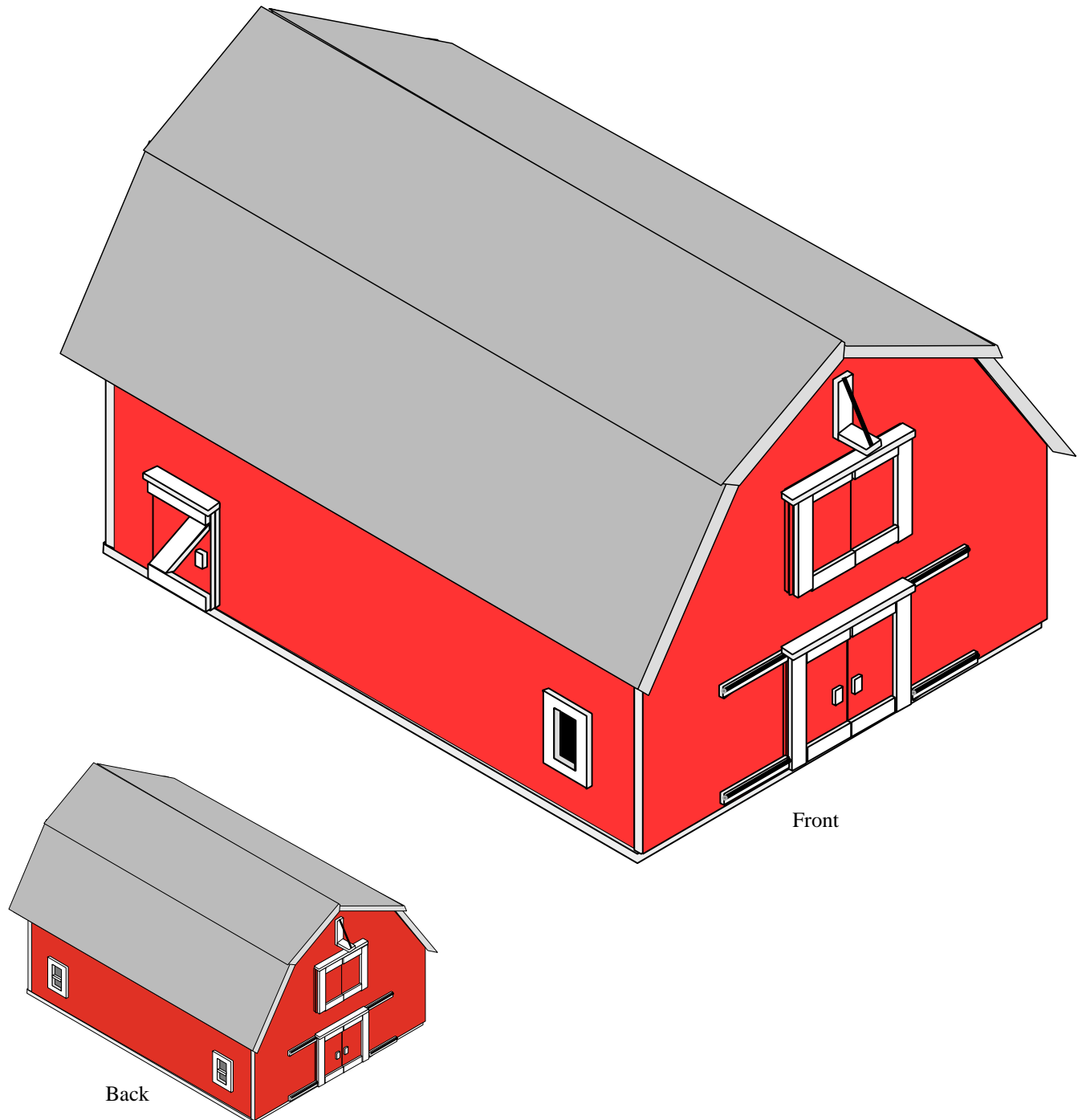


Scaled and easy to read patterns and instructions  
for a Barn made from wood.  
Compatible with Garden Scale Railroads  
and Garden Town Houses or Buildings

- Build Barn from 1/4" plywood
- Build doors and windows from 1/8" Balsa wood  
or Hardwood and plastic glazing for panes

Patterns include:  
•Barn building complete  
with Doors and Windows

Overall Dimensions  
Foundation: 14" x 18-1/2"  
Walls: 6" high with 13-3/8" roof peak





## Introduction

Thank you for purchasing our Garden Towns Barn pattern. It was designed to accompany the Garden Town Houses and the Garden Town Buildings series. All were instigated by a happy retired "dad" who loves trains of any size and most recently the Garden Scale Trains. However, the scaled buildings can be used to add interest to your flower gardens, fish pond or whatever ideas you may have. They can be used as a backdrop toy for a child. They are as unique as you wish to make them and inspire a nostalgia for a few years gone by.

Enjoy your project!

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- Buildings are constructed from 1/4" thick plywood.
- Framing for the walls is made from 1" Furring strips (nominally 3/4" thick)
- Garden Town Doors and Windows are made from 1/8" thick Balsa wood or  
Hardwood and plastic glazing for the window panes

•For a few hints to experiment with on the wall finishes see "Simulated Patterns" in our free Kiva Design **Food For Thought** brochure

Conversion	
Inches =	Feet
12"	1'
24"	2'
36"	3'
48"	4'
60"	5'
72"	6'
84"	7'
96"	8'
108"	9'
120"	10'
132"	11'
144"	12'
156"	13'
168"	14'
180"	15'
192"	16'
204"	17'
216"	18'
228"	19'
240"	20'
252"	21'
264"	22'
276"	23'
288"	24'
300"	25'

**Tools Needed for Building**

- Saw (for cutting small wood pieces, a jig saw or coping saw)
- Hammer or Stapler or Air Gun
- Optional Drill for pilot holes
- Clamps
- T-Square
- Level
- Ruler and Pencil (We prefer see-thru rulers with grids for the small pieces)

**Optional - Items to consider from the hobby store:**

Lights- Add Lights according to manufacturers instructions.

You can buy scaled wood shingles for your roof, as well as assorted other detailed items. Make your own signs with help from a stencil or the stick-on letters and numbers available.

**Plus If you are making Doors & Windows from Balsa wood**

•X-Acto knife and metal ruler for guide

**Optional:**

- Ruler - the plastic see-thru kind with 1/8" grid is a plus
- Balsa stripper - This little gizmo is used for making various widths of uniform strips from balsa wood. You can set it to cut small widths, (1/8", 1/4", 1/2" etc.)It saves a lot of time if you prefer to cut your own strips.

Of course you can buy the strips "ready made" at a higher price.

•Clamps (small) - For example, the X-Acto clamps for small pieces are very handy.

**Supplies Needed - General**

- 5/8" Staples or Brads
- 3/8" - 5/8" Small flat head wood screws
- 2" Finishing Nails
- Wood Glue suitable for outdoors
- Paint or Stain-  
We suggest the water based Acrylic Paints found in a multitude of colors in arts and crafts stores.
- Sealer -  
Water Base Varnish found with the acrylic paints or a sealer such as polyurethane.
- Optional: Caulking for sealing porches, roofs, etc.

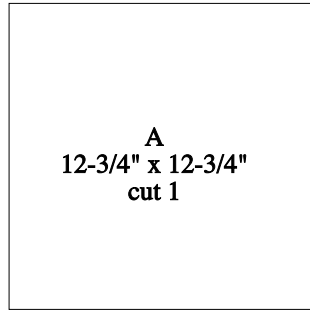
Guide for 1" x 1" x 8' Furring Strips		
1	8'	96"
2	16'	192"
3	24'	288"
4	32'	384"
5	40'	480"

Specific Building Supplies		For Details See Page
<b>1/4" Plywood</b> (No. of Sheets)	48" x 33" (1) 4' x 4'	5
<b>1" x 1" Furring Strips</b> (nominally 3/4" x 3/4") Total	172"	5
<b>1/8" Balsa or Hardwood (4" x 36" Boards)</b> Doors & Windows or See Option if you want to buy strips	2	5
<b>Clear Plastic Glazing for Windows</b> 2" x 3"		5
<b>Wood Dowel</b> 1/8" x 22"		14
Optional Small Parts Frame Page 4 1/4" Plywood -no extra needed 1" x 1" Furring Strips - Add 52"		

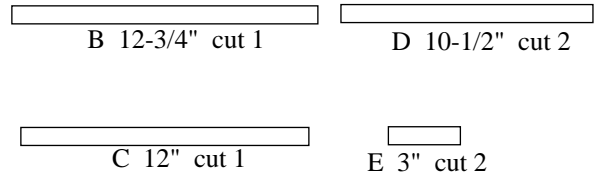
### Assembly Frame for Small Items

Cut from plywood -1/4" thick or any scrap

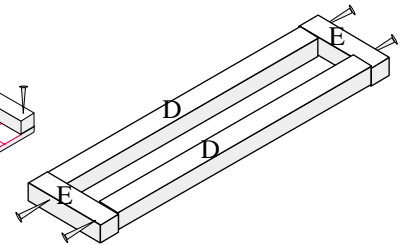
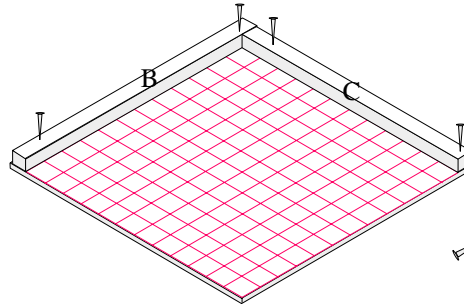
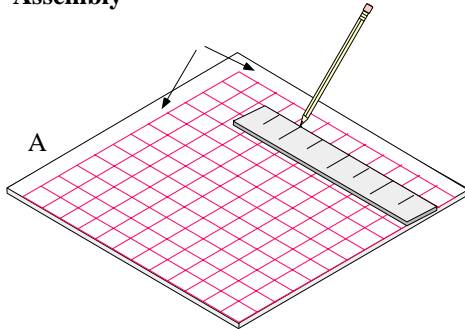
Patterns



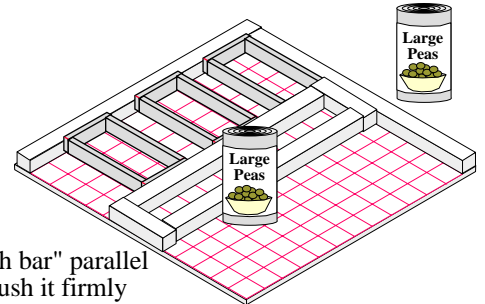
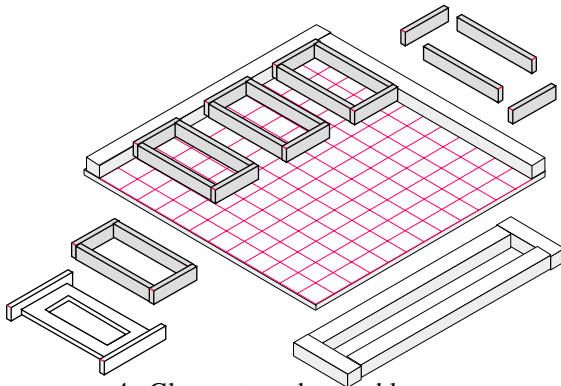
Cut from 1" x 1" Framing (nominally 3/4" x 3/4")



Assembly



- Using pencil or pen and ruler, draw lines 3/4" inside of 2 adjacent sides of the base. The frame will be placed in this area. From those 2 lines, draw lines at 1" intervals, forming a 1" grid.
- Nail and glue frame parts B and C in place, as shown, maintaining a square corner.
- Using glue and nails, assemble the frame "push bar", as shown. Again, make sure that the corners are square.



