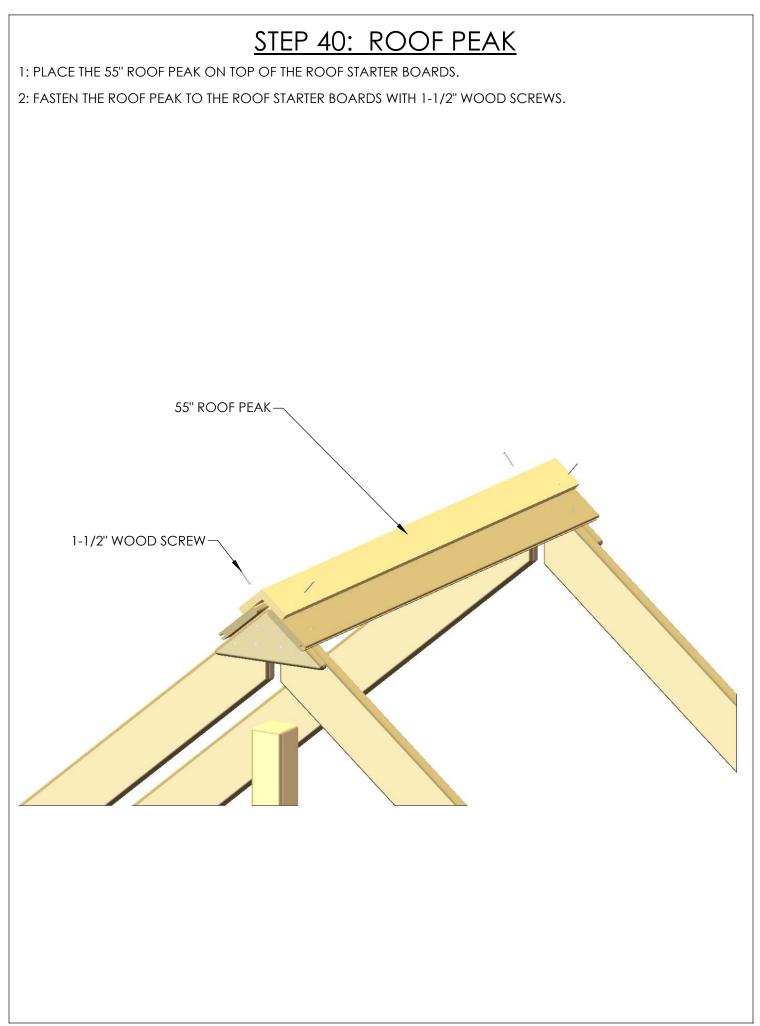


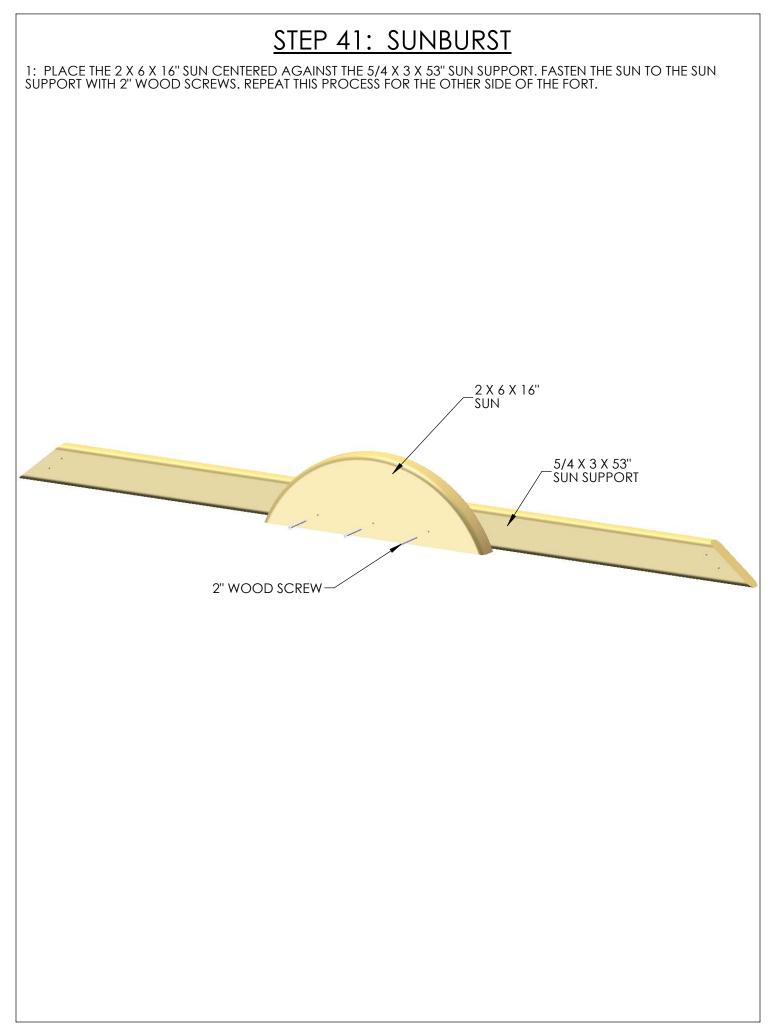




#### STEP 39: ROOF





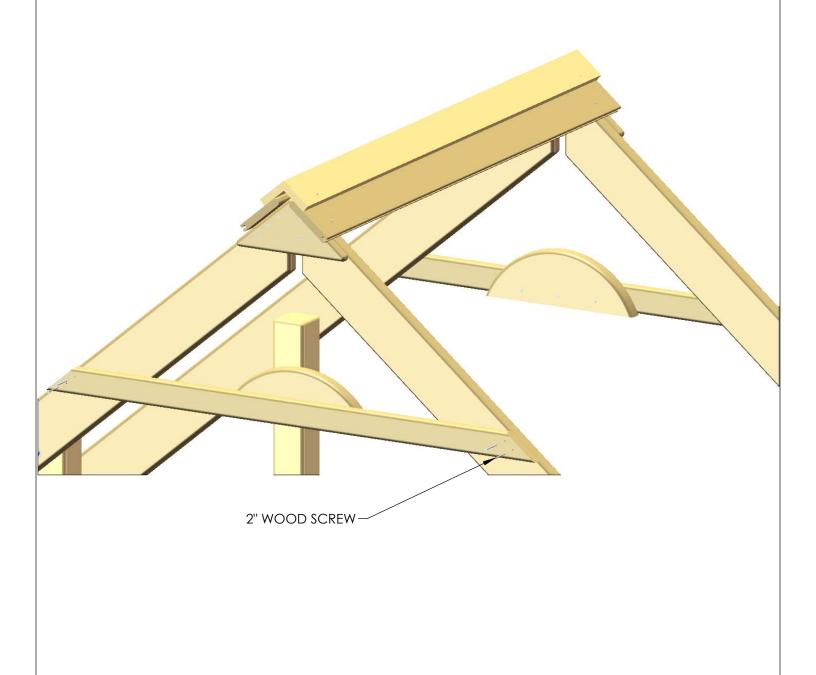


# STEP 42: SUNBURST

1: PLACE THE ASSEMBLY MADE IN THE PREVIOUS STEP UNDERNEATH THE ROOF BOARDS, AND AGAINST THE ANGLED ROOF SUPPORTS. MAKE SURE THE ASSEMBLY IS LEVEL BEFORE PROCEEDING TO THE NEXT STEP.

2: FASTEN THE SUN ASSEMBLY TO THE FORT WITH 2" WOOD SCREWS FROM THE OUTSIDE INTO THE ROOF SUPPORTS.

3: REPEAT ON THE OPPOSITE SIDE OF THE FORT.



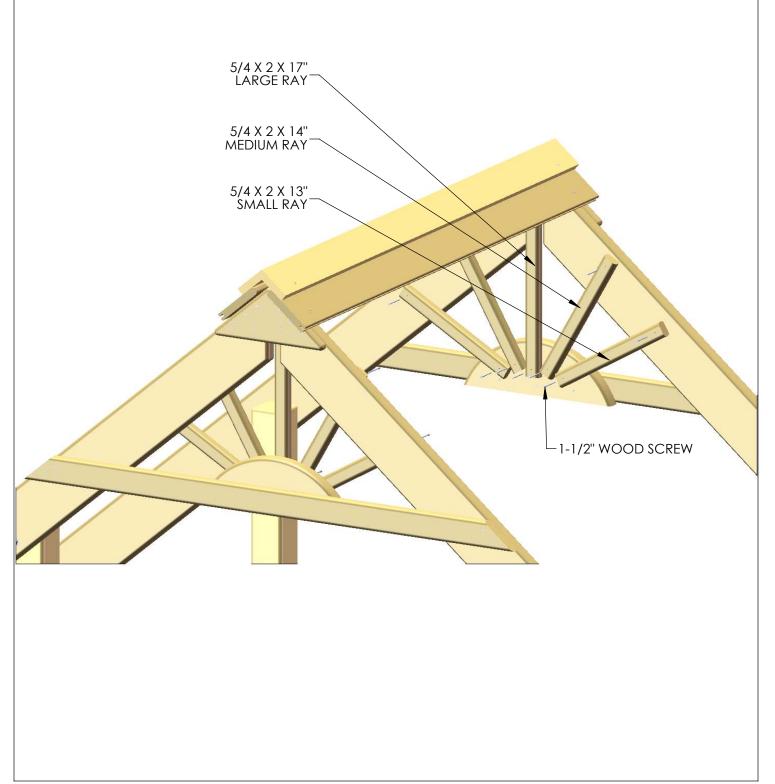
## STEP 43: SUNBURST

1: CENTER THE 5/4 X 2 X 17" LARGE RAY ONTO THE HALF SUN AND THE ROOF SUPPORT BOARDS. BOTH HOLES IN THE LARGE RAY SHOULD BE IN THE CENTER OF THE BOARD AT EACH END. FLIP THE BOARD OVER IF THEY ARE NOT. THE SLANTED HOLE DRILLED IN THE LARGE RAY SHOULD BE AT THE TOP.

