



TIMBER & MATERIALS FOR OUTDOOR OFFICES



What do you need to create your own outdoor office space?

Peace and quiet, dedicated work space, a room with a view, whatever reason you have for creating your own outdoor office space, you need reliable and effective materials to deliver the finished product.

With self-build an option for many, Alsford are here to support you with our Guide to the Timber & Materials Suitable for Outdoor Offices.

Read on for our 8-step materials guide
with an example self-build garden office.



Alsford's Guide to Timber & Materials Suitable for Outdoor Offices

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1) Find Your Space

Identify an appropriate space of a suitable size and shape for your needs.

Be aware of overhanging trees, underground utilities, direction of the sun and any planning restrictions that are applicable to your location or build type.

When planning, take into consideration any wider landscaping that may be required, as well as provision of utilities to your outdoor office such as electricity.



2) Preparing the Base

Your outdoor office will require a level surface.

Prepare appropriate footings by levelling the ground, and selecting a suitable base material eg Concrete Slabs or Timber.

Alsford Recommends

Stonemarket Riven Concrete Slabs

HC4 Timber Posts

Tongue & Groove Plywood Board



3) Building Your Frame

Creating the studwork frame finalises the shape of your build.

This is also the time to firm up position of doors and windows. Use our [window configurator](#) to compare material types and costs of PVC and timber windows.

Alsford Recommends

Treated Studwork



4) Walls & Interior Amenities

With studwork in place, position your ply or other sheet material, creating the first skin of your home office.

Alsford Recommends

Plywood Sheets

Isover Spacesaver Insulation



5) External Insulation and Roofing

These two vital components will ensure your outdoor office is a comfortable environment to work in.

Roofing material selections will vary to your design, but ensure you fit at an appropriate angle for water run off, and consider the addition of guttering. Insulation effectiveness is measured by u-value, rather than thickness, with a variety of options from Mineral Wool to Foils to choose from.



Alsford Recommends

IKO Shed Felt

Flat Roof Top Sheet

Flat Roof Underlay

Damp Proof Membrane

Additional: Remember to consider your interior utility connections; wiring for lights, heating requirements etc, must all be considered and added before continuing with insulation and a second skin for the interior walls.



6) Exterior Cladding

For your exterior timber cladding, using treated timber suitable for exterior use is essential.

Alsford Recommends
Green Treated Shiplap



7) Surrounding Landscape

Ease of access to your outdoor office space is important.

Surrounding groundworks may also be necessary to ensure easy access to your new office. In this example raised beds and steps were created with sleepers.

Alsford Recommends
New Oak Sleepers



8) Exterior Finishes

Exterior touches for your outdoor office will bring it to life day and night.

Decking, lights, planters and even exterior seating can bring it all together and make your outdoor office the place to be.

Alsford Recommends
Timber Decking
Trex Composite Decking



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