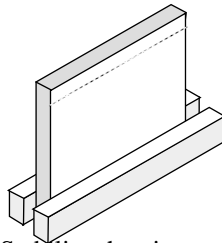
- Glue parts and assemble inside the frame. The grid will help you keep the pieces straight. You can assemble several "like" pieces at one time.

- Keep the "push bar" parallel to side C and push it firmly against the assembled parts. Use anything with weight to hold the push bar in place until parts are dry. Canned goods you didn't want for dinner work well.

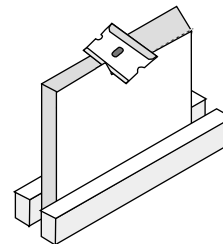
### Trimming 1/8" Balsa wood or hardwood



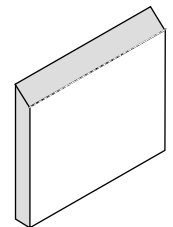
- Using ruler and pencil make a line 1/8" from the inside edge to be mitered



- Stabilize the piece to be mitered with a clamp or other means

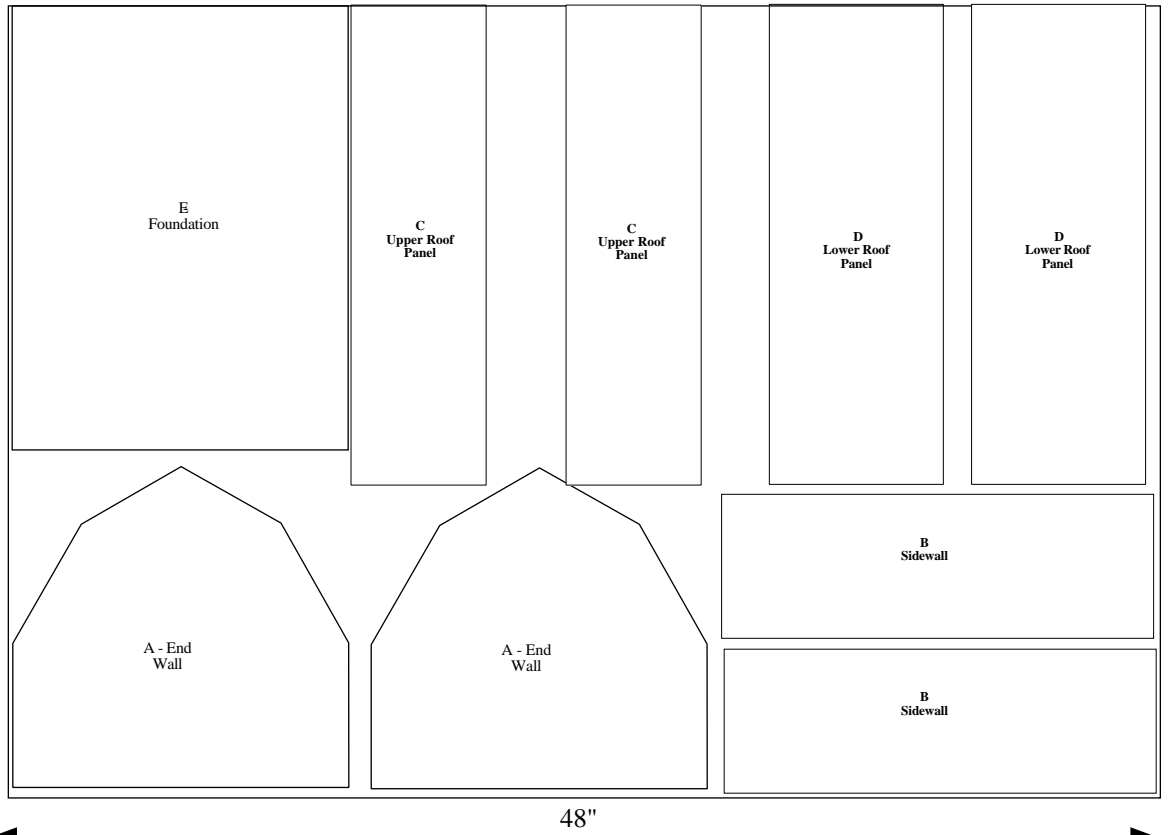


- With blade, carefully trim from the top outside to the marked line. Alternately, the piece can planed or sanded.



Trimmed on the inside

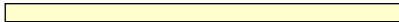
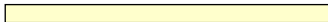
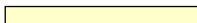
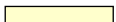
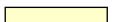
**Barn**  
Layout  
Cut from 1/4" Plywood  
48" x 33"



**The Frame**

You will need to build a frame for which to attach the walls.

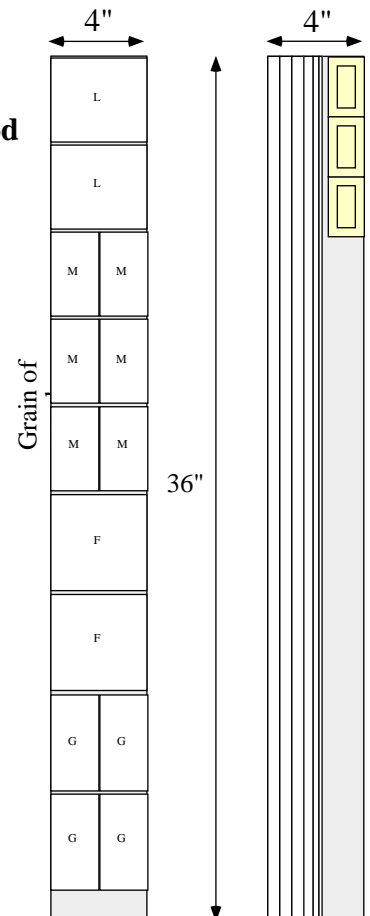
**Framing - 1" x 1" (nominally 3/4" x 3/4")**

	16-1/2"		
	13-1/2"		
	8-1/8"		
	4-1/2"		
	4-1/4"	4 @ 16-1/2"	66"
		4 @ 13-1/2"	54"
		2 @ 8-1/8"	16-1/4"
		4 @ 4-1/2"	18"
		4 @ 4-1/4"	17"
		<b>Total</b>	<b>171-1/4"</b>

Or 15'  
Buy (2) 8' boards

**Doors and Windows**  
Cut from 1/8" thick  
Balsa wood or Hardwood

Recommended:  
(2) 4" x 36" Boards  
or  
Optionally if you prefer to buy ready made strips:  
(1) 4" x 36" Board  
(1) 4" x 18" Board  
(3) 1/2" x 36" Strips  
(1) 3/8" x 18" Strip  
(1) 1/4" x 36" Strip

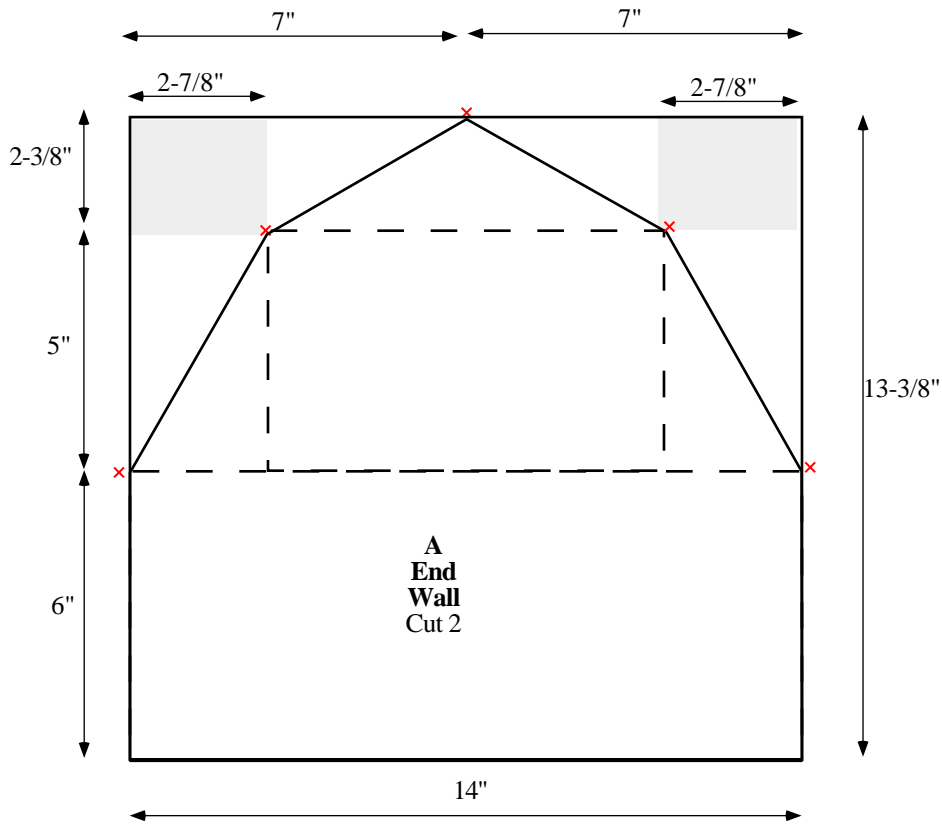


**Window Glazing**



2" x 3"

**Patterns-the Building**  
**Cut from 1/4" Ply-**  
**wood**



**End Wall**

•Begin with Rectangle  
13-3/8" High x 14" Wide

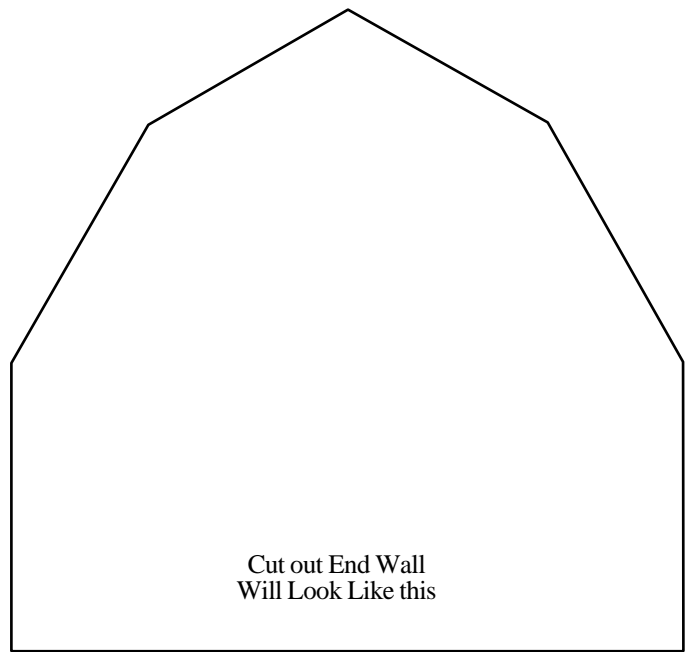
•Measure and mark the top center  
(7" from each side).

•Measure and mark 6" up  
from the bottom on both sides.

•Measure and mark 2-3/8" down from  
each top corner. Then measure 2-7/8"  
towards the center top. Draw a rectangle  
2-3/8" High x 2-7/8" wide. (shaded area  
on illustration). The bottom  
right hand corner of the rectangle  
will be your roof angle point.