FASTEN THE LARGE RAY WITH TWO 1-1/2" SCREWS.

2: EQUALLY SPACE THE SMALL AND MEDIUM RAYS ABOUT THE HALF SUN TO THE PATTERN SHOWN BELOW AND MARK THE POSITION OF EACH WITH A PENCIL.

3: SECURE THE SMALL AND MEDIUM SUNRAYS ONE AT A TIME TO THE HALF SUN AND THE ROOF SUPPORTS AND LINE THEM UPWITH THE MARK DRAWN. FASTEN THE SUNRAYS WITH TWO 1-1/2" WOOD SCREWS EACH. REPEAT ON OTHER SIDE OF FORT.

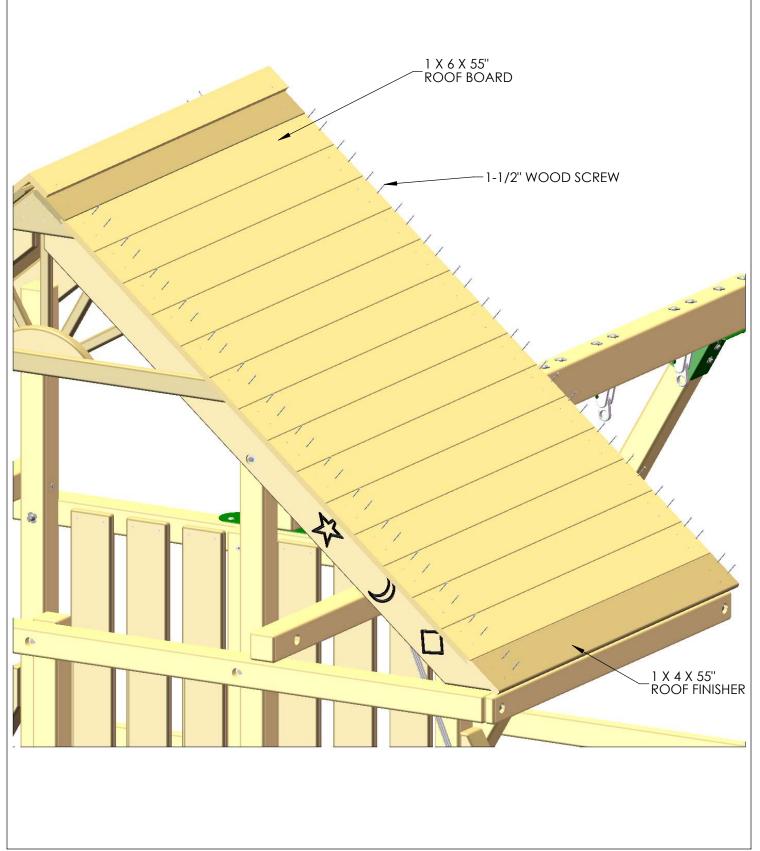


## STEP 44: ROOF

1: PLACE THE 1 X 6 X 55" ROOF BOARDS ON TOP OF THE ROOF SUPPORTS, FITTING THE TONGUE END INTO THE GROOVE END OF THE ROOF STARTERS. EACH SIDE OF THE ROOF GETS FOURTEEN ROOF BOARDS.

2: FASTEN THE ROOF BOARDS TO THE ROOF SUPPORTS WITH 1-1/2" WOOD SCREWS.

3: PLACE A 1 X 4 X 55" ROOF FINISHER AT THE END OF THE ROOF ASSEMBLY, AND FASTEN WITH 1-1/2" WOOD SCREWS.

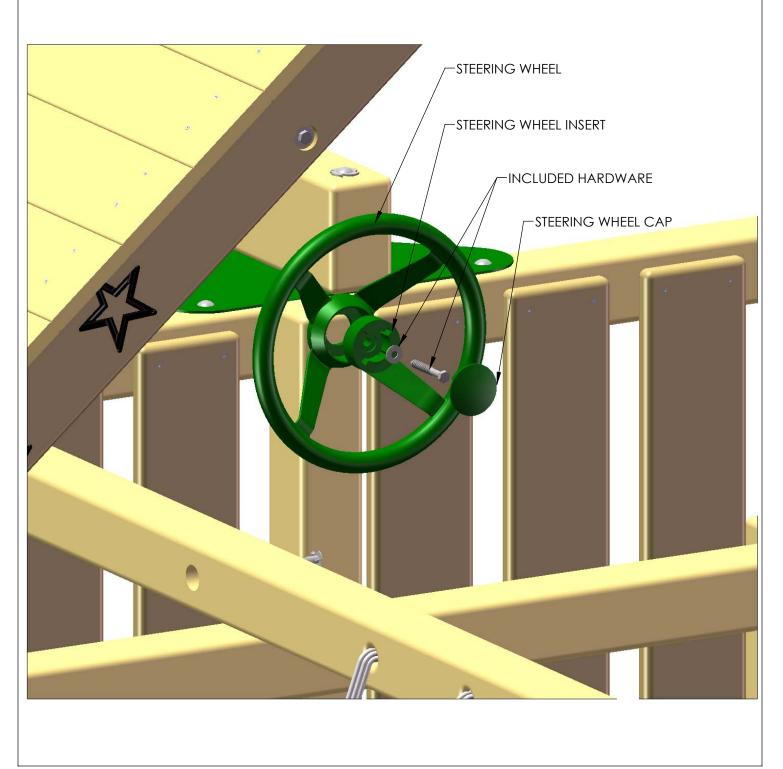


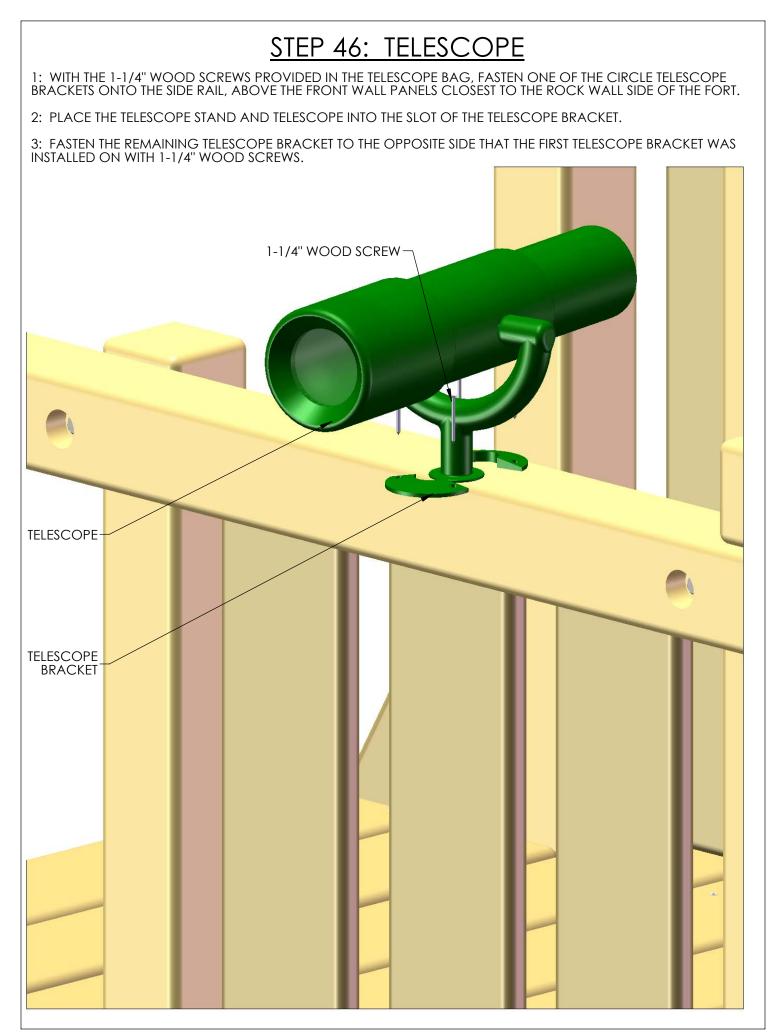
## STEP 45: STEERING WHEEL

1: PLACE THE STEERING WHEEL INSERT INSIDE THE STEERING WHEEL.

2: USE THE HARDWARE INCLUDED WITH THE STEERING WHEEL TO MOUNT THE STEERING WHEEL TO THE REAR CENTER POST, INTO THE SWING BEAM MOUNT. DO NOT OVER-TIGHTEN THE LAG SCREW INTO THE STEERING WHEEL, OR IT WILL NOT TURN.

3: PLACE THE STEERING WHEEL CAP OVER THE CENTER OF THE STEERING WHEEL.



