

## How to build Arbours and Arches



These pages feature simple step-by-step instuctions for the construction of an arbour or arch (an arbour can be thought of as an arch with a seat and back panel added).

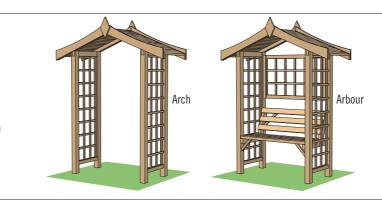
**BUILDING AN ARBOUR OR ARCH** 

Assemble the seat

Once both sides are fixed stand

the assembly upright and fix

the back trellis panel.



## **BEFORE YOU START**

fixed to the posts (i.e. between

steps 6 and 7 as shown above).

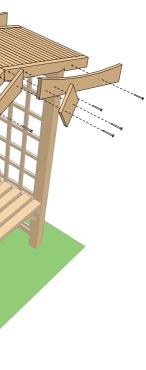
• Before you start, check all component parts against the parts list.

• Have someone available to help you - two people are recommended for the assembly. • Ensure you have a clean flat area of adequate size for the assembly. • Make sure you have the right tools for the job. Sprit level Assembly time is approximately one hour for the construction of an Hammer arbour and half an hour for an arch (excluding hole preparation time) Assemble the roof. This is usually four screws Screw the seat to one of the side fixed at the apex of the roof as shown. assemblies as shown. Fix the other side section to the seat. 6 Fit the assembled roof as shown, using four screws driven into the top of the side section posts. Ensure the seat is square with the Fix the fascias and finials. side sections and fix braces. Arches The procedure for an arch is the same as an arbour except that there is no seat or back trellis panel to fit. Struts may be supplied to fix between the roof and posts for added stability. These should be fitted once the roof has been

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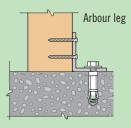




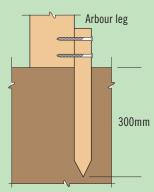
## FIXING TO THE GROUND

**Arbours** can be free-standing or fixed to the ground in the following ways:

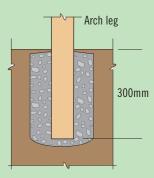
For hard surfaces such as concrete use four metal right angle brackets (one for each post), fixed to the ground using anchor bolts.



For a soft surface, timber stakes should be driven into the ground and the legs of the arbour fixed to them.



Arches have longer legs and should be embedded into soft ground. Fix the legs in place using a post-fix product such as MetCrete.



For a solid surface the Arch legs may need to be cut to give a suitable height. To provide stability use metal angle brackets as above or attach the arch to another stable structure such as a fence post or pair of planters.