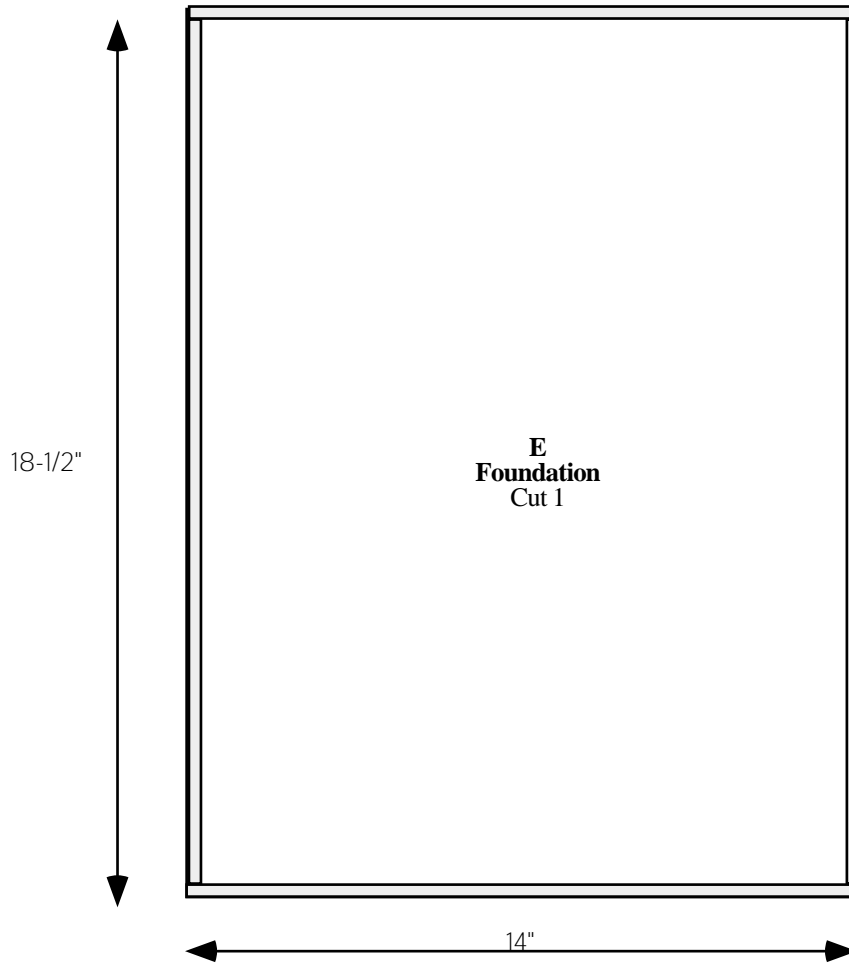
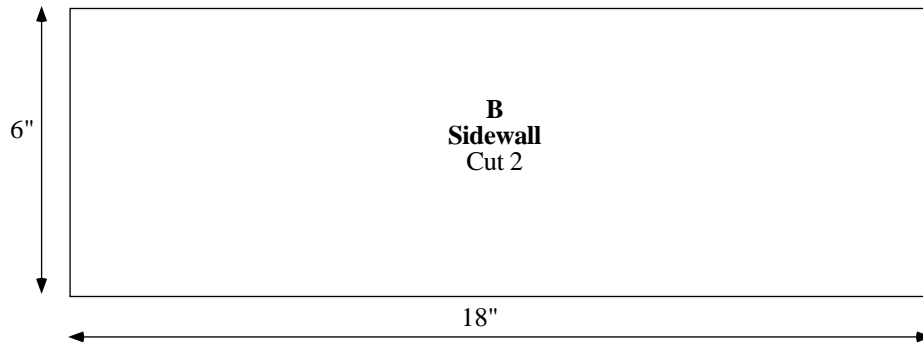
•With ruler, draw lines between  
the x's. This forms the roofline.

•Cut out two End Walls.



Sidewalls and Foundation

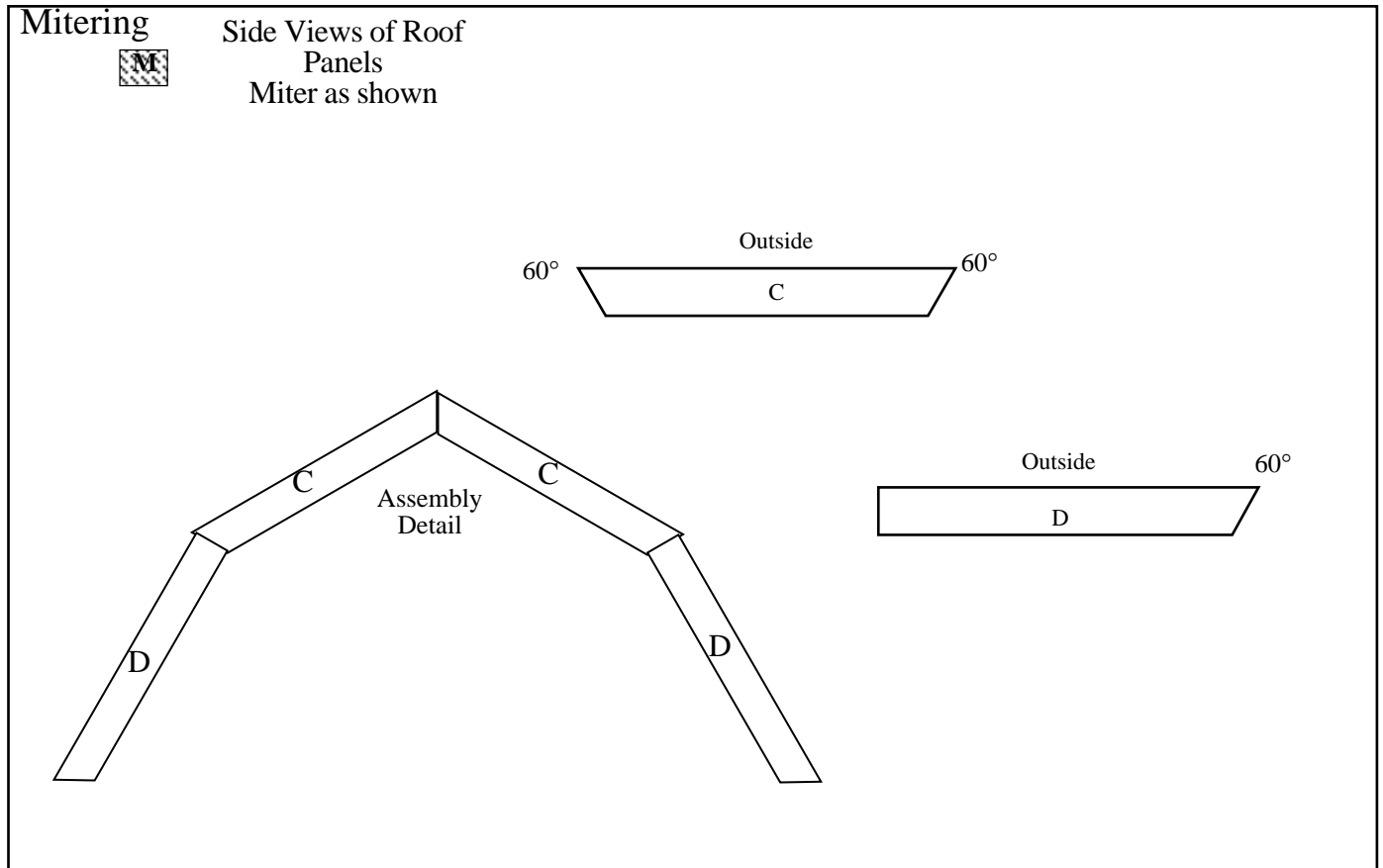
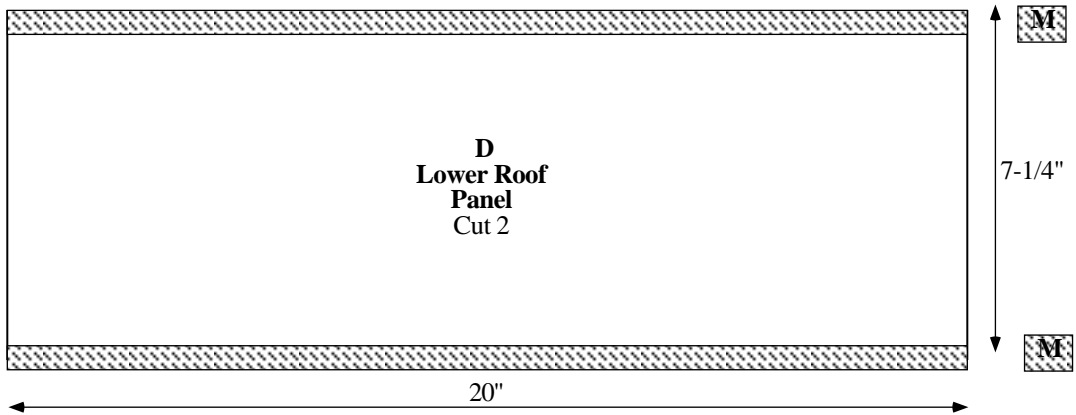
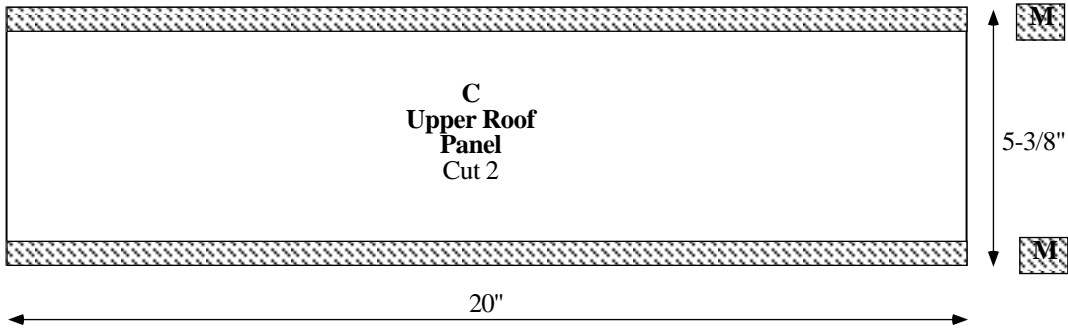
**Patterns-the Building**  
**Cut from 1/4" Plywood**



Wall placement on the foundation is indicated.  
End Walls are assembled outside  
of the side walls.

### The Roof

### Patterns-the Building Cut from 1/4" Plywood

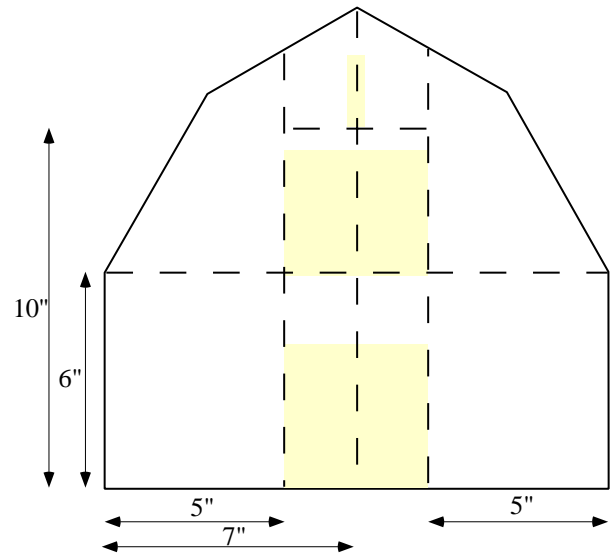
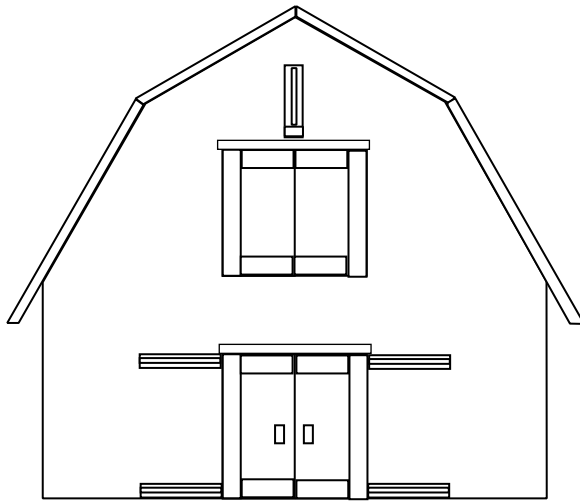




Using ruler and pencil, draw lines on your walls as shown. The lines will be guides for your window templates and door placements.