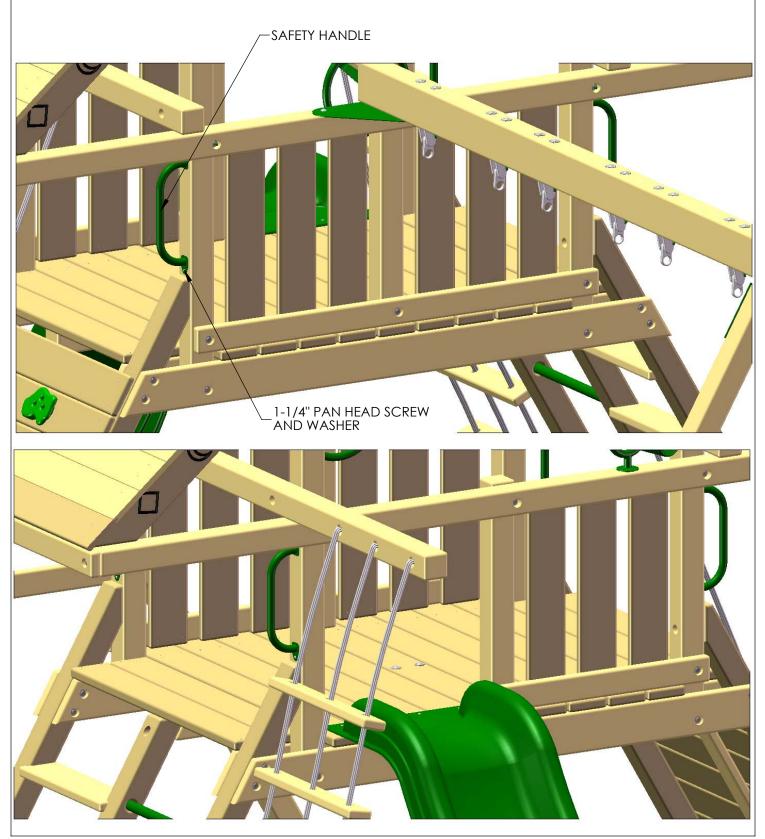


### STEP 47: SAFETY HANDLES

1: FIND THE FOUR SAFETY HANDLES.

2: PLACE THE SAFETY HANDLE JUST ABOVE THE ROCK WALL OPENING, AND INSTALL WITH 1-1/4" PANHEAD SCREWS AND WASHERS.

3: REPEAT THIS PROCESS FOR THE LADDER SIDE OF THE FORT.



### STEP 48: HANGING SWINGS

1: CLIP EACH OF THE SPRING CLIPS ONTO THE IRON DUCTILE SWING HANGERS, THEN CLIP ONTO THE SWING CHAINS.

2: USE THE CLIPS TO ADJUST THE HEIGHT OF THE SWING BY CLIPPING ON HIGHER OR LOWER LINKS.

3: COUNT BACK THE SAME NUMBER OF LINKS ON THE OPPOSITE SIDE TO ENSURE THAT THE SWING IS LEVEL, AND ADJUST TO FIT YOUR NEEDS.



### STEP 49: HANGING THE TIRE SWING

1: HANG THE THREE SPRING CLIPS FROM THE TIRE SWIVEL.

2: HANG ONE OF THE CHAINS IN ONE OF THE SPRING CLIPS AT THE DESIRED HEIGHT.

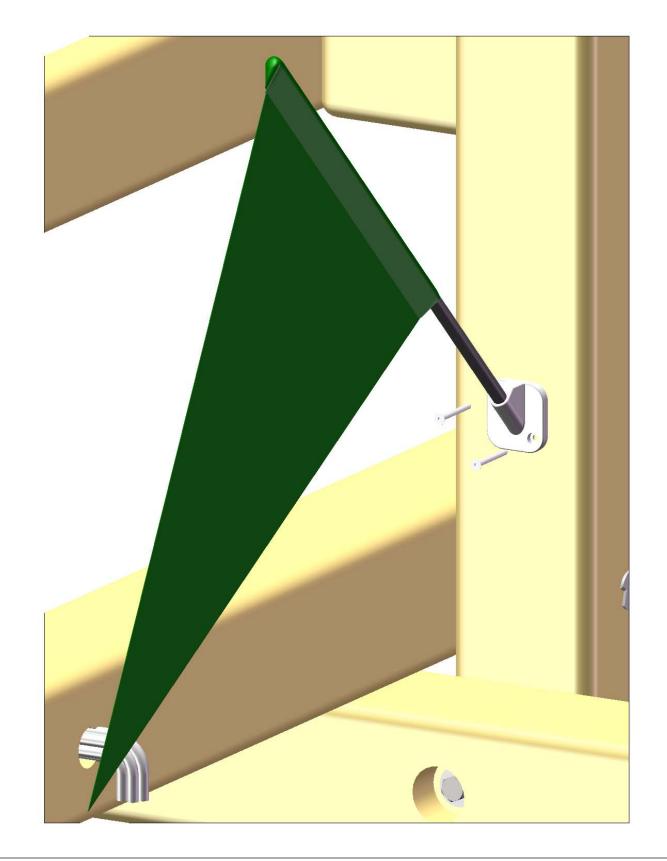
3: CONTINUE THE PROCESS WITH THE REMAINING CHAINS, MAKING SURE THAT THE TIRE SWING IS LEVEL WHEN FINISHED.

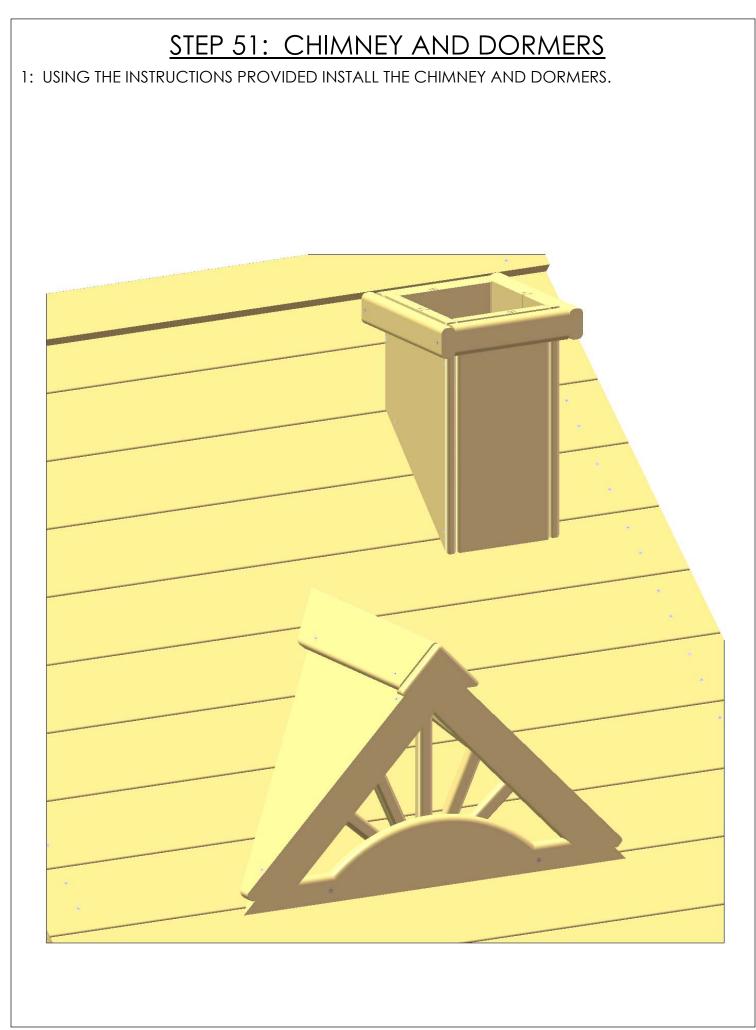
4: ANY EXCESS LENGTH OF CHAIN CAN BE LOOPED BACK AND HUNG MULTIPLE TIMES TO PREVENT THE EXCESS FROM HANGING DOWN AND CREATING A HAZARD.



### STEP 50: FLAG KITS

1: INSTALL THE FLAG KITS IN THE DESIRED LOCATION ON YOUR PLAY SET. THE RECOMMENDED LOCATION IS ON THE CORNER POSTS AT THE FRONT OF THE FORT. ATTACH THE FLAG KITS WITH THE HARDWARE PROVIDED.









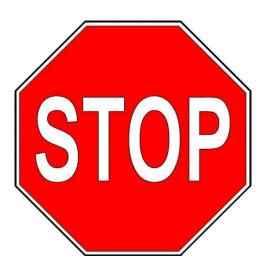
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### Monkey Bar Add On

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#### Thank you for choosing gorilla playsets® for your new backyard playground!

We've included everything you need, except tools, to build your very own professional looking playset. When complete, your new playset should far exceed the quality of playset kits from other build-your-own companies. Our engineers and design team have over 30 years of playground experience. What we've developed is a playset that doesn't compromise quality for simplicity. Yet you'll appreciate how quick and easy construction really is! Our playset kits are designed for children ages 3 to 11. **gorilla playsets**® believes every child should have a playset and with our kits they can! You can rest assured your new playset is safe, durable and designed to hold up to the elements. As parents ourselves, we know how important the security and well-being of our children is, and this shows in all of our products.

Each playset features our step-by-step 3D illustrated manual, patented powder coated swing beam bracket, heavy-duty swing belts with chains, slide(s), accessories, plus all the required hardware and pre-milled lumber.

