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Project Of The Month

Backyard



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Living, lounging, playing

Make the most of your backyard with DIY projects that improve your outdoor living space and add value to your home. Think of how you want to use your backyard and create a master plan. It's important to make a plan before you start so that electrical, gas and water can be figured out in the designing stage. If budget is an issue, plan your projects so they can be done in phases over time. As a first phase, start with some basic projects like a wood fence for privacy and a place for dining. Whether you build a wood deck or a stone patio, the addition of a dining area will be a focal point for outdoor living. Other popular backyard features, aside from dining, include a place for lounging, fire pit area, outdoor kitchen and a shade structure. If you want to add a play area for small children to your master plan, consider the long term and design it so it can be transformed into something else when it will no longer be used. For instance, a raised sand box can easily transform into a raised garden bed. If you will be using your backyard at night, plan for layers of lighting for safety and ambiance. Design your backyard so it works well with the architecture of your home and surroundings. The Experts at TIMBER MART can help you with your project details as well as providing high-quality building materials and the right tools. They'll explain your options and help you select the right materials for your budget.



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Backyard vacation

With the summer of 2021 looking like another year of non-traveling and with the uncertainty of local attractions being open, many homeowners are opting to stay home for vacation. With a little pre-planning, the backyard can be a fun activity zone for your family to spend time together. Below is a list of things to do in the backyard, some will involve more imagination and preparation than others. Before you plan your activity projects, make sure you have the backyard basics in place. These can include a place for outdoor dining, a fence for privacy, a shady place to escape the sun. Then you can map out your yard for different activities.

- Camping
- Volleyball
- Bocce ball
- Reading nook
- Fence chalkboard
- Horseshoes
- Croquet
- Badminton
- Bean bag toss
- Dartboard
- Tree house or fort
- Swing set
- Water games
- Sand box
- Secret garden
- Bird photo booth
- Kids craft area
- Dog agility course



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Pick up a TIMBER MART worksheet and sketch out your project with as much detail as possible including measurements. Our Project Experts will turn your vision into an accurate design plan including a complete list of materials and cost estimates.



We can help!

Build a wood privacy fence

A well-designed fence adds an aesthetic value to your home while providing privacy and protection to your property. Whether your fence is intended as a subtle backdrop or a highlight to your landscape design, the style should complement and enhance your home's architecture and it should also suit the neighbourhood. While traditional fence styles with vertical boards are still a popular choice, the modern minimalist style with horizontal slats are a popular trend. Consider your terrain when choosing a fence. If you have a sloped yard, choose a fence style that will work well either on an incline or stepped down. Privacy is another factor that will determine your choice. Do you want complete privacy and block off the surrounding area? Or do you want to be able to look through your fence to the view beyond? Many fences have decorative top options, find one that best suits the fence style and your surroundings. Whatever you're thinking for your fence project, don't be afraid to get creative. TIMBER MART has the material and the expertise to help you design the ideal fence for your space.



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Design a gate

A well-designed gate not only provides security and privacy, it is also a beautiful welcome to your backyard. TIMBER MART carries ready-made decorative iron gates, gate hardware kits or all the materials for building a gate of your own design. Visit your TIMBER MART store to see the selection available.



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Gate hardware

Choosing durable hardware for your gate is crucial for smooth operation. Take the weight of your gate into account to ensure your gate stays strong and operational.



Nuvo Iron Check out our wide selection of Nuvo Iron accessories. Innovative gates, gate inserts, fence toppers and post caps provide unique and modern functionality.

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Concrete landscaping

Hardscaping your backyard with concrete landscaping will give you an instant outdoor living space and will increase your home's value. Easy DIY projects allow you to have the look of a professionally landscaped home but at a fraction of the cost. If you have a flat backyard you can plan your patio and walkways almost anywhere. If you have a slope, you'll have to take that into consideration and plan for levels. To keep costs down, perhaps build a deck for the upper level and concrete pavers or slabs for the lower level. Like any DIY project, careful planning and preparation will guarantee a successful result. TIMBER MART has what you need for your landscaping ideas. From garden walls and paved walkways to firepits with built-in seating, we have the top-quality concrete products from trusted suppliers to refine the landscaping around your home. Check out our selection on your next visit to TIMBER MART.



Polymeric Sand

The key to successfully laid pavers and slabs is polymeric sand brushed into the joints which helps secure them into a uniform, durable surface.

[Click here for Techniseal Polymeric Sand how-to video.](#)

DIY firepit kit

Building a firepit from a kit is an easy DIY weekend project. Kits can be square or circular, are available in a variety of widths and include enough heat-resistant concrete stones to build a pit three rows high. Stones are wedge-shaped so no need for cutting and some kits include a powder-coated steel liner. Each fire kit brand has its own set of instructions but generally they all start with a level and compacted gravel base. You can have the first row beneath ground level or have it sit on ground level. If your kit comes with a steel liner, use that as your template when you lay the first row of stones. Make sure your stones are level and lay a bead of landscape block adhesive to make sure your firepit is stable. Repeat the process for the rest of the rows. Adding a layer of lava rock to the base of your firepit will increase the heat generated by the burning wood.

Fire pit safety tips

- Always check with your municipality for local fire codes before you start your project. Generally it is safe to build a firepit 10 feet from your home or other structures but your municipality may require a greater distance. Also, your area may have limits on the size of firepit and which days you can burn.
- Build on level ground.
- Don't place a fire pit beneath a tree or overhang.
- Don't build on a wood deck.
- Teach your kids about fire safety and always have an adult supervise.
- Keep a hose or fire extinguisher close by.



