THE ULTIMATE SHED DESIGN GUIDE

[Images of sheds and outdoor spaces]
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And thanks for requesting your copy of *The Ultimate Shed Design Guide*.

My name is Chris Laan. With my business partner, Peter Roughan, we have been designing and manufacturing sheds for over 30 years. However, things didn't always go so smoothly in the early days.

We started out selling sheds under license for one of the ‘big’ shed brands. (That’s how most shed companies in Australia operate). But we had constant problems.

The materials we received from the manufacturer were constantly wrong or incomplete. The plans were inaccurate. And any time our customers wanted a custom size or feature, they would have to pay a fortune for a whole extra kit of materials they didn’t really need. Not only that, but the poor builder would tear his hair out trying to figure out how to put it all together on site.

We changed licenses and tried buying from other ‘big’ shed brands. But the problems persisted.

We spent most of our time dealing with customer complaints (legitimate complaints) and fixing problems. We now know that’s why most shed companies come and go so quickly. And often open up again under a new name.

We were determined to give our customers the quality sheds they deserved, and support them for the long term. We knew we couldn't do any worse than the suppliers we were buying off. So we set about finding a better way to design and manufacture sheds.

It took years and hundreds of thousands of dollars to perfect. Yet it was totally worth it. Because what we have developed is a unique way of designing and manufacturing the **exact shed you want** – down to the millimetre. Forget about stock-standard kit sheds that force you to compromise. Now you can get the shed you really want, not the shed you’re told you can have – without paying a premium.
And we’ve also developed a manufacturing process that ensures every single component in shed is accurately specified in your “bill of materials”, to help ensure everything arrives on site without any mistakes.

On top of that, our proprietary designs are so simple builders can put them up in less time, and with fewer headaches. This invariably saves you time, money and stress.

So grab a cuppa, relax in your favourite chair, and let us guide you through the process of getting the exact shed you want. And if you have any questions, call us any time on 1800 977 433 or contact us online at www.designersheds.com.au.

Cheers,

*Chris Laan and Peter Roughan*
HOW TO GET THE SHED YOU REALLY WANT

Many people mistakenly believe choosing a shed is as simple as looking at an online catalogue and choosing the appropriate size (single garage, double garage etc.).

And that's what most shed companies would like you to think. Because they are afraid if you dig deeper you'll discover...

NOT ALL SHEDS ARE THE SAME

From the type of steel used for the frame, the individual components (including screws), profile of the cladding, type of gutters and how they are attached, size of downpipes, and especially the design, there's more to choosing a shed than meets the eye.

Not all sheds are the same. Can you tell the difference between a great shed and a “lemon”? Read on to discover how to get a better shed...

When you build a shed, you only have one chance to get it right. I mean, what good is it if the door is too low and you can’t fit your boat, caravan or 4WD inside (or your next boat, caravan or 4WD)? You can’t simply make your shed grow to fit your changing needs.
What if the overall size of the shed or the positioning of the doors means you can’t get your mower past your car? What a pain it would be to have to take your car out every time you want to get anything out of your shed.

Or what if you choose the wrong gutters or downpipes? Every time it rains you’ll be standing at the window worrying your shed will leak (or even worse, you’ll be racing to move things away from the shed walls and up onto pallets to protect them from water damage).

We see these common mistakes every day – mistakes that frustrate shed owners all around Australia. We’ve written this Guide to save you from making these (and many other) costly mistakes. And give you ideas so you get the shed you really want. And it starts by…

**FORGETTING ABOUT STOCK-STANDARD KIT SHEDS**

We are often asked: “What’s your STANDARD 2 car shed?”

At first, most people are surprised by our answer: We don’t have a ‘standard’ 2 car shed.