Place window templates on lines as shown and mark your window cut-outs.

Bottom floor - templates will be placed on the floorline.  
2nd floor- Upper Door will be placed on the 6" horizontal line.



**End Walls**

Vertical lines

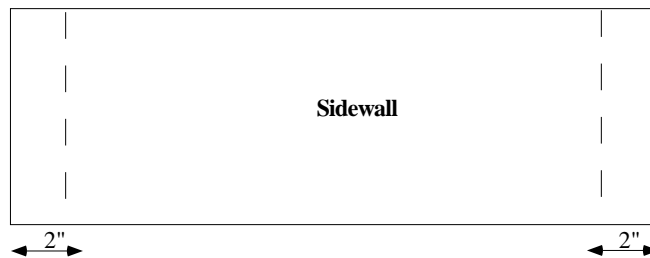
5" from each side to door

7" center

Horizontal line

6" from bottom for Upper Door

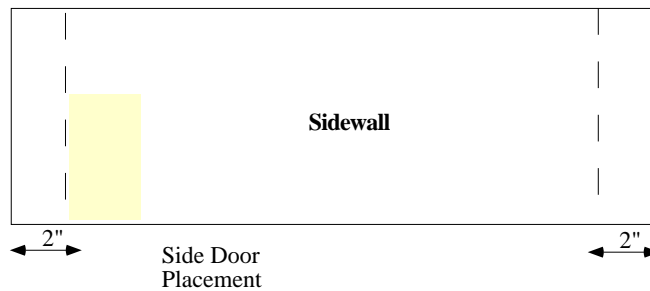
10" from bottom for Rope Frame



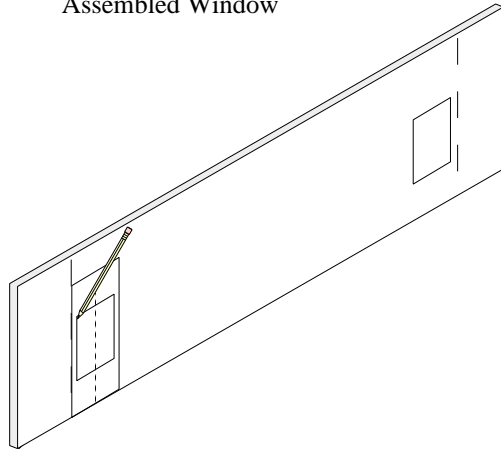
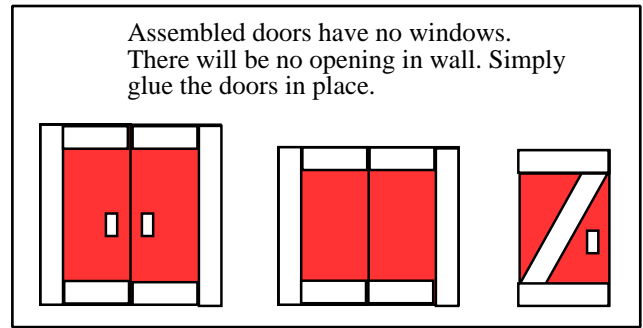
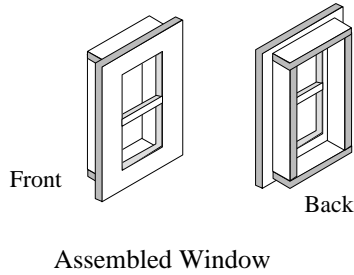
**Side Walls**

Vertical lines

2" from each side

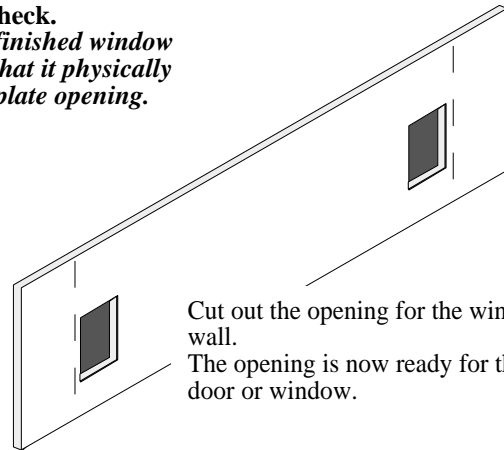


### Template for Window Opening in Wall



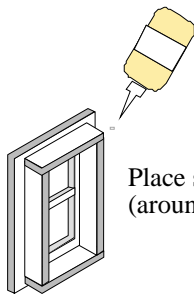
Using your side guide lines, place the template on the bottom of the wall.  
Using template and pencil, mark the window opening on the wall.

**Important:** After you cut out your templates, check that the size and openings are accurate according to dimensions noted. Use a ruler to check. You can take a finished window and make sure that it physically fits into the template opening.



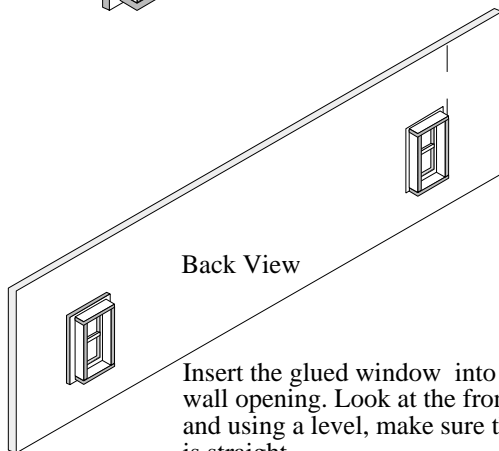
Cut out the opening for the window in the wall.  
The opening is now ready for the finished door or window.

Note: Doors and windows should be painted or stained before you actually insert and secure them into the building. Before gluing windows, check to see that they will easily fit the wall openings. Trim openings if necessary.

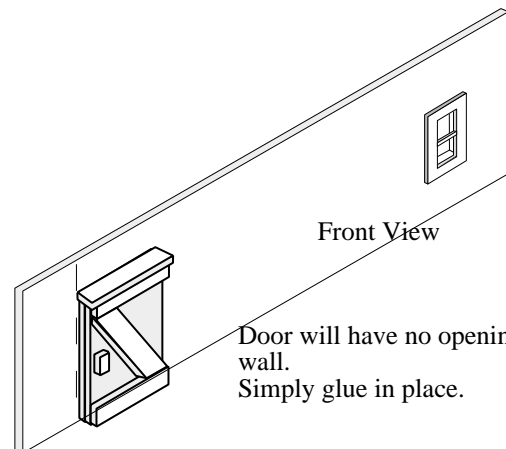


Assemble the barn before installing doors and windows.  
See page 20

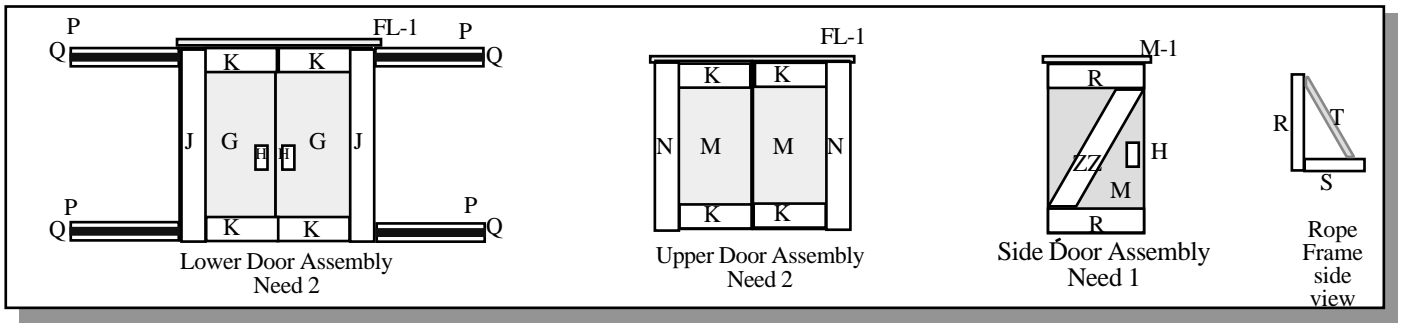
Place some wood glue on the flat backs of the finished window (around the frame). This will adhere to the front of the wall.



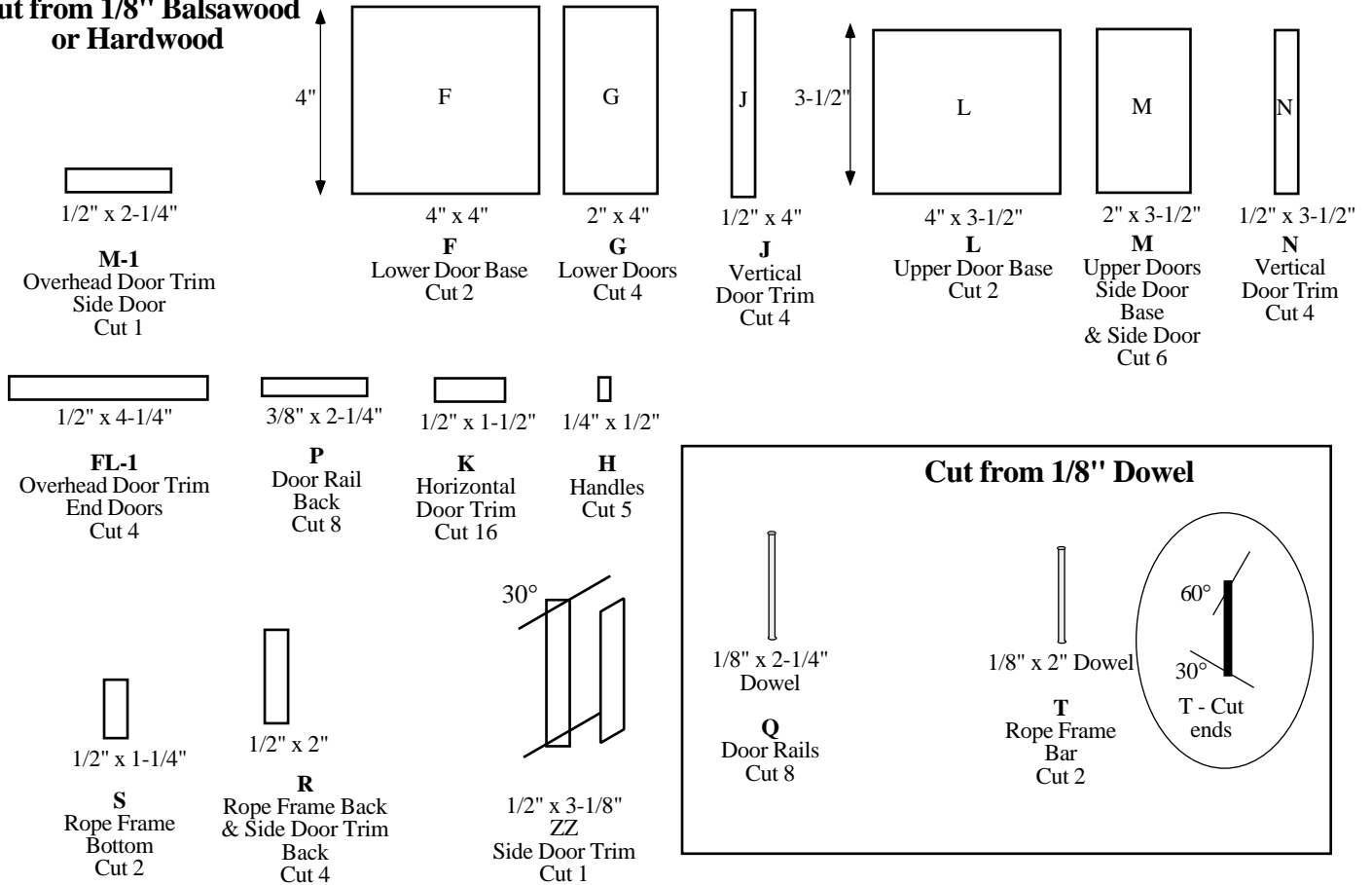
Insert the glued window into the wall opening. Look at the front side and using a level, make sure the window is straight.  
Run a bead of wood glue around the window brace. Allow the glue to dry.