#### **Quality Lumber**

At Gorilla Playsets, we use only the finest, hand selected lumber available. Whether you choose a playset made from our Premium Preserved Pine, Beautiful California Redwood, Western Red Cedar, or Asian Cedar you can be assured that our lumber is strong, durable, and conforms to the national standards for use in children's play equipment. It's this quality that allows us to offer a 10 year warranty on the lumber used in our play sets.

#### Premium Preserved Pine

Our Premium Preserved Pine is double kiln dried. We utilize this process to minimize shrinkage, warping, and cupping. Because our pine has been "pre-shrunk", the hardware used to assemble your playset will hold tight. Our preserved pine is clean, odorless, non-staining, and non-irritating to humans, animals, or plants. Gorilla's Preserved Pine uses one of the only exterior wood preservation systems that is EPA approved. Our pine lumber is preserved with a preservative system containing copper and azole compounds to protect against termite attack and fungal decay. Our Premium Preserved Pine can withstand harsh weather conditions and is effective for decades; making Gorilla Playsets the best choice in pine lumber built swing sets.

#### California Redwood and Western Red Cedar\*

Our Beautiful California Redwood and Western Red Cedar playsets are a natural alternative to preserved lumber. California Redwood naturally resists decay caused by the environment or by insect infestation while Western Red Cedar is a preferred wood for purposes where an attractive appearance and resistance to weather is important. All California Redwood and Western Red Cedar Gorilla Playsets receive a factory stain and sealant process. To maintain this aesthetic appeal, it is recommended that you seal your redwood and cedar play set once per year.

#### Asian Cedar (Cunninghamia Lanceolata)

Our durable Asian Cedar playsets are low-maintenance, and maintain their beauty for many years. Asian Cedar has been harvested in Southeast Asia for more than 800 years, and is prized because it naturally repels pests, fungus, and rot. Asian Cedar is used indoors and out where durability is critical. Asian Cedar can be found throughout the U.S. in outdoor lawn furniture, and on children's play structures.

\*Gorilla Playsets reserves the right to substitute Western Red Cedar with other species of similar characteristics due to market availability.

#### **Limited Manufacturers Warranty**

**gorilla playsets** warrants this product to be free from defects in workmanship and materials, under normal use and conditions, for a period of 10 years for structural wood components and one year for all other components (i.e., hardware, plastics, tarps, rope ladder, etc.). Cosmetic defects that do not affect the structural integrity of the product, or natural defects of wood such as warping, checking or any other physical properties of wood that do not present a safety hazard, are not covered by this warranty.

**gorilla playsets** will repair, or, at its discretion, replace any part within the stated warranty period that is defective in workmanship or materials. This decision is subject to verification of the defect upon delivery of the defective part to **gorilla playsets** at 190 Etowah Industrial Court, Canton, Georgia 30114. Any part(s) returned to **gorilla playsets** must include proof and date of purchase.

This warranty is valid only if the product is used for the purpose for which it was designed and installed at a residential, single-family dwelling. This warranty is void if the product is put to commercial or institutional use. This warranty does not cover (a) products which have been damaged by negligence, natural disasters, or accident by improper use, or which have been modified or repaired by unauthorized persons, (b) the cost of labor, or (c) the cost of shipping the product, any part, or any replacement product or part.

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#### **IMPORTANT SAFETY GUIDELINES**

This product is intended for residential use only and not intended for use in any public setting. A safety surface such as mulch or recycled tire should be used under the play set to prevent injury from falls. Also a 6 foot safety zone should be used around the entire playset.

As with any home project, good judgment and respect for power tools will greatly reduce the risk of injury. **gorilla playsets**® recommends you follow all tool manufacturers' safety guidelines. Always wear eye protection and safety gloves to prevent injury. In several phases of construction two people may be required for lifting and securing of lumber. While playset is being constructed, please keep children off the equipment until the project is complete. Bolts and screw heads should be checked regularly for tightness. The ground ladder, rope ladder, slide, swings and other areas where children spend a majority of their playtime should be checked more frequently.

**gorilla playsets**® shall not be liable for incidental, indirect or consequential damages or injuries that result from the building and/or playing on our playsets. Adult supervision is recommended anytime a playset is being used.

#### WEIGHT LIMITS FOR GORILLA PLAYSETS

- FORT PLATFORMS: 800 LBS. TOTAL WEIGHT
- SWING BELTS: 225 LBS.
- GLIDER SWINGS: 70 LBS. PER CHILD (UP TO 140 LBS TOTAL)
- TRAPEZE: 125 LBS.
- FULL BUCKET SWING: 75 LBS.
- HALF BUCKET SWING: 75 LBS.
- INFANT SWING: 35 LBS.
- TIRE SWING: 125 LBS. TOTAL WEIGHT
- ROPE LADDER: 75 LBS.
- ROCK WALL: 150 LBS.
- MONKEY BAR: 125 LBS.

Gorilla Playsets recommends that the weight limits for all components must not be exceeded. Failure to adhere to these and other safety guidelines could result in damage to the play set and injury to the users.

#### Safety and Maintenance Tips for Your New Play Set:

**NOTE**: Your children's safety is our #1 concern. Observing the following statements and warnings reduces the likelihood of serious or fatal injury. Please review these safety rules regularly with your children.

- This play set is designed for the use of 4 occupants who have a combined weight **not** exceeding 800 pounds on the elevated floor, 3 occupants who have a combined weight of
   525 pounds on the swing area, for a total Unit capacity of 5 occupants who have a combined
   weight of 1325. (this weight is not including the picnic table area)
- On-site adult supervision is **required**.
- Teach children **not** to walk close to, in front of, behind, or between moving swings or other moving playground equipment.
- Teach children to sit in and **never** stand on swings
- Teach children **not** to twist the chains and ropes and not to loop them over the swing beam, since this may reduce the strength of the chain or rope.
- Teach children **not** to jump from swings or other playground equipment in motion.
- Teach children to **not push** empty seats. The seat may hit them and cause serious injury.
- Teach children to sit in the center of the swings with their full weight on the seats.
- Teach children **not** to use the equipment in a manner other than intended.
- Teach children to **always** go down slides feet first. Never slide headfirst.
- Teach children to **look** before they slide to make sure no one is at the bottom.
- Teach children to **never** run up a slide, as this increases their chances of falling.
- The parents should have the children **dress appropriately** with well-fitting shoes. Loose clothing such as scarves and ponchos should not be worn. Always take off, tie up or tuck in cords and drawstrings on children's clothing. These things can get caught on playground equipment and strangle a child.
- Teach children **not** to climb when the equipment is wet.
- Teach children to **never** jump from a fort deck. They should always use the ladder, ramp or slide.
- Teach children to **never** crawl or walk across the top of monkey bars.
- Teach children to **never** crawl on top of a fort roof.
- Verify that any suspended climbing ropes, chains, or cables are secured at both ends and that they cannot be looped around an adult hand.
- Teach children **not** to attach items to the playground equipment that are not specifically designed for use with the equipment, such as, but not limited to, jump ropes, clothesline, pet leashes, cables and chain as they may cause a strangulation hazard.
- Teach children to **never** wrap their legs around swing chain.
- Teach children to **never** slide down the swing chain.

WARNING: Children must NOT use this play set until unit has been completely assembled and inspected by an adult to insure set has been properly installed and anchored.

#### Safety and Maintenance Tips for Your New Play Set: (continued)

Playgrounds should be inspected on a regular basis. If any of the following conditions are noted, they should be removed, corrected, or repaired immediately to prevent injuries.

- Hardware that is loose, worn or that has protrusions or projections.
- Exposed equipment footings.
- Scattered debris, litter, rocks, or tree roots.
- Splinters, large cracks, and decayed wood components.
- Deterioration and corrosion on structural components, which connect to the ground
- Missing or damaged equipment components, such as handholds, guardrails, swing seats.
- Check all nuts and bolts frequently during the usage season and tighten as required. (But not so tight that you crack the wood) We recommend you check the swing beam and hardware often due to wood expansion and contraction. It is particularly important that this procedure be followed at the beginning of each season.
- Remove plastic swing seats and take indoors or do not use when the temperature drops below 32°F.
- Oil all metallic moving parts monthly during the usage period.
- Check all coverings for bolts and sharp edges twice monthly during usage season to be certain they are in place. Replace when necessary. It is especially important to do this at the beginning of each new season.
- Check swing seats, ropes, cables and chains monthly during usage season for evidence of deterioration. Replacement should be made of any swing seat that has developed cracks in the plastic seats or has exposed metal in the edges of the swing seat. If there are already exposed metal inserts on the edge of the seat, immediately remove the seats and chains to prevent serious injury. Ropes, cables and chains should be removed and replaced if excessive wear is found. Contact Gorilla for warranted replacement parts.
- For rusted areas on metallic members such as monkey bars, hand supports brackets, etc.; sand and repaint, using a non lead-based paint meeting the requirements of Title 16 CRF Part 1303.
- Inspect wood parts monthly. The grain of the wood sometimes will lift in the dry season causing splinters to appear. Light sanding may be necessary to maintain a safe playing environment. If you are treating your play set with stain regularly, it will help prevent severe checking/splitting and other weather damage.
- Once or twice a year, depending on your climate conditions, you must apply some type of protection (sealant) to the wood of your unit. Prior to the application of sealant, lightly sand any "rough" spots on your set. Please note this is a requirement of your warranty.
- Creating and maintaining the play set on a level location is very important. As your children play, your play set will slowly dig its way into the soil, and it is very important that it settles evenly. Make sure the play set is level and true once each year or at the beginning of each play season.
- Rake the playground surface periodically to prevent compaction and maintain appropriate depths.