Why? Because we want to give you the shed you really want – not just a ‘standard’ kit shed. You may be even more surprised that, with Designer Sheds, you can have the exact shed you really want without spending any more money. That’s right…
A CUSTOM SHED FOR AROUND THE SAME PRICE AS A STOCK-STANDARD ALTERNATIVE

Why settle for ‘stock-standard’ when you can have exactly what you want – a shed that matches your home (colour, cladding profile, design features), fits your boat, caravan or 4WD, has room for your mower and work bench, adds value to your property, and gives you a lifetime of practical use. Isn’t that what you want? A shed that is both functional and attractive…

A SHED YOU CAN BE PROUD OF

As I drive around the suburbs I see sheds plonked on properties as an afterthought. They look ugly. They don’t make good use of space. And instead of adding value to the properties they make many of the properties totally unappealing. Yet it doesn’t have to be like that. You don’t have to compromise. You can have…
A SHED THAT IS FUNCTIONAL AND ATTRACTIVE

And not just for today. You can have a shed that looks great and functions well for a lifetime -- a shed that meets your current needs, your changing needs, and is valued by the person who may buy your property at some time in the future.

Little details may not seem important now. Yet it’s these small things you often appreciate the most in the future. And it’s little things that may make or break a future home sale.
For example, many standard kit sheds (with standard doors) are high enough for your average family car. However, the person looking to buy your property at some time in the future may own a 4WD that is too high for your shed. This alone could cost you the sale. Yet this is easily overcome. And with our unique process, raising the clearance of the roller door may cost as little as $100-$200.

This is just one of many examples of getting the shed you really want. So let me ask you…

**WHAT SORT OF SHED DO YOU WANT?**

- Do you want a carport or garage for your car, 4WD, boat or caravan?
- Do you want a storage shed for your camping gear and expanding family needs?
- Do you want a workshop for your woodwork and hobbies?
- Do you want a games room, display centre for your collection, or a ‘man cave’ to escape to with your mates?
- Do you want an equine shed, stable or horse arena?
- Do you want a farm building or barn?
- Do you want a commercial shed, industrial workshop or aircraft hanger?

We specialise in sheds any length up to 24 metres span and 6 metres high with awnings out to 9 metres. But there are also certain…

**SHEDS WE DON’T MAKE**

Although we know some people want a cheap and flimsy garden shed, that’s not our specialty. Our sheds (even our garden sheds) are strong, functional and look good for a lifetime.
And although we also make big sheds (as big as an Olympic swimming pool and bigger), GIGANTIC commercial or industrial warehouses spanning a block or more are not our specialty.

Neither do we do kit homes or granny flats (which fall under a different building classification).

When it comes to building sheds, we have…

**A TOTALLY DIFFERENT PHILOSOPHY**

While other shed companies offer a range of standard kit sheds, we throw away the rule book and encourage you to ‘start with the end in mind’. Forget about the constraints of standard sizes and features. You can have **whatever you want**. And with the technology we use, the extra customisation **won’t cost you any more**.

It’s simple too. Just walk outside to where you want your shed to go, knock 4 pegs into the ground (or mark 4 corners with 4 rocks) and measure the distance between the pegs.

Now think about what doors and windows you may want. How big is your car, 4WD, boat, caravan or excavator? What clearance height do you need through the roller door?
Now all you have to do is contact *Designer Sheds* for a [Free Custom Design and Quote Session](#). An experienced Shedologist will step you through the whole process with online screen sharing to make sure everything is covered and you get the exact shed design you want, plus a fixed price to build the shed you’ve designed.

I know, that may seem a bit simplistic. So let’s take some time to go into things further starting with…

THE BEGINNER’S GUIDE TO SHED JARGON

Every industry seems to have its own language. And sheds are no different. So here is a diagram with some of the terms used in the shed industry. Don’t worry if it seems confusing at first. An experienced *Designer Sheds* Shedologist will guide you through. You’ll be talking like a shed expert in no time....
CORRECT SITE PLACEMENT ON YOUR PROPERTY

Here are some important things to consider…

**Turning circle:** Be sure to position your shed with enough room for vehicles to easily enter the doorways.

**Slope:** Concrete slabs and footings may cost more on steep slopes.

**Access angles:** If the slab is level and the driveway up to the doors is steep (either up or down) the door height will need to be increased for clearance. If the change of angle (between the driveway and slab) is too great it may cause vehicles to scrape on the ground. This needs to be taken into account when designing your shed and shed placement.