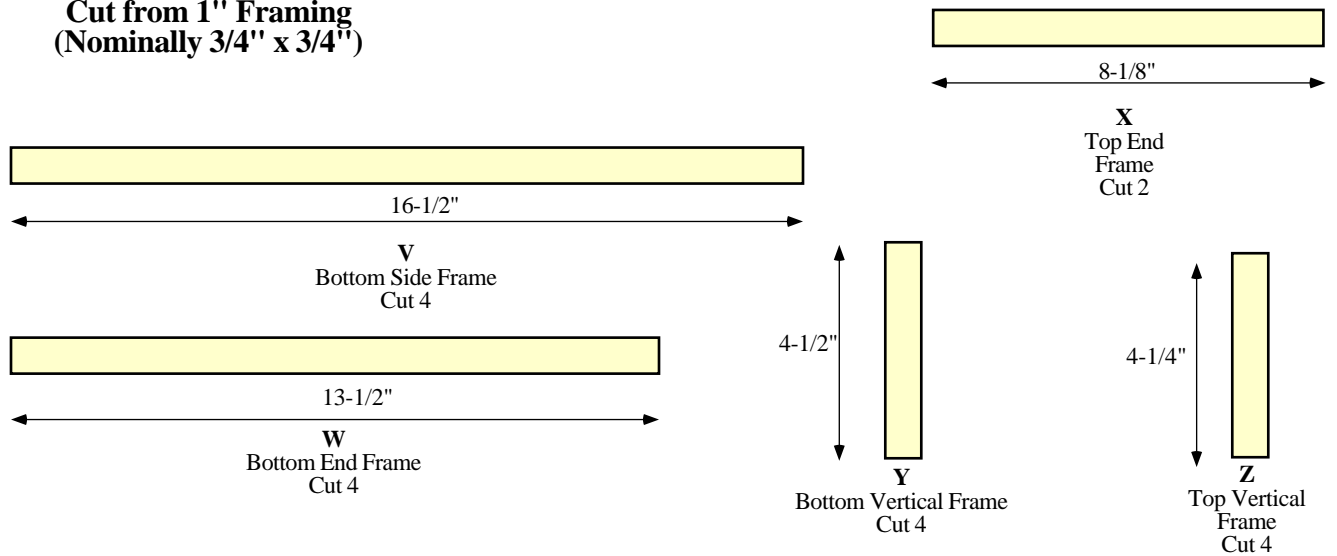
Door will have no opening in wall.  
Simply glue in place.



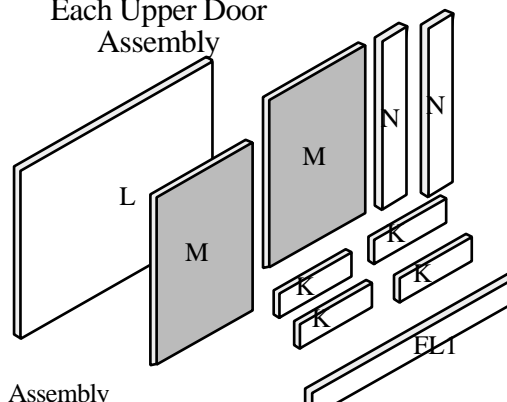
**Cut from 1/8" Balsawood or Hardwood**



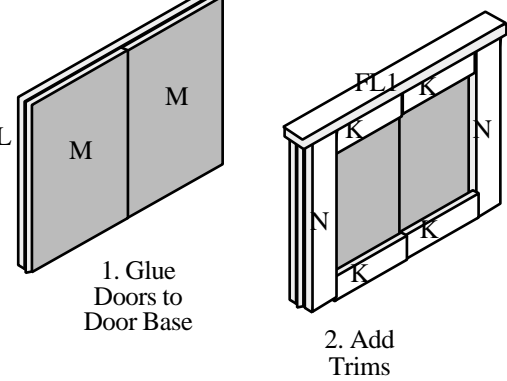
**Cut from 1" Framing  
(Nominally 3/4" x 3/4")**



**Each Upper Door Assembly**



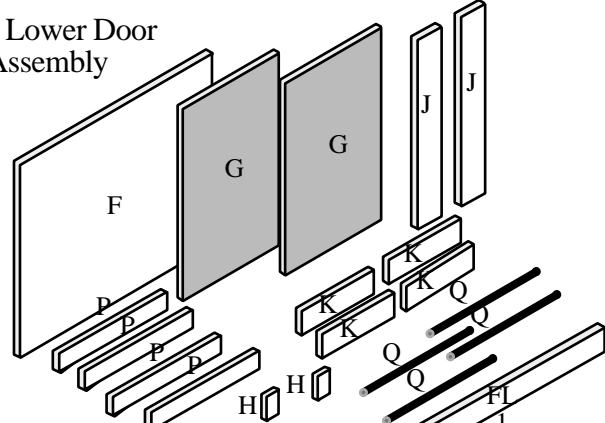
**Assembly**



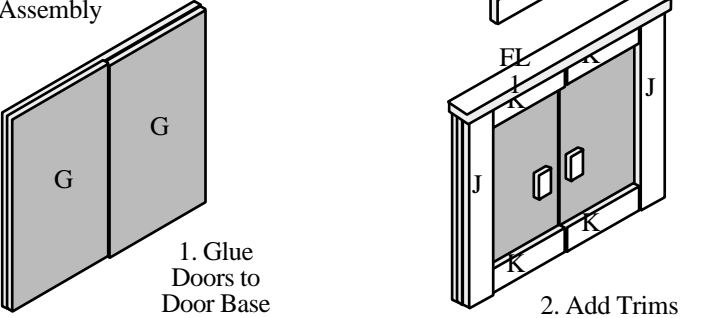
1. Glue Doors to Door Base
2. Add Trims

**Cutout all pieces. You may choose to paint the pieces prior to assembly, especially parts P, Q and T.**

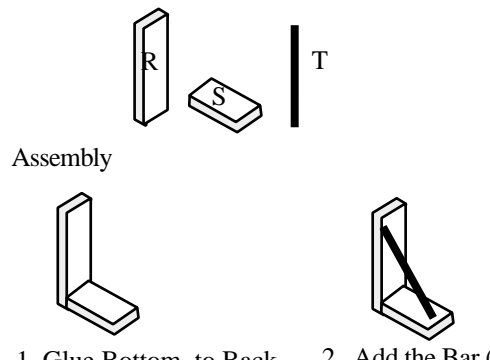
**Each Lower Door Assembly**



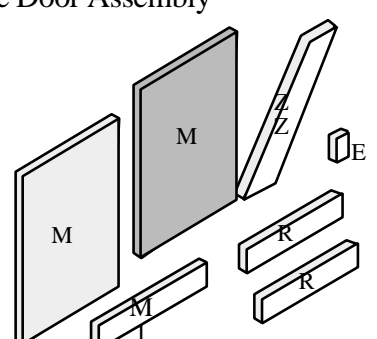
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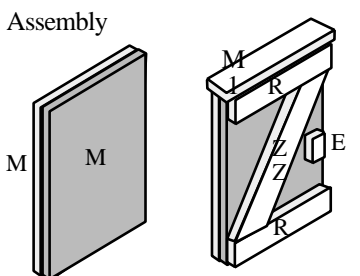
1. Glue Doors to Door Base
2. Add Trims
3. Add Handles(H) to Lower Doors at approximately 1-1/2" above door bottom
4. Glue Rails (Q) onto Rail Backs (P)



**Side Door Assembly**

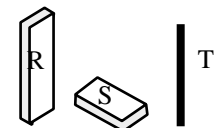


**Assembly**




1. Glue Door to Door Base
2. Add Trims
3. Add Handle (H) at approximately 1-1/2" above door bottom

**Each Rope Frame**

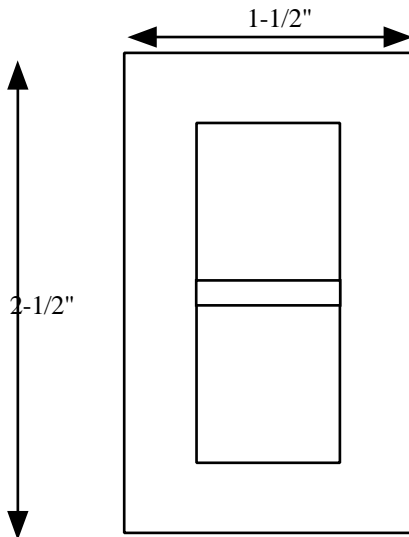


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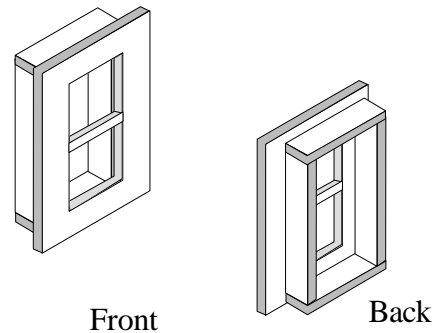


1. Glue Bottom to Back.
2. Add the Bar (T)

The Barn Window will easily install into a 1/4" thick wall. The frame template will show you exactly where to cut the opening in the frame. Wall template will guide you on the opening in the building.



Actual Size



**Tools Needed:**

- For Balsa wood - X-ACTO knife and metal ruler for guide
- For Hardwood- Saw for cutting out small parts (such as a jigsaw or coping saw)
- Clamps - The X-ACTO clamps for small pieces are very helpful
- T-Square
- Ruler - A Plastic See-Thru ruler with 1/8" grid is a plus for small pieces
- Optional: Balsa Stripper - to make uniform strips of wood - saves a lot of time if you have a lot of windows to make. You can actually buy the strips already cut in various widths, (1/4", 3/8", 1/2" etc.) at a higher price.

**Supplies:**

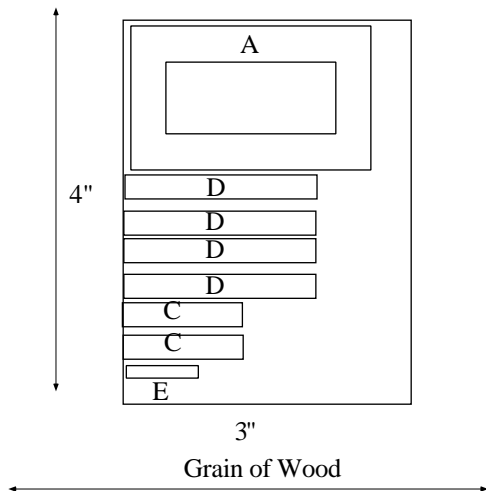
Frames for Windows: All Wood is 1/8" thick. We suggest Balsa wood or a hardwood (such as Basswood) which can be found in hobby and craft stores and some lumberyards. The Balsa wood can be cut with a razor blade or X-ACTO knife. A common size of "board" of either type is 4" wide x 36" long.