**Disposal Instructions:** When the play set use is no longer desired, it should be disassembled and disposed of in such away that no unreasonable hazards will exist at the time the unit is discarded.

#### Play Set Surfacing Recommendations:

Below are some of the recommendations that the U.S. Consumer Product Safety Commission (CPSC) offers from its *Handbook for Public Playground Safety*. The guide can be downloaded in full at <a href="http://www.cpsc.gov/cpscpub/pubs/325.pdf">www.cpsc.gov/cpscpub/pubs/325.pdf</a>

**1. Protective Surfacing** - Since almost 60% of all injuries are caused by falls to the ground, protective surfacing under and around all playground equipment is the most critical safety factor on playgrounds.

Certain manufactured synthetic surfaces also are acceptable; however, test data on shock absorbing performance should be requested from the manufacturer.

Asphalt and concrete are unacceptable. They do not have any shock absorbing properties. Similarly, grass and turf should not be used. Their ability to absorb shock during a fall can be reduced considerably through wear and environmental conditions.

Certain loose-fill surfacing materials are acceptable. Surfacing materials are acceptable, such as the types and depths shown in the table.

Material	Uncompressed Depth			Compressed Depth
	6" (152mm)	9" (228mm)	12" (304mm)	to 9" (228mm)
Wood Chips	7' (2.13m)	10' (3.05m)	11' (3.35m)	10' (3.05m)
Double-Shredded bark	(			
mulch	6' (1.83m)	10' (3.05m)	11' (3.35m)	7' (2.13m)
			>12'	
Engineered Wood Fibers	6' (1.83m)	7' (2.13m)	(3.66m)	6' (1.83m)
Fine Sand	5' (1.52m)	5' (1.52m)	9' (2.74m)	5' (1.52m)
Coarse Sand	5' (1.52m)	5' (1.52m)	6' (1.83m)	4' (1.22m)
Fine Gravel	5' (1.52m)	7' (2.13m)	10' (3.05m)	6' (1.83m)
Medium Gravel	5' (1.52m)	5' (1.52m)	6' (1.83m)	5' (1.52m)
	10-12' (3.0-			
Shredded Tires*	3.6m)	N/A	N/A	N/A

### Fall Heights and Materials

\*This data is from tests conducted by independent testing laboratories on a 6-inch depth of uncompressed shredded tire samples produced by four manufacturers. The tests reported critical heights, which varied from 10 feet to greater than 12 feet. It is recommended that persons seeking to install shredded tires as a protective surface request test data from the supplier showing the critical height of the material when it was tested in accordance with ASTM F1292.

It should be recognized that all injuries due to falls cannot be prevented no matter what surfacing material is used.

**2. Fall Zones** - A fall zone, covered with a protective surfacing material, is essential under and around equipment where a child might fall. This area should be free of other equipment and obstacles onto which a child might fall. Stationary climbing equipment and slides should have a fall zone extending a Minimum of 6' in all directions from the perimeter of the equipment.

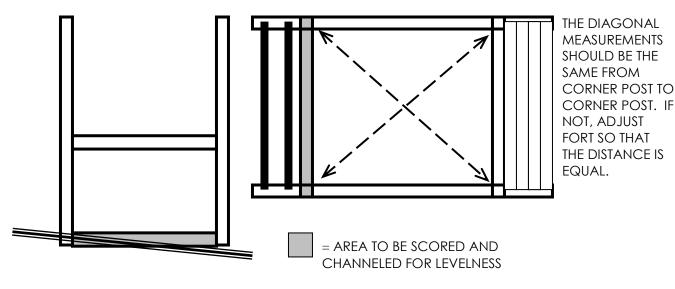
Swings should have a fall zone extending a minimum of 6' from the outer edge of the support structure on each side. The fall zone in front and back of the swing should extend out a minimum distance of twice the height of the swing as measured from the ground to the top of the swing support structure.

#### LEVELING YOUR FORT DURING ASSEMBLY

- Complete the steps which will be the basic frame of the fort {i.e. four corner posts with base (sand box boards) and deck supports}
- Position in the most level area chosen for the playset, keeping in mind the location and size of the swing beam, ladder, slides, etc. that extend off the fort.
- Once the frame is in the final position, check for vertical and horizontal levelness to determine which side(s) will need to be dug into the ground to level the play set.
- With a shovel, score the ground around the outside edges of the sandbox boards on the 'high' side of the fort. This is the area that will be dug in. Make sure to score deep enough; the scored lines will be your digging template.
- Push the frame off and away from the scored area, far enough to dig and remove dirt to reach the appropriate depth.
- Dig a channel along the scored line(s) for the base of the fort (corner post and sandbox boards) to rest into. Dig the channel(s) to the same level depth. The bottom of the channel(s) should be level to each other so your frame doesn't teeter or rock because the channel(s) are uneven.
- Once you have removed enough grass and dirt, slide/push the frame into the channel(s). Place a level on the vertical and horizontal boards of the frame to determine if enough soil, or too much, was removed.
- Repeat this process until the basic frame is plumb and level and in its final position before completing the rest of the assembly.
- Measure to make sure fort is square.

Important: if you require a channel depth of more than 6", then we recommend you have your play set area professionally graded before completing assembly.

#### Example play area:



### Monkey Bar Add On котсонтентя

COMPONENTS Description <i>(Manual)</i>	Qty	Check List	
Monkey Bar Add On Assembly Manual	1		
Description (Monkey Bar Hardware)	see following pages		
Description (Wood Components)	see following pages		

### **REQUIRED TOOL LIST**

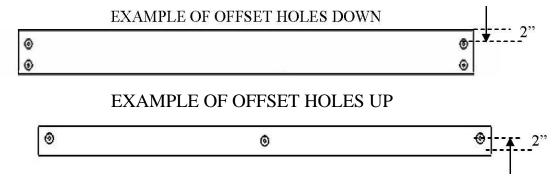
Standard or Cordless Drill w/ Phillips Bit (#2 square bit provided) 1/8" Drill Bit 3/8" Drill Bit 1⁄2" Wrench, Socket, and Deep Well Socket 9/16" Wrench, Socket, and Deep Well Socket Level Tape Measure Extension Cord (if using standard drill) Hammer Pencil Locking Pliers Shovel Rubber Mallet

### General Info To Review Before Installation

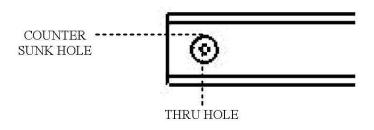
#### Helpful Installation Hints

- Depending on your experience, assembly of Gorilla playsets can take as little as 6 hours up to 24 hours, depending on size, after inventory of parts; therefore, we recommend you set aside a full two days for assembly.
- Identify all of the parts for your playset. Empty each box and lay out boards so you can see each part. Your instruction book will have detailed drawings that will make it easy for you to recognize individual parts. Keep all hardware and metal parts separate from wooden pieces.
- After everything is laid out, check carefully to ensure all parts are present. Make sure there are no broken boards.
- Find an area to sort your hardware. It is best to open the hardware on a solid surface so that you do not lose any pieces in the grass. This will save time and familiarize you with all the different pieces in the hardware bag.
- Important note: Wood has some natural defects such as knots, surface cracks, etc. We reject parts that are structurally defective. We use a high quality lumber in our structures; however, during shipping, boards may rub together, causing rough spots. You should inspect each part for splinters or rough spots and sand them smooth to prevent injury.
- After familiarizing yourself with all of the components, read all instructions thoroughly. Reading instructions after you have studied the parts will help you understand more clearly the installation process, and help to eliminate unnecessary mistakes.
- Pay close attention to the diameter and length of each bolt and screw.
- Never tighten hardware completely at first. It helps to have some adjustment for bolt alignment while you are attaching parts together. After everything is square, tighten each joint.
- After the main unit is assembled it is critical that the floor is **level** and **square**. If the main frame is not level, the walls and floor will be out of square.
- After you complete installation, make sure every bolt, screw, and nut is tight, and every board is secure. Wood will expand and contract with the seasons. Check all bolt connections and swing hangers seasonally.
- Place the set on level ground, not less than 6ft from any structure or obstruction such as a fence, garage, house, overhanging branches, laundry lines, or electrical wires.

**Offset Holes**- Throughout the installation procedures we will refer to parts with offset holes. This refers to the orientation of the holes on the board. An offset hole is one that is closer to one side than it is the other or in other words, it is not centered on the board. In the procedures you will be instructed to attach the boards with the holes offset up or with the holes offset down. This refers to which side of the board the hole/holes should be closer to. Offset holes up= hole/holes will be closer to the top of the board. Offset holes down= hole/holes will be closer to the bottom of the board. Note: some parts do not have offset holes, but instead the holes are on center. Therefore there will not be any reference to how to offset these parts.



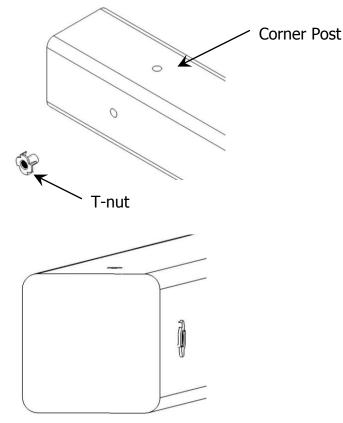
**Counter-sunk holes-** Many of the parts that will be used have counter-sunk holes. A counter-sunk hole is one that surrounds one side of a thru hole, but does not extend through the wood itself. When using a counter-sunk hole the bolt will be inserted through the thru hole and either the head of the bolt and washer or nut and washer will occupy the counter sunk hole.