**View:** Consider what your new shed will look like from all angles. Will it block any views (for you or your neighbours)?

**Council regulations:** As well as council zoning and intended use for your shed, you will need to be aware of council requirements including distance to boundaries and easements, and regulations regarding bushfire prone land and exemptions. We can help guide you through council regulations for a quick, hassle-free approval.

**Access to property:** This is particularly important when building your shed. Is there easy access for a crane, scissor lift, generator and room around the shed for scaffold?

Your *Designer Sheds* Shedologist will help you consider all these things (and more). You can rest easy knowing we deal with this every day. And we’ve been doing it for more than 30 years (and 10,289+ sheds).
One of the most common complaints we hear from people who get a shed (from other companies) is about...

**THE SIZE OF YOUR SHED**

Misleading advertising makes this more complicated than you may think.

**Firstly**, you must be aware that many shed companies use the term ‘nominal sizing’. We feel this is misleading and causes people to be disappointed because they simply don’t get the shed they thought you were getting.

For example, you may see a double garage shed advertised as 6m x 6m. But when you drive your car into your new shed and feel it is a bit small, you are not just imagining things. Your tape measure verifies your shed is actually only 5.72m x 5.72m.
We once measured a “9m x 6m” shed at just 8.4m x 5.8m. No wonder that customer was unhappy – he just lost over 5 square metres of floor space!

Your Designer Shed will be the exact size you want it – to the millimetre.

Secondly, you must understand the marketing language other shed companies use. They lure you in with what seems like a cheap price for a double garage. But when you see the size is 6m x 6m you realise this is just enough room for 2 standard cars and nothing else. No room for your mower. No room for a workbench or storage cupboards. Hardly room to walk around your cars. And not even big enough for a 4WD.

So of course, when you detect the shed isn’t going to be big enough, you start talking about modifications. And any changes to the standard sizes can be very expensive (sometimes thousands of dollars more).

You may even be forced to buy an entire extra kit just to complete a small modification (like a minor height or length extension). This can
cause confusion and frustration for the builder who has to work out where all the pieces go. And naturally, this adds even more to the overall, out-of-pocket cost.

Your Designer Shed is different. Adding an extra 0.5m to the length of your shed (enough room to add a row of storage cupboards) is easy. And there is no penalty for this customisation. It will just cost the incremental price of 0.5m which may be as little as a few hundred dollars. Think you need an extra metre? No problem. Again, it’s just the incremental cost of the extra materials for 1m of shed.

During your Free Custom Design and Quote Session, your Shedologist will help you think through how you will use your shed – now and in the future. And give sizing suggestions so you’ll never feel frustrated by lack of space.

A clever, cost-effective design option you may consider is to...

ADD AN AWNING FOR MORE SPACE

You can add an awning to one or both sides of your shed to increase the undercover area. Your awning can be clad with walls on the side or left open. Extend the slab out for a cleaner finish or leave the ground bare under the awning.

Designer Sheds is not the only shed company to offer awnings. However, to our knowledge, we are the only company to utilise a ‘nested purlin’ structure to maximise headroom.

With many other shed designs, as awnings slope away from the shed, headroom can be a challenge.

However, your Designer Shed awning has ‘nested purlins’ between the rafters (instead of over the rafters) to create a shallow frame with more headroom. This also allows us to finish off the awning with flashing to produce safe edges and a neat appearance.

This clever nested purlin design leads me to discuss…
THE HEIGHT OF YOUR SHED (AND DOORS)

Not only does the height of your shed affect the storage space and the feel of your shed (spacious verse claustrophobic), it is particularly important when it comes to the clearance through your doors.