Window Panes: You can use clear plastic glazing which is easy to cut with scissors and can usually be found in hobby and craft stores. Check the framing area. The sizes will usually correspond with ready made frames (5" x 7", 8" x 10", etc.). An 8 x 10" sheet will normally be large enough to accommodate all the windows in a building.

- Wood Glue
- Paint or Stain-We recommend the water based acrylic paints which can be found in a multitude of colors at hobby and craft stores.
- Sealer: Either a water base varnish which is sold with the acrylic paints, polyurethane or equivalent.

**If you are using Balsa wood, it is much easier to cut out the pieces if they are cut out on the grain of the wood, as illustrated.**

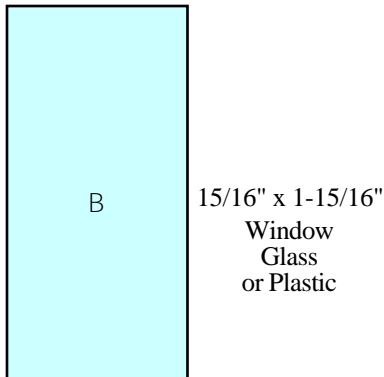
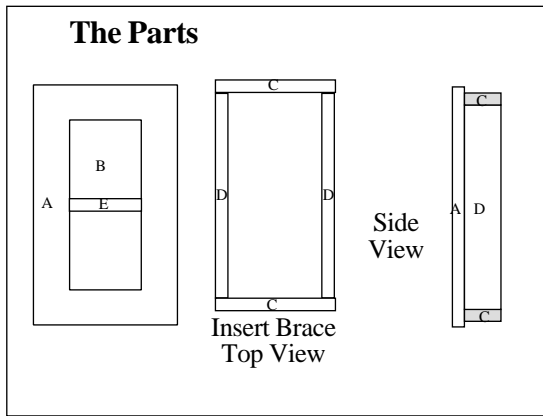
Suggested Layout Window # 1



No. of Windows	Wood Needed
1	4" x 3"
2	4" x 6"
3	4" x 9"
4	4" x 12"
5	4" x 15"
6	4" x 18"

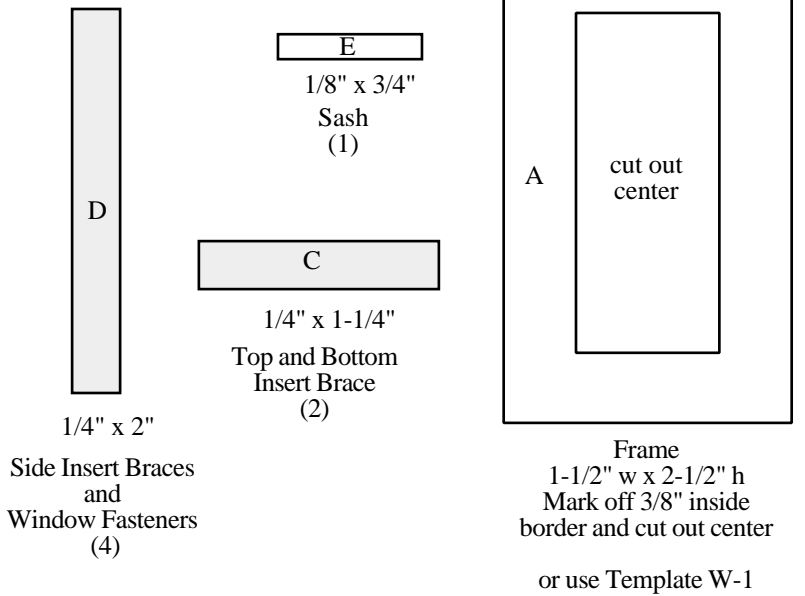
You can make at least 12 Barn Windows from one 4" x 36" Board

Window Panes  
Plastic Glazing, as mentioned above  
8 x 10"



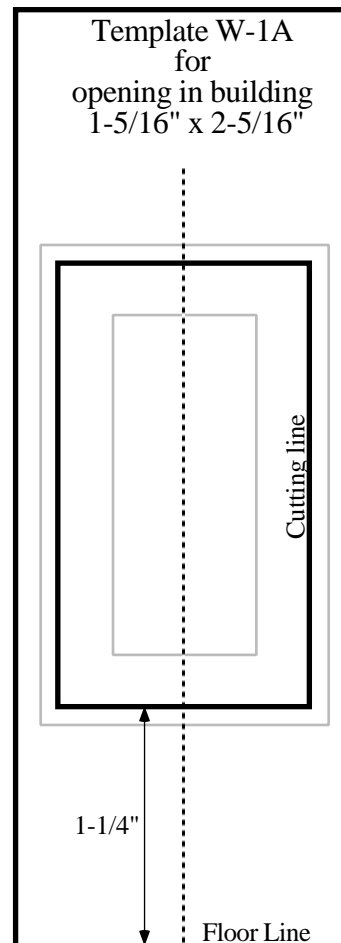
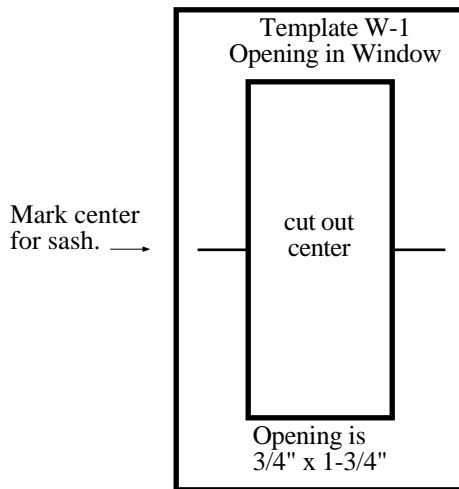
**The Patterns - All Wood is 1/8" thick**

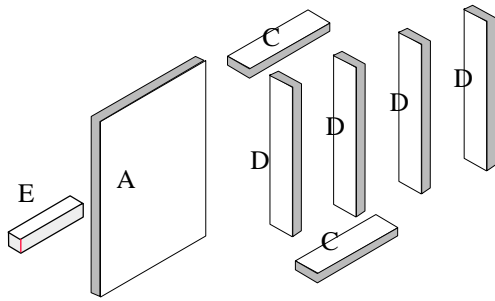
Note: Patterns are actual size



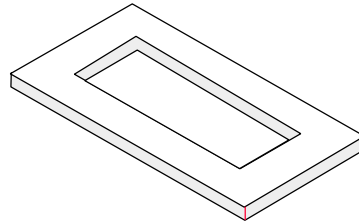
**The Templates - Glue to cardboard and cut out per "using the Template instructions**

You may wish to copy the templates and cut out the copies, leaving the originals intact with instruction booklet.





1. Using the pattern dimensions, cut out all pattern pieces.

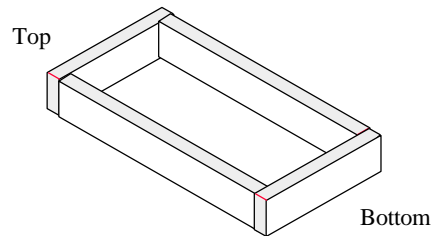
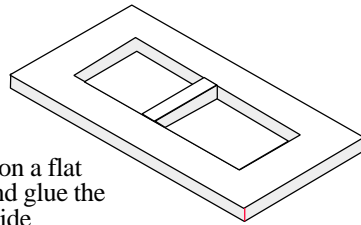


2. Use Template W-1 for marking the opening in frame A. Cut out the opening.

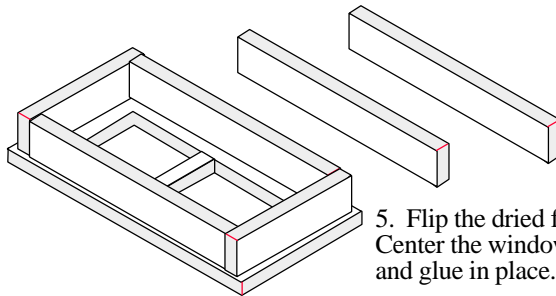
**Hints**

- After cutting out the parts, lightly sand any rough edges.
- Check for squareness and that the parts fit together before gluing.
- When gluing the parts together, always clamp the pieces in place and allow the glue to dry before going on to the next step.

3. Lay Frame (A) on a flat surface. Center and glue the Sash (E) to the inside of the frame.

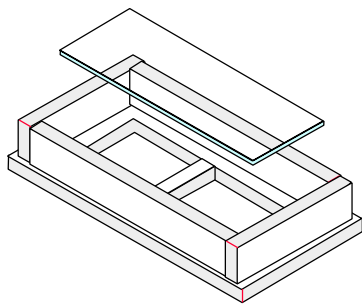


4. On a flat surface, glue the window Brace. Sides (D) are assembled inside of Top and Bottom (C).

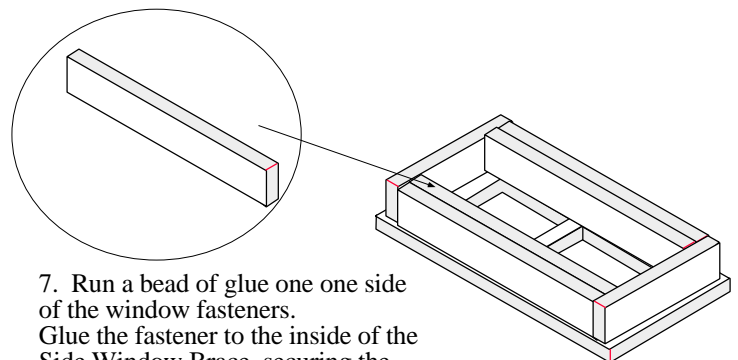


5. Flip the dried frame onto its' back. Center the window brace over the window cut out and glue in place.

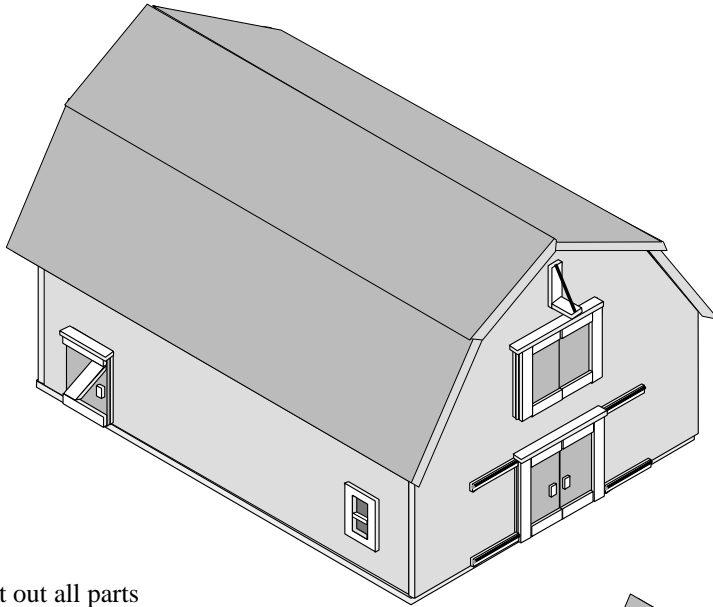
After the glue has dried, paint and seal the window frame and the two window fasteners