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Build some shade

The LINX Simplified Pergola System

DIYers are bound only by their imaginations. The component-based LINX Pergola line allows for endless pergola design possibilities, while keeping the installation as simple as possible. Crafted from galvanized steel and featuring a gorgeous, rich black powder-coat finish, the LINX Pergola Kit for 4x4 or 6x6 posts delivers a stunning backyard pergola with incredible structural strength. The kit includes all bracketry and hardware and is ready for immediate installation. DIYers can create a personal paradise for their home in no time with the LINX Pergola Kit from Wild Hog Products!

Modular design Using snap-together components, the possibilities are endless.

Quick & easy Simple and easy to follow instructions. Complete your dream project in an afternoon!

Quality build Components go through a rigorous process of high-quality galvanization, primer, ending with a durable and long lasting powder coat finish.

50% thicker steel High-grade steel tube, more than 50% thicker than standard products. Build with confidence, your LINX Pergola will last for years to come.

No sanding/planning LINX precision welding and design leave the inside tube free and clear. Standard size 4x4 and 6x6 lumber slides in and attaches with ease.

The details LINX takes the extra step of powder coating its fasteners to match the components. Beauty is in the finish!



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Simpson Strong-Tie offers design versatility

The Avant Collection is the newest addition to Outdoor Accents, a full line of decorative wood connectors and fasteners from Simpson Strong-Tie. Featuring straight edges and chamfered corners, this new collection offers a clean, timeless design that complements nearly every architectural style. Outdoor Accents hardware accommodates both nominal and rough lumber, giving you great flexibility for designing and building custom outdoor structures.

The look of a bolt, the ease of a screw

The Outdoor Accents structural screw and hex-head washer look like a bolted connection, but install like a screw.



Design your pergola like a pro

Simpson Strong-Tie's Pergola Planner Software is a free online tool that allows you to design the pergola of your dreams. Click [here](#) to learn more.



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Raised garden bed



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Build The simplest raised garden bed designs have horizontal planks fastened with exterior screws to vertical posts. Choose a naturally rot-resistant wood like cedar or a man made material like composite. Although treated wood currently uses less toxic chemicals, it is not recommended for vegetable gardens. Build on level ground and in a sunny spot of your yard.



Fill Cover the bottom of your raised bed with cardboard or newspaper. This will inhibit weed growth and will allow earth worms to travel freely. Next, use a mixture of nutrient-rich soil and compost and fill to within a few inches of the top. Raised beds have good drainage, which is good for healthy plants, but can dry out so consider adding a soaker hose on a water timer to make watering easier.



Grow Raised beds built 12 inches tall or more warm faster in spring which allows for a longer growing season. You can plant earlier and plants can grow closer together which maximizes productivity. Be careful not to overcrowd or you will have a disappointing yield from plants that never reach their full potential. Fill your garden with the types of vegetables and herbs you like to eat.



Build it with your Backyard Project Card*

Buy now, pay later makes it easy to offset the cost of your backyard project for up to 12 months when you use your TIMBER MART credit card.



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Build a backyard shed

Today's backyard shed is not just for storing garden and yard tools. They are also being used as living space, whether for hobbies, playrooms or a remote home office. These freestanding structures are fairly easy to build for an experienced DIY-er and often don't require building permits. If you are planning the perfect shed for your yard, there are a few things to consider.

What can you afford? Budget is the starting point with just about any construction project. Start by deciding how much you want to spend.

Determine the size An unnecessarily large shed will cut the amount of usable space on your property, while one that is too small will limit its uses. When it comes to size, build as large as possible while still being practical and affordable. This will allow maximum flexibility for the future even if all the space is not used right away.

Determine your needs Will you use your shed as garden tool storage, hobby space, a potting shed or a playhouse for your children? How you plan to use the shed is the largest factor influencing your selection. Be sure to check local bylaws to ensure approval and/or necessary permits. A good starting point is your local Municipal Office.



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We have shed plans

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Add colour to your outdoor space

Paint and stain are a great way to add colour to your outdoor living space. Both will give an instant update and both will protect wood surfaces and increase their lifespan. Stain has the advantage of allowing wood to expand and contract with the weather. The Experts at PPG, Sico and Olympic have great ideas for backyard colour projects. Click on the links below for creative inspiration!



Summer ready pergolas

These quick pergola projects will let you relax in the shade all summer long.



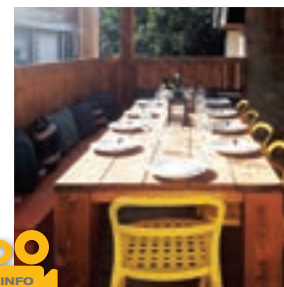
What is a pergola?

Pergolas can turn your exterior space from boring to brilliant.



Raise the bar on outdoor entertaining

Stain-and-build DIY bar serves up midsummer fun.



Bench 101

A bench can make a handy addition to any home.



How to stain an Adirondack chair

Follow these 4 simple steps.



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Your outdoor project just got easier!

Tips on picking the correct adhesive

Looking to do some repair work in your backyard or re-attach retaining block walls together? This can seem like a tough task, given the harsh weather conditions that your landscape block structures are exposed to year after year. However, with the right construction adhesive, you can feel confident in getting the job done right. To start, if you will be working on a project in an area that is prone to varied weather conditions, then you will want your exterior adhesive to hold up over time and be able to withstand the varying expansion rates of the materials you may be using. Additionally, you will want to choose an adhesive that effectively bonds strong materials together, such as stone, brick, masonry, or concrete. LePage PL® PREMIUM MAX is an excellent choice for any landscaping repair project, including securing block walls or gluing multiple types of materials together. It has an easy-to-use plastic cartridge and can be applied at any temperature. Using this adhesive will give you peace of mind, knowing that your landscape block structure is secure and will hold up for years to come!



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