While other companies talk in terms of door heights (which we believe can be misleading) we give you the exact clearance height so you can be sure there’s room for your car, 4WD, boat, caravan or excavator.

For example, a standard 2.4m high kit shed will usually come with a roller door that has the capacity to open to 2.120m. However, the actual clearance height will be limited to just 2m by the height of the shed (perhaps even less depending on the pitch of the roof and positioning of the door). The remaining capacity of the door will remain unused and wrapped on the drum.

We encourage you to consider raising the height of your shed by 120 mm, which allows your door to open to its full capacity of 2.120m.

Depending on the size of your shed this may only add $100-$200 to the overall cost – a small price if it means you don’t have to remove your 4WD aerial every time you drive into your garage.
Need even more clearance? No problem. Raising the height of your shed further will only incur an incremental cost of the extra material. In other words, if you want an extra 200mm you only pay for the price of 200mm worth of material. And on most sheds this may be just a few hundred dollars.

When deciding the clearance height, it’s important to know roller doors are made in horizontal panels. Increasing the clearance is as easy as utilising the door’s full capacity or adding an extra panel or two.

The following chart lists some roller door sizes to give you an idea of what’s available:

<p>| Our Program Uses These Opening Maximums’ To Determine Door Size - Windlocks available on ALL door series. |
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Series B - All Chain Drive Over 3100 high - Up to 5000 wide

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Getting the shed height and door clearance right means you'll enjoy years of practical use from your shed. Getting this wrong could cause daily inconvenience or render your shed unusable (i.e. your 4WD won't fit).

When opting for more clearance you may like to consider a remote control (as it can become difficult to reach a high roller door).

During your Free Custom Design and Quote Session your Shedologist will help you choose the right height for your needs and a design that gives you the best value for money. He will also help you with...

**YOUR DOOR WIDTH AND PLACEMENT**

While most shed companies simply place the doors in the middle of your shed wall, we take a more strategic approach. For example, in a kit shed (supplied by other companies) 7.5m wide with 2 roller doors, the doors will be placed in the centre of each half wall like this:
This however leaves little (or no) room for a storage cupboard, workbench or even space for your mower, whipper snipper or bikes. In the above example you will have quite a lot of unusable space between your cars with almost no space along the walls.

During your Free Custom Design and Quote Session, your Shedologist will talk with you about how you’d like to use your shed. And he will guide you in designing a shed that gives you flexible options for the future.

For example, you may choose to position the doors closer together like this:

In this example, your two cars will share the centre door opening space (as it is rare to have the doors of both cars open at the same time). This gives you significantly more space for storage along both side walls.
Let's look at another example:

In a single garage of 4m wide, most shed companies will once again position the door in the middle, like this:

![Diagram of roller door in the middle of the shed creates dead space on sides](image)

This leaves very little room for storage along the walls and makes it impossible to even get your mower through the door when your car is in the garage. At no extra cost, we can position your roller door to one side which gives you a whole wall of storage, like this:

![Diagram of roller door offset to one side creates usable space](image)
For just an extra $50 or so you can even get a wider door. This will give you easy access to get your mower, bikes and other equipment in and out without having to move your car (or risk scratching the paintwork). I’d say that’s $50 well spent, wouldn’t you?

Or for around $200 extra, you could widen the door to the full width of your shed for even more effortless access.

If you have the yard space, we’d also suggest you consider lengthening your shed by .5m (or more) because 6m is usually only just enough room to fit your car. An extra half to one metre will give you significantly more room for storage and access.

Once again, your Designer Sheds Shedologist will provide advice on roller doors, side access doors and windows to help you get the most from your shed. You may also like to consider…
CUSTOM FEATURES TO ADD VALUE AND FUNCTIONALITY TO YOUR SHED

**Vents:** For extra ventilation you may like to consider a 300mm roof vent. We supply them in 28 Colorbond colours to match your shed and property. While not necessary, vents can help to circulate the air which may make your shed cooler and dryer in hot, humid conditions.