6. Drop the window in place. Be sure that the window covers the opening with a margin overlapping.



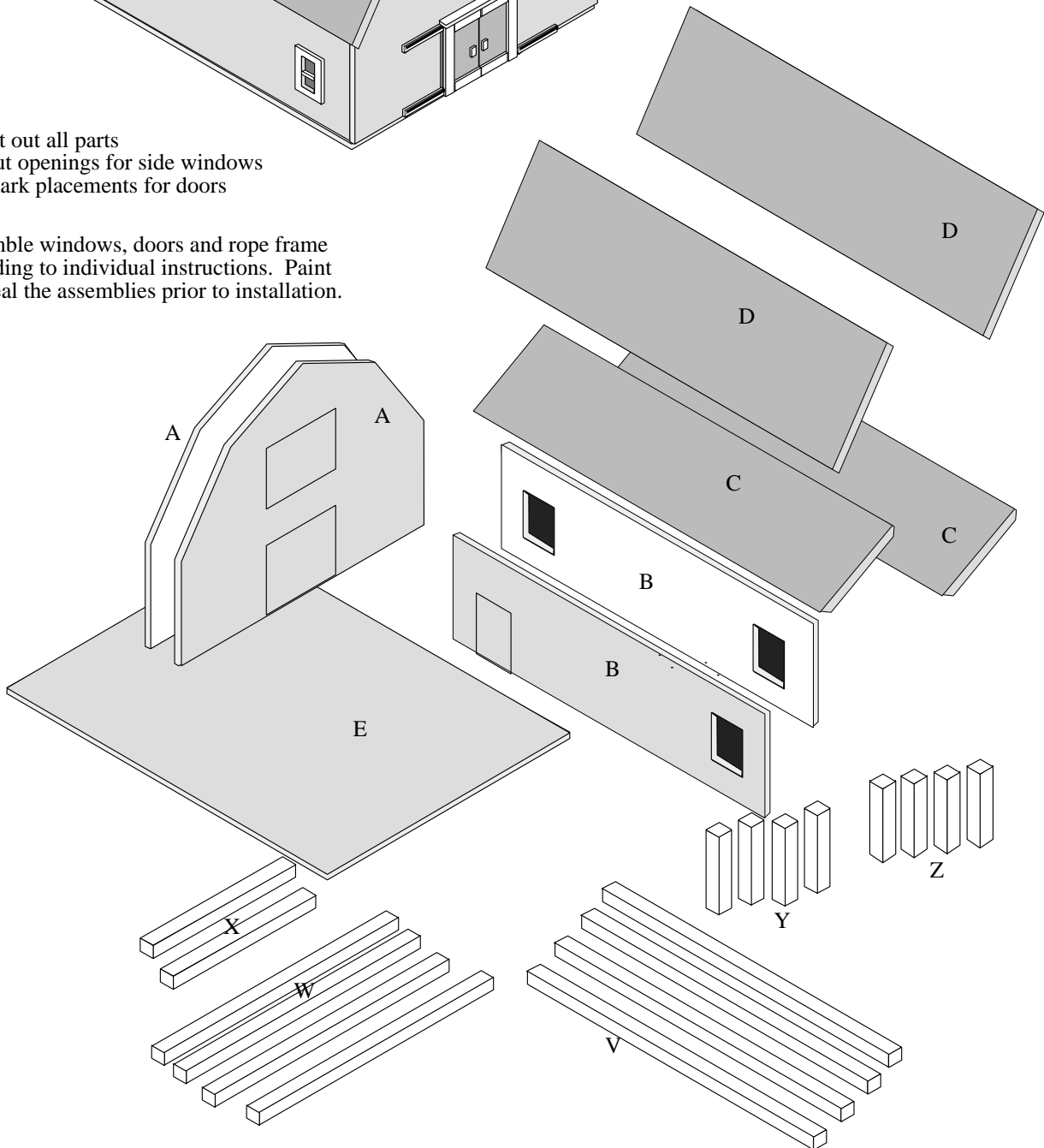
7. Run a bead of glue on one side of the window fasteners. Glue the fastener to the inside of the Side Window Brace, securing the glass or plastic in place.



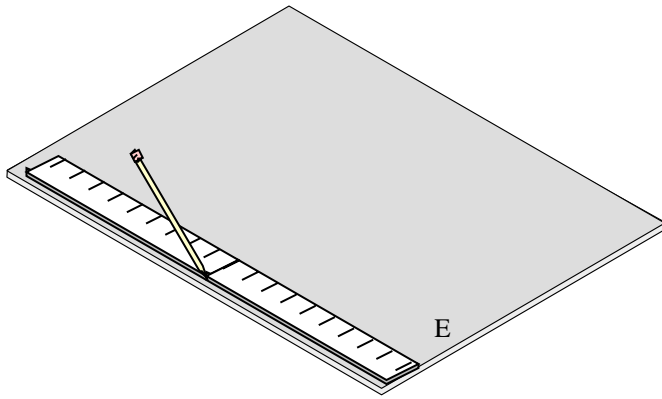
The following illustrations will show assembly of the Barn

1. Cut out all parts  
Cut out openings for side windows  
and mark placements for doors

Assemble windows, doors and rope frame  
according to individual instructions. Paint  
and seal the assemblies prior to installation.

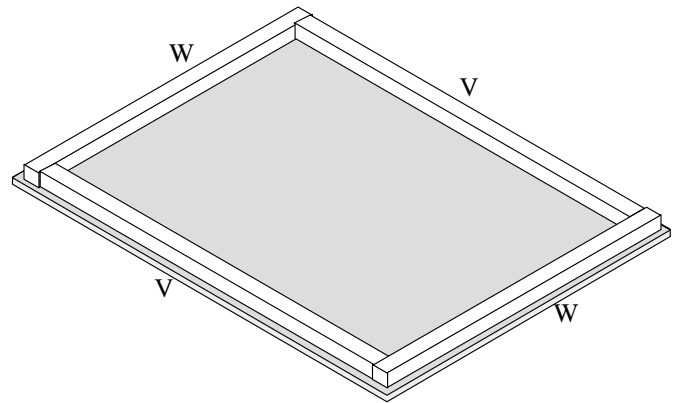






## 2. Foundation - prepare for frame

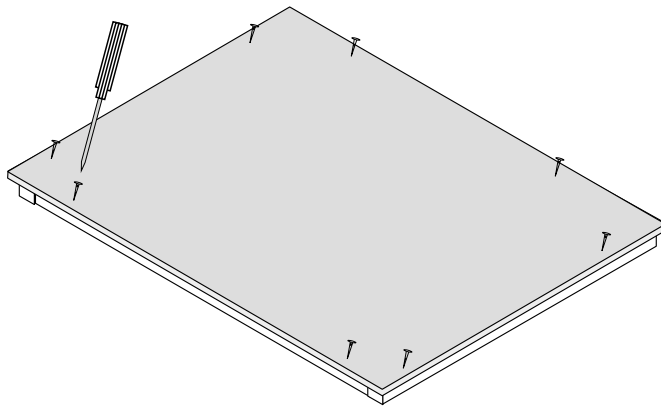
Walls are 1/4" thick. With ruler and pencil, draw a line 1/4" inside the foundation edges for frame placement.



## 3. The Frame

Lay the frame pieces out on the foundation just inside the drawn lines. Note the end pieces (W) are assembled outside the sides (V). Make sure the corners are square.

Glue frame to the foundation. Go immediately to 3A.

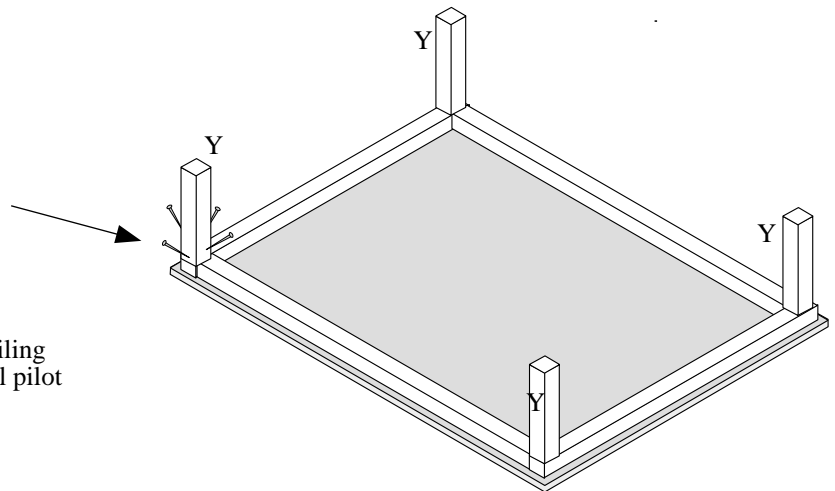


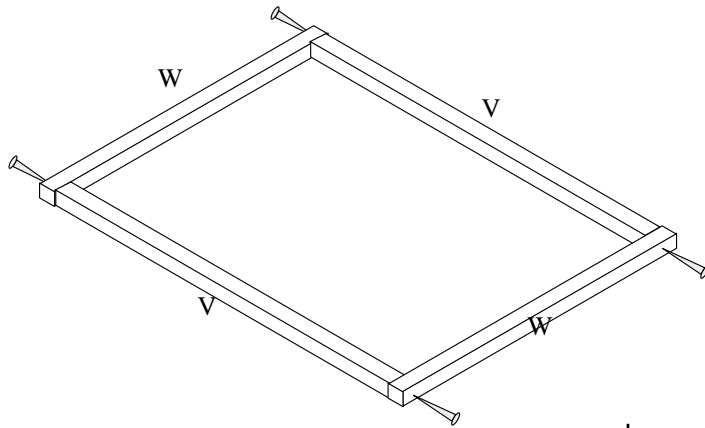
## 3A. to strengthen the assembly:

Before the glue is completely dry, turn the foundation upside down. Drill pilot holes and insert small wood screws or nail the frame from the bottom side. Just put a couple of screws or nails into each section.

## 4. Vertical Studs.

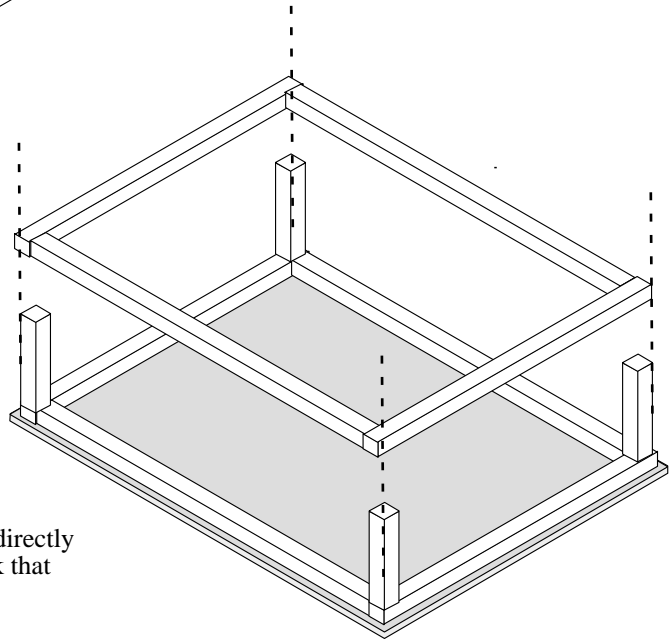
You will need 1 stud on each corner. Nailing the studs will be easier if you drill a small pilot hole for the nail.