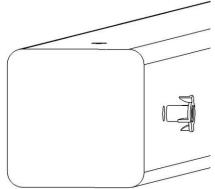
Lag Screws- Lag screws are used in the construction of our playsets to enhance the structural integrity of the unit. There will not be predrilled holes in the post for lag screw installation. Lag screws are self-tapping, though if you are using a manual socket wrench it may be necessary to tap the head of the lag screw with a hammer. You should also be sure to tighten the lags completely. Power tools such as an impact wrench or power drill should have enough torque to drive the lag screws without using a hammer, but make sure not to over tighten as this can cause the threads to "strip out" in the post.

#### Common installation practice Installing T-nuts

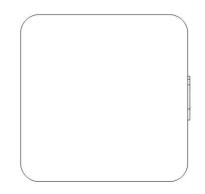
When installing T-nuts into the wood, use a smooth faced hammer to set the face of the T-nut flush into the wood.



This picture shows the T-nut insert and installed flush to the wood.

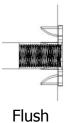


Insert the barrel of the T-nut into the predrilled hole. Using a smooth faced hammer, drive the T-nut until the face of the T-nut is flush to the wood.

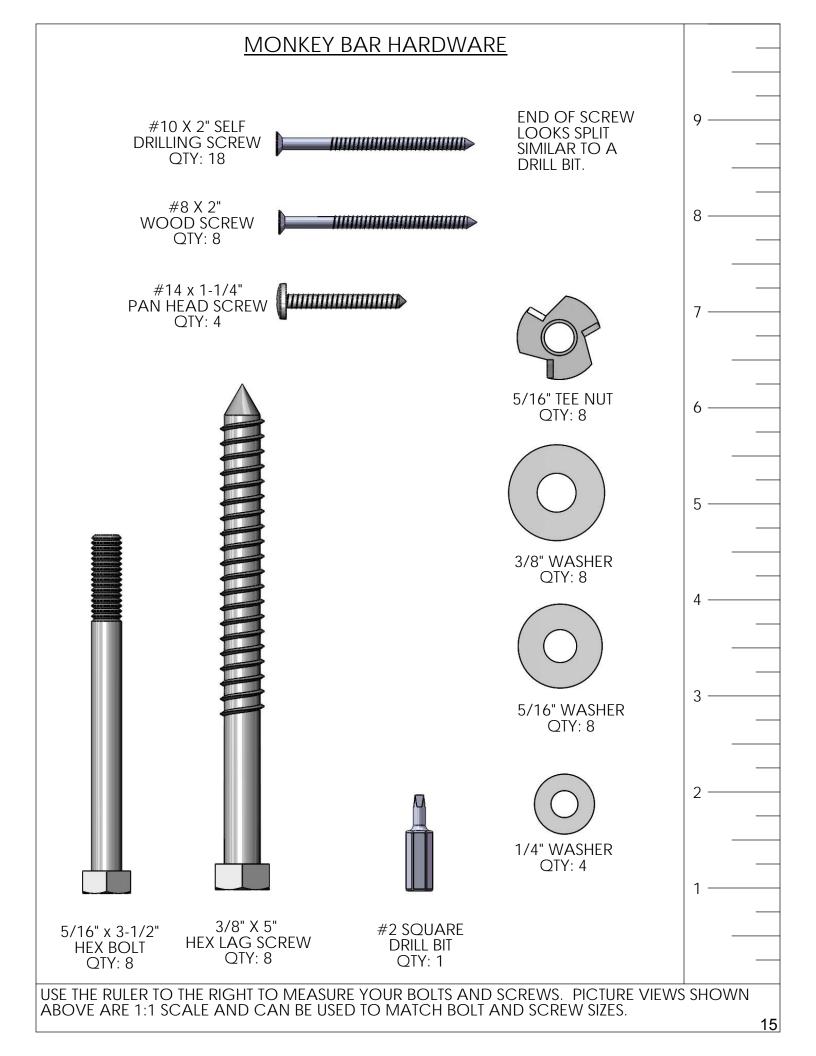


This picture shows an end view of the T-nut insert and installed flush to the wood. WARNING: DO NOT EMBED THE TOP OF THE T-NUT INTO THE FACE OF THE WOOD

Cross Section end views, you are looking at an Xray view of the post and T-nut. The barrel of the T-nut is in the corner post the line is the face of the wood.



Correct



PICTURE	DESCRIPTION	QTY.
	4 x 4 x 70'' MONKEY BAR RUNNER - LEFT <b>4-4-7000-MBRL</b>	1
	4 x 4 x 70'' MONKEY BAR RUNNER - RIGHT <b>4-4-7000-MBRR</b>	1
<u> </u>	4 x 4 x 86.50" MONKEY BAR LADDER SIDE <b>4-4-8650-MBL</b>	2
	4 x 4 x 22.5" MONKEY BAR SUPPORT <b>4-4-2225-MBS</b>	2
	1-5/16" DIA. X 19.75" Long" Monkey Bar <b>1975-MB</b>	9
	8-5/8''W X 6-1/2''H MONKEY BAR PLATE <b>11-1209</b>	2
	SAFETY HANDLE	2

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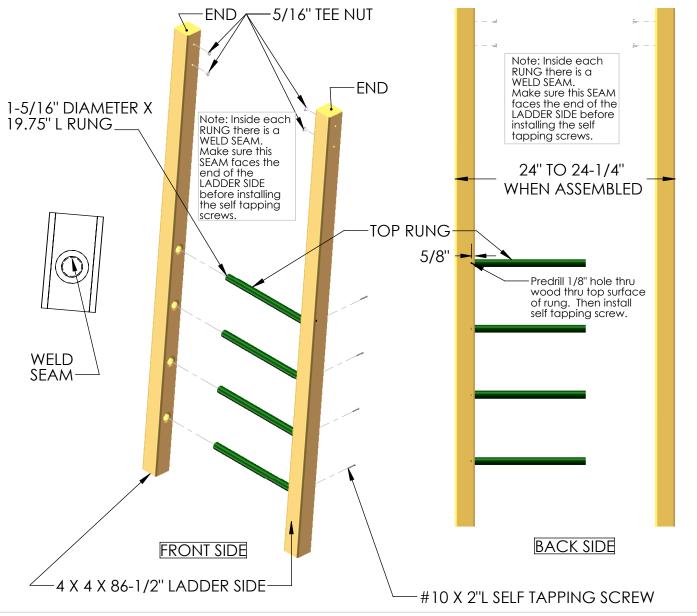
### STEP 1: ASSEMBLING THE LADDER

1: SEE **FRONT SIDE** BELOW. START WITH THE 4 X 4 X 86-1/2"L LADDER SIDES. WITH THE LARGE HOLES FACING YOU INSTALL A TEE NUT INTO THE TWO SMALL HOLES AT THE END OF EACH SIDE.

2: SEE **FRONT SIDE** BELOW. LOCATE FOUR 1-5/16" DIAMETER X 19.75" LONG CYLINDRICAL MONKEY BAR RUNGS. LAY ONE LADDER SIDE ON THE GROUND WITH THE LARGE HOLES FACING UP. INSERT A RUNG INTO EACH LARGE HOLE WITH THE WELD SEAM INSIDE THE RUNG FACING THE **END** OF THE LADDER SIDE. YOU MAY HAVE TO USE A RUBBER MALLET TO SEAT THE RUNG AGAINST THE BOTTOM OF EACH LARGE HOLE.

3: SEE **BACK SIDE** BELOW. MEASURE 5/8" FROM THE INSIDE EDGE OF THE LADDER SIDE AND MAKE A MARK CENTERED OVER THE TOP RUNG. MAKE SURE THE RUNG IS SEATED AGAINST THE BOTTOM OF HOLE. PREDRILL A 1/8" PILOT HOLE THROUGH THE WOOD, THEN THROUGH THE TOP SURFACE OF THE RUNG FACING YOU. NEXT, DRIVE A #10 X 2"L SELF TAPPING SCREW THROUGH THE WOOD INTO THE RUNG. REPEAT THIS STEP FOR EACH RUNG, PREDRILLING THEM ONE AT A TIME AND THEN INSTALLING A #10 X 2"L SELF TAPPING SCREW.

4: PLACE THE LADDER SIDE WITH THE RUNGS IN IT ON THE GROUND WITH THE RUNGS POINTING UPWARDS. LOCATE THE OTHER LADDER SIDE AND PLACE THE LARGE HOLES ONTO THE RUNG ENDS. IF NECESSARY USE A RUBBER MALLET TO SEAT THE RUNGS INTO THE BOTTOM OF EACH LARGE HOLE. PLACE THE LADDER DOWN FLAT ON THE GROUND WITH THE SCREWS FACING YOU. REPEAT STEP 3 TO ATTACH THE OTHER LADDER SIDE TO THE RUNGS WITH SELF TAPPING SCREWS.