**Insulation:** To further cool your shed, we recommend 50mm fibreglass foil-backed insulation supported with safety mesh. This not only provides more stable temperatures, but it acts as an effective acoustic insulation for noise. Some shed companies sell ‘bubble wrap’ foil insulation. For maximum thermal insulation effectiveness, this type of insulation requires a gap of 50-70mm. This means the insulation must ‘sag’ between the purlins. While we can supply this type of insulation, we feel it looks messy. And it offers no acoustic insulation benefits.

**Skylights:** While skylights add light to your shed, they can also add heat. We once had 4 skylights in a large display shed. When we replaced them with Colorbond, the temperature dropped 5 degrees. Skylights are also susceptible to hail damage. If you would like skylights, we recommend 2400 grade fibreglass because although we’ve seen them damaged by hail, we’ve never seen them fail completely (i.e. never seen one with a hole).

Once again, your Shedologist will help you with these and other features so you get the exact shed you want. And he will also help you to choose...

YOUR CLADDING COLOUR AND PROFILE

Your *Designer Shed* comes with the option of 28 Australian-manufactured BlueScope Steel *Colorbond* colours to match or complement your property.
Here is the latest range of colours (note that the colours may appear slightly different on your screen, depending on your computer monitor).

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Caravan.

Be particularly worthwhile in a high carport that houses your boat or side to a carport offers extra protection from the elements. This can enclose the walls (yet leave the ends open). Adding a side or half for example, if building a carport, you may like to partially or fully design ideas.

Your Shedologist can guide you with these choices as well as clever and therefore may have to compromise on the look of your shed. You may not have these choices with kit sheds from other companies or other cladding on your house or other nearby structures. The right colour and profile adds appeal and value to your entire property.

Corro
The famous Australian corrugated profile. Corro is equally at home with traditional and contemporary designs. Available on walls as well as the roof for a true heritage style appearance.

High Rib Profile
A modern, ribbed profile with subtle fluting in the pans to provide strength and long spanning capabilities. It is available in two base metal thicknesses, equally suitable for domestic, industrial and commercial applications.

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For example, if building a carport, you may like to partially or fully enclose the walls (yet leave the ends open). Adding a side or half side to a carport offers extra protection from the elements. This can be particularly worthwhile in a high carport that houses your boat or caravan.
Another important aspect to keeping everything dry and protected from the elements is having…

**GUTTERS THAT WORK**

There is nothing worse than worrying about leaks every time it rains. The last thing you want is to have to rush to move things away from your shed walls or prop everything up on pallets when the sky looks cloudy. That’s why you need reliable gutters.

While other shed companies attach their gutters using a single screw through the back of the gutter, Designer Sheds gutters are supported by robust gutter brackets. These brackets keep your gutters level during the heaviest rain. Gutters that are not attached and supported firmly can flex when full of water, causing them to overflow. This puts your shed and its contents at risk of water damage.

To ensure maximum water evacuation your Designer Shed is fitted with oversized 100 x 75 downpipes. The smaller 100 x 50 downpipes used by other shed companies may quickly become overwhelmed in heavy rain, causing water to back up and overflow the gutters.

If needed, our kit sheds come with a complete downpipe system. However, we find more than half our clients don’t need full downpipes because they want to direct rainwater into a rainwater tank. Your Designer Shed comes with only the downpipes you need, so you don’t waste money on extra drainpipes that go to waste.

Choose from two gutter profiles – Trimline (square) or Quad. If maximum runoff or water collection is important to you, Trimline may be your best choice as it has a slightly larger capacity.

Your Shedologist will explain your gutter options during your Free Custom Design and Quote Session. He’ll not only help you understand the different design options, he’ll explain everything about…
THE MATERIALS THAT GO INTO YOUR SHED

Most Australian sheds are constructed using steel. While some shed companies use cheaper imported steel, we only choose Australian companies and products like Bluescope Steel. We do this for three important reasons...

