

Siding the Shed

Visit a siding expert for all of the materials needed

The materials include:

- Building paper such as Dupont Tyvek paper (while tar paper is great, it doesn't work for siding)
- Flashing
- Starter strip
- Corner posts
- J-channels
- Soffits
- Fascia

Consult a book about siding, and follow the advice of your local expert

Put-up building paper with a hammer tacker (see fig. A)

- Seal all the seams with red tape

Install flashing around the windows and door (see fig. B)

- Jam the edge into place on the window or door casing and nail in place
- To make it look nice, you can cut the flashing on a 45 degree angle from the top of the flashing strip to an inch from the bottom with tin snips

Install J-channels; these are installed around the windows to receive the siding (see fig. C)

- Nail the bottom piece in place, cut at a 45 degree angle with snips
- Slide the side piece over the bottom piece, cut the 45 degree angle and nail it in place
- Repeat with the remaining sides

Seal around the door and windows with vapour barrier tape (the sticky red stuff)

Install the corner trim (see fig. D)

- The trim must start level to the soffits (under the roof overhang) down the shed
- Nail into place on all four corners of the shed



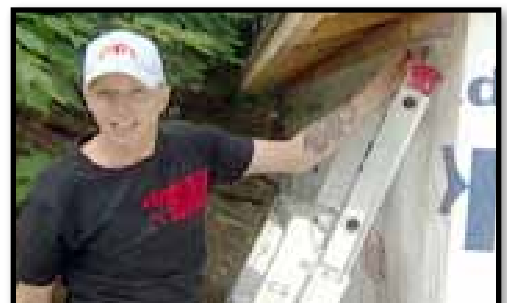
A. Putting up building paper.



B. Installing flashing.



C. Installing J-channels.



D. Installing corner trim.



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Install the starter strip, which runs along the bottom of the shed. This starter strip is where the first piece of siding fits into and helps to push out the siding, to make it even with the rest of the siding

- Snap a level chalk line across the bottom of the shed to keep the starter strip aligned

Install Siding

- Slide the first full piece over the starter strip (see fig. E)
 - Run your fingers along the length of the siding to make sure it's in securely
- Nail the siding in place, not super tight, just enough to hang, allowing for expansion
 - Note: When cutting siding it is important to install the factory edge to the factory edge, therefore cut the siding on the side that will be in the corner, rather than the part that will overlap the other piece of siding

Siding underneath windows

- If you have to cut the siding to fit under the window, use a whole piece of siding (i.e. No seams) as there will be no place to nail the siding.

Siding over top of windows (see fig. F)

- A whole piece of siding must be used over the windows as well
- Measure and cut out the area of siding to fit around the window with snips
 - Cut out an extra ¼ inch so that it can be pulled down past the hooks and snapped in place
- Stick the cut out piece under the siding, to push it out so that it sits at the same angle as the rest of the siding
- Nail it in place

Finish siding the shed

- If you make a mistake and need to remove a piece of siding, use a ZIP TOOL (tool of the day) to pry off the piece of siding from underneath

Install J-channeling along the tops of the shed walls

Install soffit panels (see fig. G)

- Panels slide into place
- Secure panels with 2 screws
 - Safety first! Wear gloves when cutting soffits, they are sharp.

Install fascia: (see fig. H)

- Cut fascia to length with room to overlap
- Screw under drip edge
- Use aluminum screws for aluminum siding



E. Installing the first full piece of siding.



F. Siding over top of windows.



G. Installing soffit panels.



H. Installing fascia.