

What roofing material should I choose?

Here at Simply Log Cabins we give our customers the choice of different roofing materials for their garden buildings for two reasons; The first being that we have different technical aspects to consider with different roof pitches and shapes, this requires different materials, the other reason more importantly is to offer different roofing materials depending on your budget.

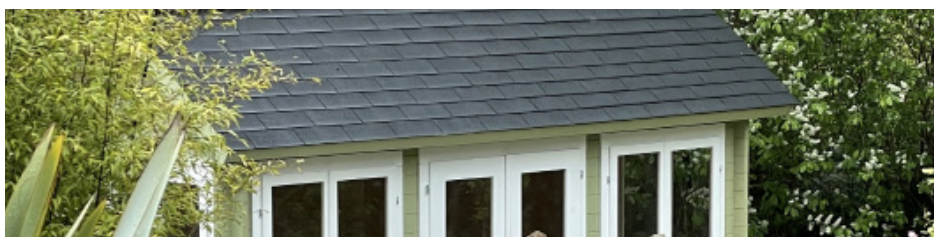
Gudrum super shed felt

Shed felt is a quick and easy to fit, fairly durable roofing material that is commonly seen on garden sheds and smaller log cabin style buildings. The quantity supplied with your log Cabin / summer House will be enough to cover the roof whilst also allowing for the necessary overlaps that are required. This is a budget option which gives you a waterproof roof for the smallest cost.



Shed felt + IKO Bitumen shingles

Shed felt + shingles offers more durability and longevity for your garden building in comparison to just having shed felt. Shingles is also considered more appealing in terms of styling as it has the same look to roofing tiles. We supply these in either black or green with the underlay felt included. This is a more premium roofing option but offers more benefits to shed felt.



EPDM Rubber roofing

EPDM is the industry recognised best flat roof and shallow roofing material for commercial and residential buildings. We would always recommend EPDM with all our flat roof log cabins and offices thanks to the longevity, durability and reliability of the roofing. Even though it is in the higher price bracket for roofing solutions, it is well worth the investment. We also have a clear and easy guide for installing EPDM.



Frequently Asked Questions about Roofing materials

Is it necessary to fit roof shingles when building the cabin?

No, it is not necessary to fit roof shingles. Most buildings are supplied without a roofing material but with the option to choose either Felt or Felt Shingles. Clearly the cabin needs a waterproof roofing material, if neither of the above are chosen then it would be necessary for you to supply your own. Shed felt is a material with a typical life expectancy in normal use of approximately 5- 8 years. This is very durable and when properly fitted, provides a completely adequate waterproof finish to the roof. However if you wish to add a more attractive roof finish with a choice of two colours and extra thickness then perhaps you should consider the shingles option.

Should I choose the felt shingle roofing?

In our view the felt shingle roofing certainly adds to the attractiveness of what is already an aesthetically pleasing building. It is our view that, in general, if we were building the cabin in our garden we would choose the shingle option to complete the traditional look to the finish of the building. Although shed felt is a long lasting and adequate roofing solution, felt shingles should last significantly longer – typical life expectancy of 10 – 20 years.

How do I fit the shingles?

A full fitting instruction booklet is delivered with the shingles. A copy of the booklet is available by link from the cabin page entitled: “Click Here for Shingles Option Information: Manufacturers Booklet”. Fitting Shingles onto a mid-sized cabin roof will take someone who is reasonably competent with DIY about 3 - 6 hours.

Please note all our roofing material options provide suitable waterproofing for all garden buildings. Shed felt and shingles do not include clout nails, you will need to source 13mm clout nails or 60/70mm clout nails if you have opted to add roof insulation boards.

All garden buildings (unless specified) do not include roofing material, this is to ensure costs are kept low for imported buildings, as well giving our customers the option to match budgets and preference.