**Proven:** We want our sheds to last a lifetime. So we choose products that have been proven to work reliably in harsh Australian conditions. We are not willing to risk the inconsistencies we have seen in cheaper imported products – inconsistencies like warping, crazing and accelerated corrosion.

**Scientifically Tested:** While some imported products look good to the eye, they don’t seem to undergo the same scientific testing Australian products are exposed to. We don’t just want to know our steel is strong, we want to know the exact weight bearing capacity. And we want a report that details all the specifics including flex rate and degree of inconsistency in the material. We demand the facts so we can be confident in the reliability of every shed we build.

**Warranties You Can Trust:** The Australian companies we choose to work with (like Bluescope) offer comprehensive warranties of up to 20 years.

Plus, they have Australian inspectors in the field to offer local support. Although many imported products come with warranties, we worry about the support our customers would receive if something went wrong. In our opinion, this uncertainty is too great a risk for the small savings we may achieve dealing with offshore companies that may be here today but gone tomorrow.

The overall strength and reliability of a shed is only as good as its weakest part. That’s why we take great care in selecting all components, right down to the screws we use.
Some people think we’re overly pedantic with things like this. And when you consider a large shed might contain as many as 5,000 screws (valued at more than $1,000), we certainly understand why other shed companies choose cheaper screws. However, when you think about the consequences of something as seemingly minor as a screw, we feel our attention to detail is wise. For example…

I’m sure you have seen sheds with dirty rust stains running down the outside walls. When you look closely you’ll usually see the rust originated from a screw. Eventually, the head will fall off a rusty screw, causing the cladding to come loose. You may not notice this has happened until a strong gust of wind gets under a loose sheet of cladding during a storm.

The leverage of strong wind can rip the entire sheet from the frame, leaving the shed (and its contents) vulnerable to destruction. All because of an inferior screw.

That’s why we use only Buildex screws – another Australian supplier with a strong, reliable warranty. Although they are slightly more expensive than other screws, they are one of the proven components we have used in successfully manufacturing 10,289+ sheds over the past 30 years. And we will continue to have a no-compromise philosophy on all our components and choose reliable companies like Bluescope Steel, Buildex Screws and Fasteners, and Taurean Roller Doors.

Your Shedologist will give you a detailed component list during your Free Design Session so you know exactly what goes into your Designer Shed. He’ll also explain how each component must be combined with...

INDEPENDENTLY CERTIFIED ENGINEERING

When it comes to the strength of our sheds we don’t rely on guesswork. And we don’t cut corners or risk a conflict of interest by having in-house engineers, who of course would certify anything we designed.
Our shed designs are verified by an independent team of Australian engineers who are specialists in cyclone-rated designs. So you can be sure your Designer Shed is designed and manufactured to last a lifetime. One important consideration when designing a shed is choosing...

**THE CORRECT WIND CODE**

In strong winds, the walls of a shed act like a giant sail. They must be designed, manufactured and correctly braced to withstand the massive forces of nature. These forces vary according to the location and surrounding countryside (terrain, proximity to other structures etc.). For example, this map indicates the varying intensities of cyclone zones throughout Australia:

Choosing the incorrect wind code and corresponding shed design may result in a damaged or destroyed shed during a storm (like you’ve seen on the TV news many times). That’s why your Shedologist will take time during your Free Custom Design and Quote Session to design your shed according to the correct wind code. Our experience ensures your shed will withstand a lifetime of storms.

Different engineering standards are required for different regions of Australia depending on the wind code.
YOUR EASY DESIGN AND BUILD PROCESS WITH DESIGNER SHEDS

The entire *Designer Sheds* process is created to give you the exact shed you want, for around the same price as stock-standard kit sheds. And to make the whole process easy and hassle-free it begins with a…

**STEP 1: Free Custom Design and Quote Session:** This free, no obligation phone consultation includes a screen-sharing session where you will see the exact shed you want appear before your eyes. An experienced Shedologist will help you design a shed that is the perfect size, has the perfect door clearance, positions the doors to give you best access, and includes features that meet your current and future needs. Using our proprietary software you’ll get a guaranteed price on the spot.