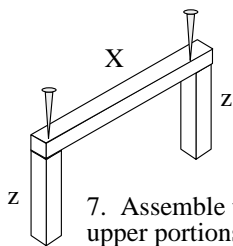


5. Top Frame

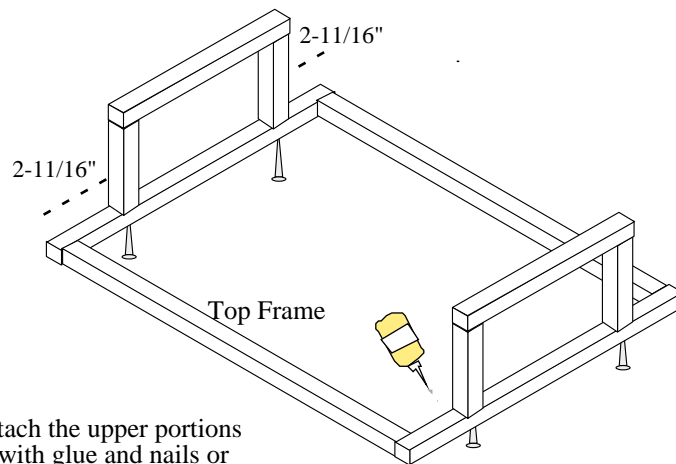
Assemble the Top Frame on a flat surface in the same pattern as the bottom frame. Again, the ends (W) are assembled outside of the sides (V). Nail and glue, maintaining square corners.



6. Position the top frame brace directly over the bottom frame and check that they match vertically.



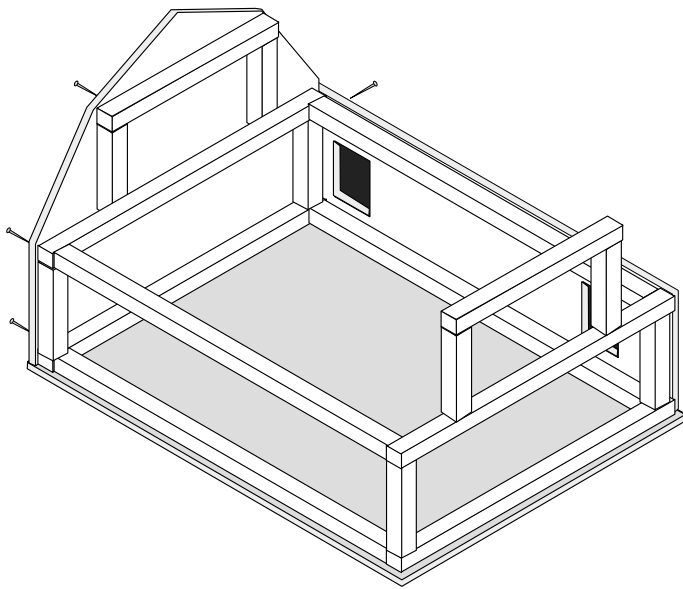
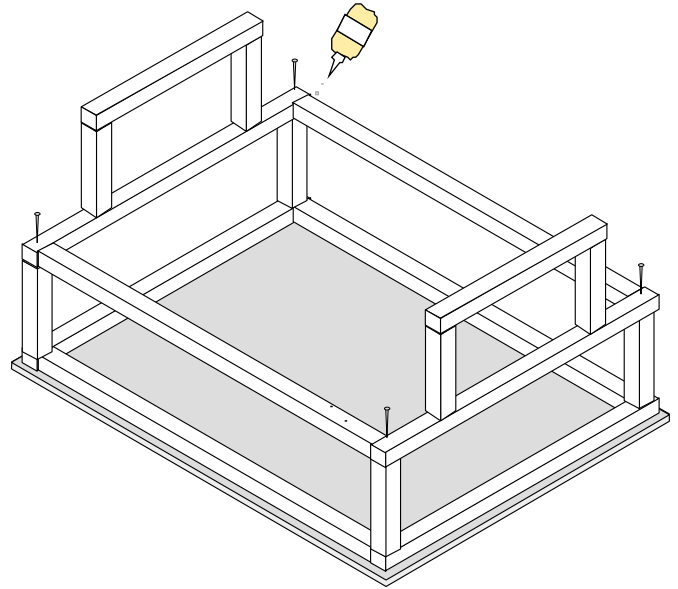
7. Assemble the two upper portions of the top frame, as shown.



8 Center and attach the upper portions to the top frame with glue and nails or wood screws. There will be 2-11/16" on each side of the upper portion.

9. Combine the Frames

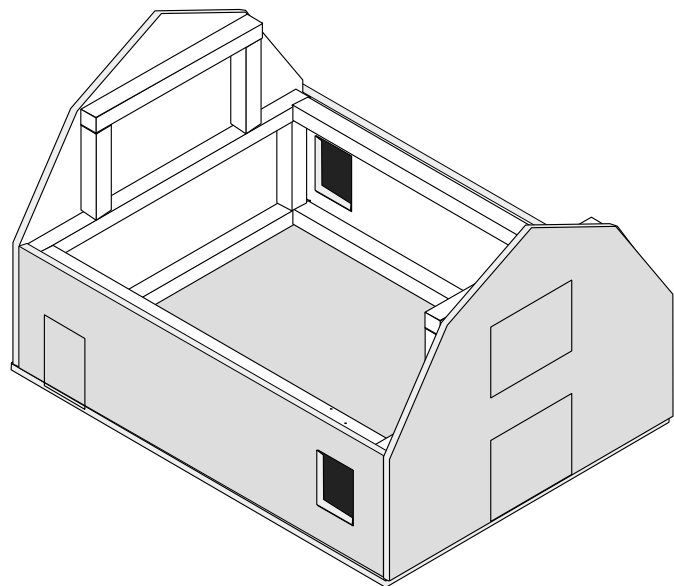
Glue and nail the Top Frame Assembly onto the top of the Bottom Frame vertical studs.



10. Add walls to frame

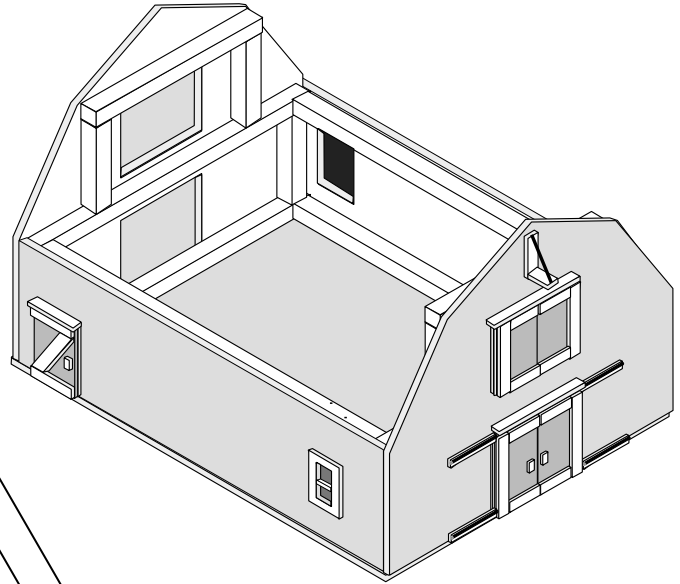
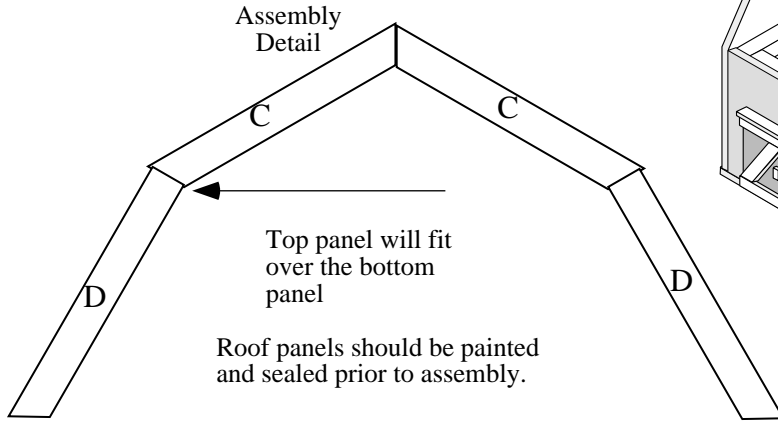
Begin with one wall, gluing and nailing in place. The side walls are assembled inside the end walls. Add adjacent walls, going in one direction. Be sure to secure the walls by nailing into the frame.

11. Continue assembling walls until all are in place. Check that all walls are secure and that there are no "floppy" walls.

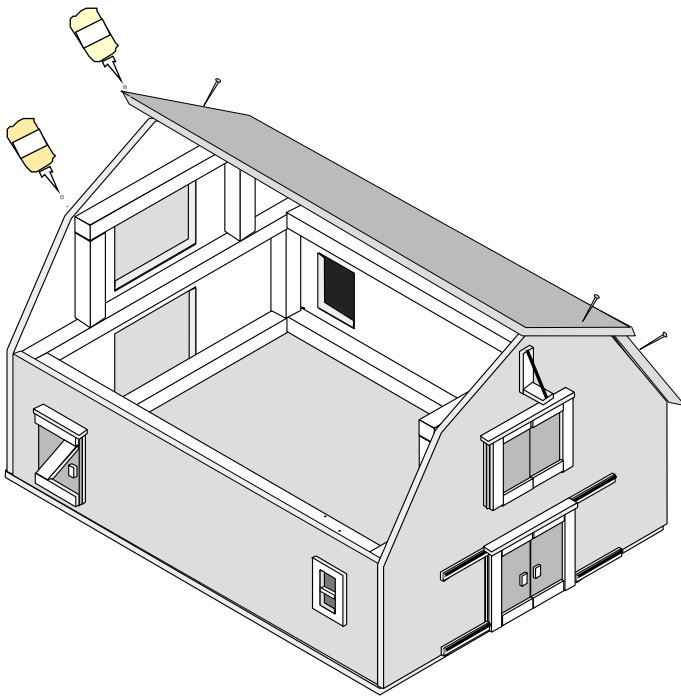


12. Paint and Seal the Building prior to adding windows and doors.

See Assembly -The Walls (Page 10)  
Install all doors and windows.



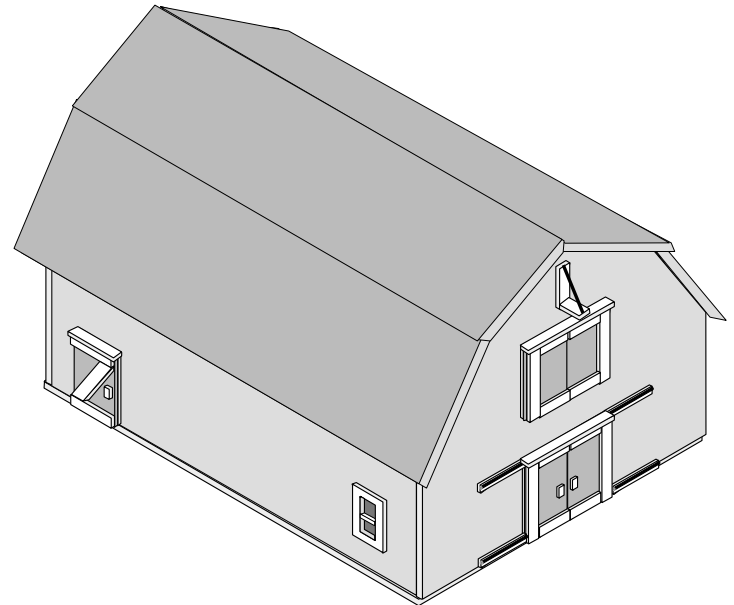
**Note: If you are adding lights to your barn, use screws to attach the roof. This will enable you to have future access to the wiring.**



13. Attach the roof.

Run a bead of glue along the inside tops of the roof halves where the tops are mitered and will fit together. Also run a bead of glue around the exposed end wall tops where the roof will be attached.

Carefully center and position one top roof panel. Then position the lower roof panel underneath the top. Nail the bottom panel first and then the top panel.



14. Attach the second half in the same manner, making sure that the top sections line up.

If your joints are not completely smooth, you can add some wood putty for filler, lightly sand out and touch up with paint.