### STEP 2: ASSEMBLING THE MONKEY BAR ASSEMBLY

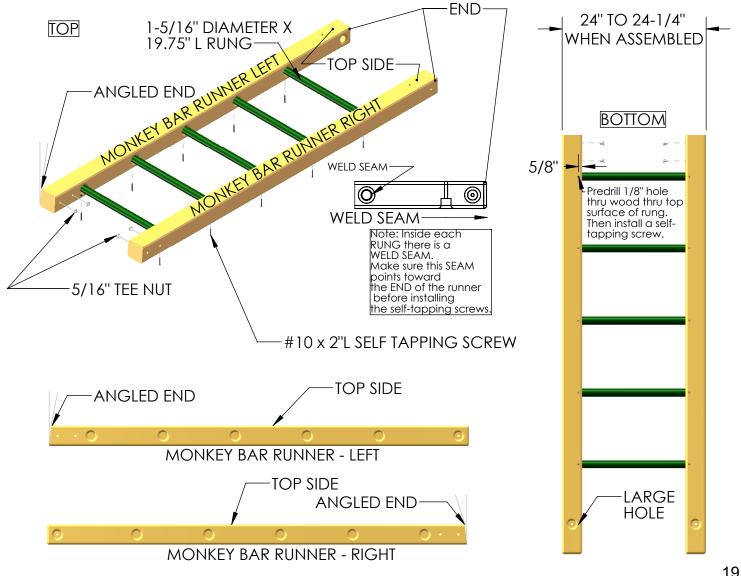
1: PLEASE NOTE: THERE IS A LEFT AND RIGHT MONKEY BAR RUNNER. (See bottom left pictures below.)

2: START WITH THE 4 X 4 X 70" MONKEY BAR RUNNERS. WITH THE FIVE LARGE HOLES FACING YOU INSTALL A 5/16" TEE NUT INTO THE TWO SMALL HOLES AT THE ANGLED END OF EACH MONKEY BAR RUNNFR.

3: SEE TOP BELOW. LOCATE FIVE 1-5/16" DIAMETER X 19.75" LONG CYLINDRICAL MONKEY BAR RUNGS. LAY THE LEFT MONKEY BAR RUNNER ON THE GROUND WITH THE LARGE HOLES FACING UP. INSERT A RUNG INTO EACH LARGE HOLE WITH THE WELD SEAM INSIDE THE RUNG FACING THE END OF THE RUNNER. YOU MAY HAVE TO USE A RUBBER MALLET TO SEAT THE RUNG AGAINST THE BOTTOM OF EACH LARGE HOLE. DO NOT ATTACH THE **RIGHT** MONKEY BAR RUNNER TO THE RUNGS YET.

4: SEE BOTTOM AT RIGHT BELOW. THE BOTTOM SIDE OF EACH MONKEY BAR RUNNER HAS ONLY ONE LARGE HOLE IN IT. MEASURE 5/8" FROM THE INSIDE EDGE OF THE MONKEY BAR RUNNER AND MAKE A MARK CENTERED OVER THE RUNG. MAKE SURE THE RUNG IS SEATED AGAINST THE BOTTOM OF HOLE. PREDRILL A 1/8" PILOT HOLE THROUGH THE WOOD, THEN THROUGH THE TOP SURFACE OF THE RUNG FACING YOU. NEXT, DRIVE A #10 X 2"L SELF TAPPING SCREW THROUGH THE WOOD INTO THE RUNG. REPEAT THIS STEP FOR EACH RUNG, PREDRILLING THEM ONE AT A TIME AND THEN INSTALLING A #10 X 2"L SELF TAPPING SCREW.

5: PLACE THE LEFT MONKEY BAR RUNNER WITH THE RUNGS ATTACHED TO IT ON THE GROUND WITH THE RUNGS POINTING UPWARDS. LOCATE THE **RIGHT** MONKEY BAR RUNNER AND PLACE THE FIVE LARGE HOLES ONTO THE RUNG ENDS. IF NECESSARY USE A RUBBER MALLET TO SEAT THE RUNGS INTO THE BOTTOM OF EACH LARGE HOLE. PLACE THE MONKEY BAR RUNNER ASSEMBLY DOWN FLAT ON THE GROUND WITH THE SCREWS FACING YOU. REPEAT STEP 4.

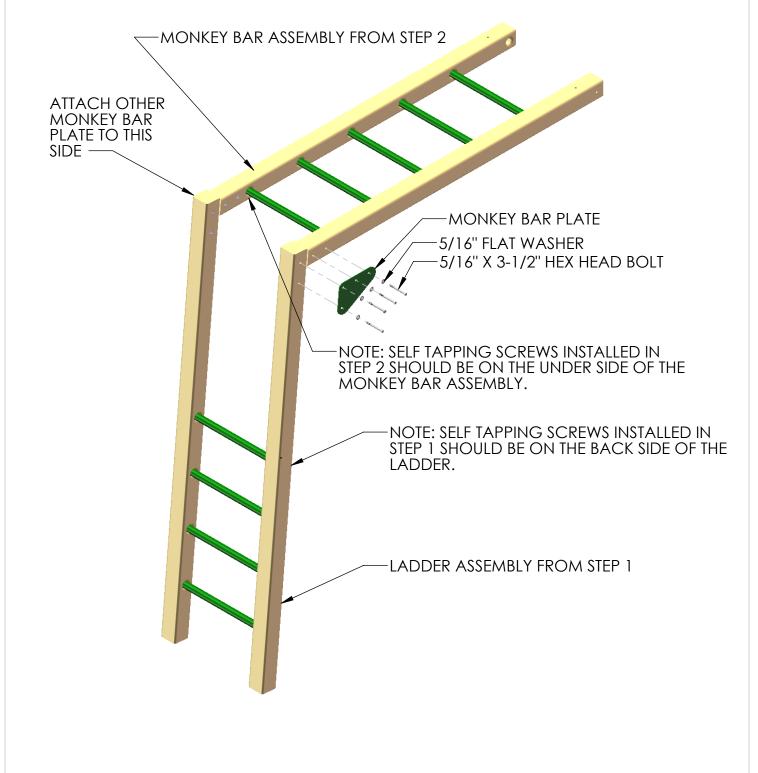


### STEP 3: ATTACHING THE LADDER TO THE MONKEY BAR ASSEMBLY

1: LOCATE TWO 8-5/8" W X 6-1/2"H MONKEY BAR PLATES, EIGHT 5/16" X 3-1/2"L HEX BOLTS AND EIGHT 5/16" FLAT WASHERS. **LOOSELY** ATTACH THE LADDER ASSEMBLY TO THE MONKEY BAR ASSEMBLY WITH THE MONKEY BAR PLATES. USE 5/16" X 3-1/2"L HEX BOLTS WITH 5/16" FLAT WASHERS TO ATTACH THE MONKEY BAR PLATES TO THE TEE NUTS PREVIOUSLY INSTALLED..

2: ONCE ALL THE HEX BOLTS ARE STARTED IN THE TEE NUTS TIGHTEN THEM DOWN.

NOTE: THE SELF TAPPING SCREWS INSTALLED IN STEPS 1 & 2 SHOULD BE FACING BACK SIDE OF THE LADDER ASSEMBLY AND THE UNDER SIDE OF THE MONKEY BAR ASSEMBLY.

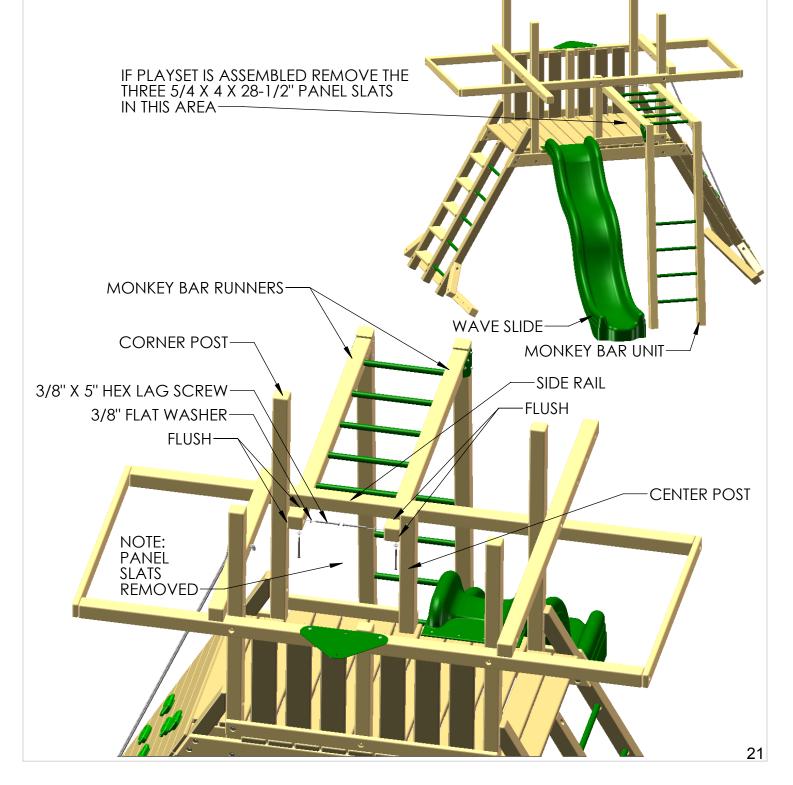


### STEP 4: ATTACHING THE MONKEY BAR UNIT TO THE PLAYSET

1: IF YOUR PLAYSET IS ALREADY ASSEMBLED AND YOU PURCHASED THE MONKEY BAR ADD ON KIT THEN YOU MUST REMOVE THE THREE 5/4 X 4 X 28-1/2" PANEL SLATS IN THE AREA SHOWN IN THE TOP RIGHT PICTURE BELOW. SAVE THE PANEL SLATS FOR INSTALLATION IN STEP 6.