**STEP 2: Not quite ready to go do a Free Design Session, but have a few questions?** Then contact us to set up an informal Information Session during which we'll happily answer your immediate questions.

**STEP 3: Design Refinement Session:** As you start to realise the possibilities of our unique and affordable custom-build process, you may like to refine your design (change the size and add extra features). Once again your *Designer Sheds* Shedologist will guide you through this process and supply you with a guaranteed price based on the modified design. Again, this is complimentary because we want you to be completely confident in the design you have chosen.

**STEP 4: Deposit:** Once you’re happy with your design, a copy of the plans and engineering specifications will be supplied immediately on receipt of your 10% deposit.

**STEP 5: Council Approval:** Before committing to a full purchase we advise you to contact your local council and determine if approval is required. We can help you through this process in order to make everything run as smoothly as possible.
STEP 6: Post-Council Approval Refinements: it's possible that your local council will stipulate changes to your shed design. We're happy to work through these changes with you so you can re-submit to council and obtain final approval.

STEP 7: Manufacturing Balance: Once you've received council approval you simply pay the balance of your guaranteed fixed quote, and we will go ahead and manufacture your shed to the millimetre.

STEP 8: Fair Delivery Guarantee: with Designer Sheds, over 95% of the Australian population qualify for FREE Delivery right to your door. If the shed needs to be delivered to a more remote area, we can arrange the freight for you (and bill you at cost), or you may prefer to pick up your shed components from within our Free Delivery area.

STEP 9: Complete Component Guarantee: Your shed will be scheduled for delivery ASAP. And don’t worry – while other shed companies are constantly making mistakes and delivering the wrong components (or missing things) we guarantee that the Bill of Materials for your
shed will be 100% correct for the shed you ordered. If we miss something out of the Bill of Materials or get a component wrong, we’ll make it right straight away AND give you $500 to apologise for the inconvenience.

(Although we guarantee you Bill of Materials will be 100% correct, occasionally one or more shed components may be missing from the initial delivery due to a mistake in the shipping process. If this does occur, we guarantee that everything will be delivered as soon as possible, at our cost).

**STEP 10: Easy Build:** With our comprehensive instructions and Complete Component Guarantee, your builder will find it quick and easy to build your shed. If you do not have a builder we can assist your search for a suitable builder. We also offer a ‘Builder’s Hotline’ which offers phone support to builders as needed to make the building process smooth and hassle free.

**STEP 11: Your Ultimate Shed:** Now you can enjoy a lifetime of owning the ultimate shed – the exact shed you want.
Thank you for your interest in knowing more about how Designer Sheds can give you the exact shed you want. We’ve covered a lot of ground in this Guide – from talking about different shed sizes, heights and door clearances. We talked about the advantages of door positioning to maximise access and internal space. We covered information about different colour and cladding options. We talked about the importance of guttering. And we introduced you to a few extra features to make your shed even more practical and comfortable.

I know, this can all feel a little overwhelming. I mean, other shed companies simply publish a price list of different sizes to choose from. And that’s fine if you just want a stock-standard shed and are not concerned about getting the exact shed you want – a shed that offers the ultimate in practical use and looks.

Now you know you don’t have to settle for stock-standard. You can have custom – the exact shed you want – for around the same price. All backed by our 30 years of experience, uncompromising component standards, and our unique Triple Guarantee.

So isn’t it worth at least exploring what a Designer Shed will do for you?

(Alternatively, if you just have a few questions at this stage or need

Arrange your Free Custom Design and Quote Session with one of our experienced Shedologists who will help you design the exact shed you want. It’s FREE and completely without obligation. At the very least you’ll get some great ideas for your shed.

some general information, get in touch for a Free Information Session over the phone.)
When you decide to build, you’ll know where you can get everything you need to get the exact shed you want for around the same price as a stock-standard kit shed – backed by our unbeatable service, quality and guarantees.