2: POSITION THE MONKEY BAR UNIT AS SHOWN BELOW NEXT TO THE WAVE SLIDE. A SECOND PERSON WILL BE NEEDED FOR THIS STEP.

3: MAKE THE END SURFACE OF THE MONKEY BAR RUNNERS FLUSH WITH THE CORNER POST AND CENTER POST. MAKE THE TOP SURFACE OF THE MONKEY BAR RUNNERS FLUSH WITH THE BOTTOM SURFACE OF THE SIDE RAIL. HAVE AN ASSISTANT HOLD EACH MONKEY BAR RUNNER IN POSITION WHILE YOU DRIVE IN TWO 3/8" X 5" HEX LAG SCREWS WITH TWO 3/8" WASHERS THROUGH THE HOLES IN THE MONKEY BAR RUNNER END.



### STEP 5: ATTACHING THE MONKEY BAR SUPPORTS

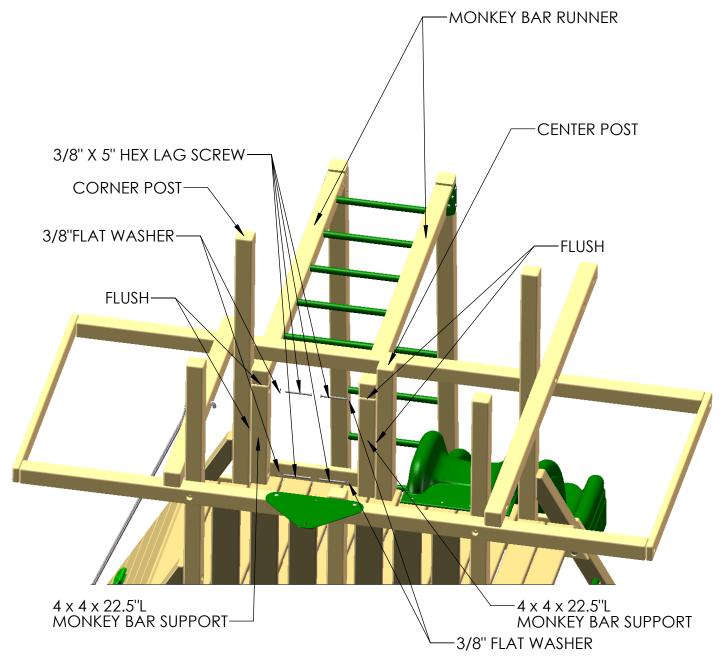
1: START WITH THE TWO 4 X 4 X 22-1/2"L MONKEY BAR SUPPORTS.

2: PLACE A MONKEY BAR SUPPORT AGAINST THE CORNER POST WITH THE LARGE HOLES FACING THE THE CENTER POST. THE TOP END SURFACE OF THE MONKEY BAR SUPPORT SHOULD BE FLUSH WITH THE BOTTOM SURFACE OF THE MONKEY BAR RUNNER. THE SIDE SURFACE OF THE MONKEY BAR SUPPORT SHOULD BE FLUSH WITH THE SIDE SURFACE OF THE CORNER POST.

3: ATTACH THE MONKEY BAR SUPPORT TO THE CORNER POST WITH TWO 3/8" X 5" HEX LAG SCREWS AND TWO 3/8" FLAT WASHERS.

4: PLACE A MONKEY BAR SUPPORT AGAINST THE CENTER POST WITH THE LARGE HOLES FACING THE THE CORNER POST. THE TOP END SURFACE OF THE MONKEY BAR SUPPORT SHOULD BE FLUSH WITH THE BOTTOM SURFACE OF THE MONKEY BAR RUNNER. THE SIDE SURFACE OF THE MONKEY BAR SUPPORT SHOULD BE FLUSH WITH THE SIDE SURFACE OF THE CENTER POST.

5: ATTACH THE MONKEY BAR SUPPORT TO THE CENTER POST WITH TWO 3/8" X 5" HEX LAG SCREWS AND TWO 3/8" FLAT WASHERS.

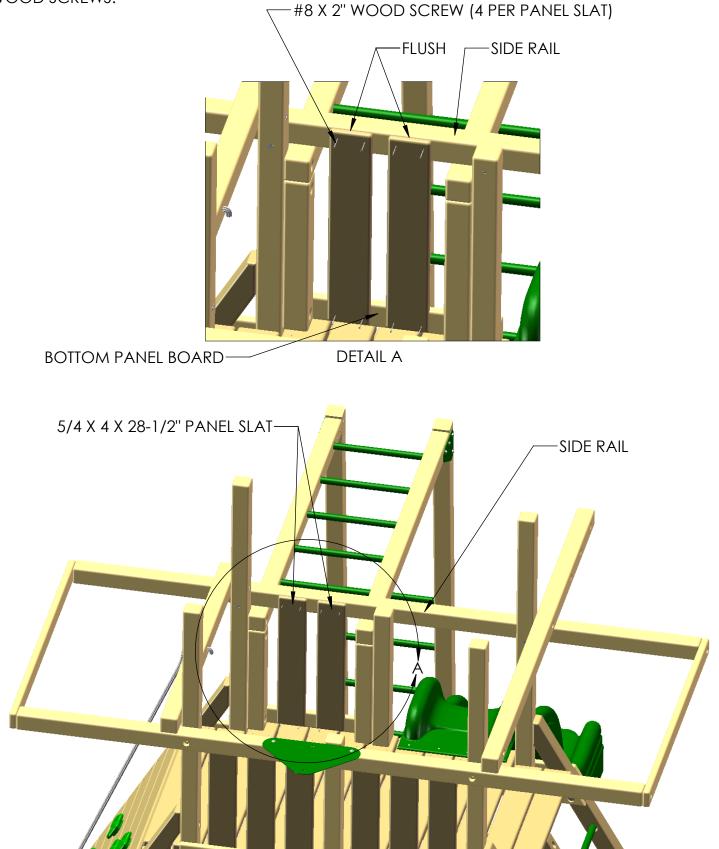


### STEP 6: REATTACHING THE PANEL SLATS

1: LOCATE TWO OF THE 5/4 X 4 X 28-1/2" PANEL SLATS REMOVED IN STEP 4.

2: ALIGN THE TOP END SURFACE OF EACH PANEL SLAT FLUSH WITH THE TOP SURFACE OF THE SIDE RAIL. SPACE THE PANEL SLATS EQUALLY IN THE OPENING.

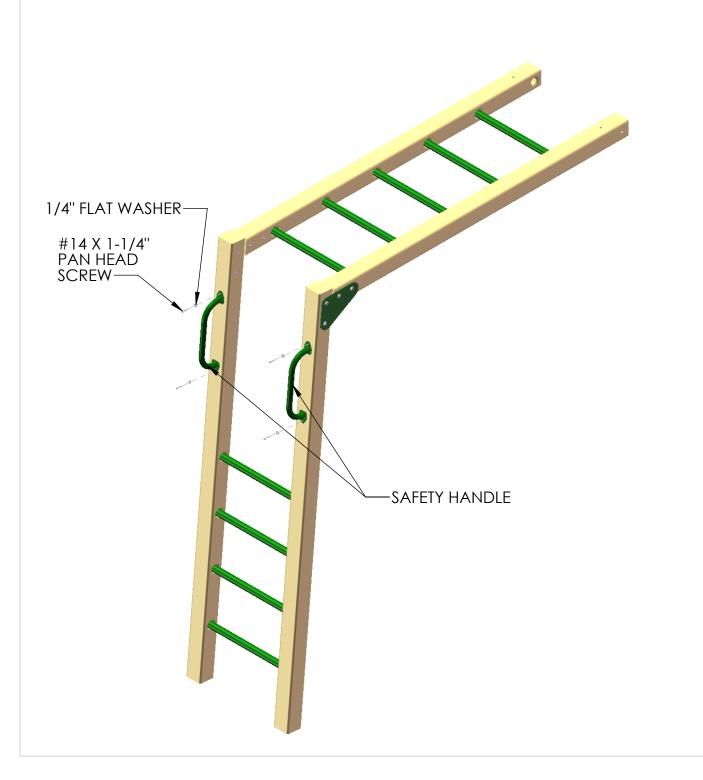
3: ATTACH EACH PANEL SLAT TO THE SIDE RAIL AND BOTTOM PANEL BOARD USING FOUR #8 X 2" WOOD SCREWS.



### STEP 7: ATTACHING THE SAFETY HANDLES

1: LOCATE THE TWO GREEN SAFETY HANDLES, FOUR #14 X 1-1/4" PAN HEAD SCREWS AND FOUR 1/4" FLAT WASHERS.

2: ATTACH EACH SAFETY HANDLE TO THE LADDER SIDE WITH TWO #14 X 1-1/4" PAN HEAD SCREWS AND TWO 1/4" FLAT WASHERS PER HANDLE. ADJUST THE HANDLES UP AND DOWN VERTICALLY TO SUIT YOUR CHILD'S REACH.



#### WARRANTY REGISTRATION

- 704 - MONKEY BARS -

Gorilla Playsets manufactures the finest quality products that are designed for outstanding strength and durability. We back our products with an unparalleled warranty. In the unlikely event that you will need to contact us about covered repairs, we must have a valid Warranty Registration on file.

3 EASY WAYS TO REGISTER			
OPTION 1	Fax this completed form to: (678) 880-3329	Mail this completed form to: Gorilla Playsets 190 Etowah Industrial Court Canton, GA 30114	
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