



Ultimate Guide to Buying a Log Cabin



OUR **FREE** GUIDE

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Introduction

What is a log cabin?

A log cabin is a fantastic multifunctional garden building. Its style and durability make it an unbeatable choice for those looking for a garden retreat, home office or craft workshop.

Why do I need a log cabin?

Avoid costly home extensions whilst adding space and value to your property. With so many uses, a log cabin can grow with your family and transform to meet your needs.

Who are 1Click?

1Click Log Cabins are one of the UK's favourite log cabin companies. We have the largest customisable range of log cabins, with endless designs to choose from. New models and extras are introduced each year.

We supply quality log cabin kits directly from the 1Click factory, in the heart of Lancashire. 1Click has built its reputation on providing quality and value to all our customers.

Planning permission

What is a log cabin?

Log cabins are classed as outbuildings. Under new regulations that came into effect on 1st October 2008, outbuildings are considered to be permitted development, not needing planning permission. They are subject to the limits and conditions in the green section opposite:

**The term "original house" means the house as it was first built or as it stood on 1 July 1948 (if it was built before that date). Although you may not have built an extension to the house, a previous owner may have done so.*

**Designated land includes national parks and the Broads, Areas of Outstanding Natural Beauty, conservation areas and World Heritage Sites.*

If you want to put up small detached buildings such as a garden shed or summerhouse in your garden, building regulations will not normally apply if the floor area of the building is less than 15 square metres.

If in doubt, contact your local authority.





Planning permission

Limits & Conditions

No outbuilding forward of the principal elevation fronting a highway.

Outbuildings and garages to be single story with maximum eaves height of 2.5 metres and maximum overall height of four metres with a dual pitched roof or three metres for any other roof.

Maximum height of 2.5 metres within two metres of a boundary.

No verandas, balconies or raised platforms.

*No more than half the area of land around the "original house" * would be covered by additions or other buildings.*

In National Parks, the Broads, Areas of Outstanding Natural Beauty and World Heritage Sites the maximum area to be covered by buildings, enclosures, containers and pools more than 20 metres from house to be limited to 10 square metres.

On designated land buildings, enclosures, containers and pools at the side of properties will require planning permission.*

Within the curtilage of listed buildings any outbuilding will require planning permission.



How to choose a log cabin

Styles of log cabin

There are a variety of log cabin styles to choose from, so you'll be sure to find one that suits you. Perhaps you're a traditionalist, or maybe you like more contemporary designs. Make the most of space in your garden with a corner design. Or, opt for a garage log cabin for an excellent storage solution.

Types of log cabins

Log cabin kits are available in three quality log thicknesses: 19mm, 28mm and 44mm. Both the 19mm and the 28mm logs have single machined tongue and groove. The extra thick 44mm logs are machined with a double tongue and groove, as well as the four-way chamfered notching system.

Bespoke Options

After something different? Bespoke designs allow you to customise your log cabin to your needs. Whether it's adding windows, changing the door style or adding internal walls, we can work through your requirements based on what you need.

Other Products

1Click Log Cabins also offer a variety of other garden buildings, such as sheds, garages, field shelters and wooden stables.





A log cabin is so versatile!

Home gym: why go to a busy gym when you can train in the comfort of your cabin? And it's only a short walk away in the garden – no more excuses not to go to the gym.

Home office: if you're self-employed or often work from home, trying to find space to be productive can be difficult, with all the distractions of home life. Cut the commute and move your office to the garden.

Summerhouse: a log cabin is the perfect companion for summer parties and BBQ's. Enjoy relaxing and socialising with friends on long summer evenings.

Workshop: If you're a keen D.I.Y expert, having a dedicated workshop is ideal for keeping your tools and projects organised.

Hobby room: whether you have a passion for arts and crafts or are a keen works-smith, a log cabin is the perfect creative retreat. You'll be able to focus on your projects whilst also being inspired by the nature in your garden.

Size, Layout & Location

Size: A log cabin should be big enough to grow with your family and adapt to their changing needs. It can transform from the children's playroom to a study room when they're teenagers. An important question to keep in mind: how many people will be using the log cabin? Our most popular sizes are 8x10, 14x10, 20x10 and 20x14.

Apex height guide: Can I reduce the height of a cabin for planning? Yes, however there are some restrictions. Buildings with a length over 20ft can't have a reduced height unless they have a partition to support. Corner cabins cannot have a reduced height.

Layout: Maximise the space in your log cabin by opting for one with adjoining storage, like the Victoria 28mm Log Cabin. Keep your gardening equipment and anything else you might store in your shed separate, so you can enjoy a clutter-free log cabin.

Location: After you've consulted the necessary information for planning permission, you'll want to find the right spot in your garden to meet your needs. If you want lots of natural light, avoid a shady spot. A sunny part of your garden is also good for keeping your cabin warm. Choose a shadier spot if you don't want to overheat, but avoid overhanging branches. Think about the location of the mains supply if you need water or electricity in your cabin.





Choosing a base & materials

Log cabins will need a sturdier base than the average garden shed. If you're unsure, get the help of a professional.

Paving slab bases can be used for smaller cabins, with a hardcore and mortar base. This option is often used to provide a patio area as well. For larger log cabins, concrete offers a stronger, more permanent foundation.

Log quality: 1Click Log Cabins offers three wall thicknesses: 19mm, 28mm and 44mm. Thicker log cabins will be better insulated. 19mm cabins are ideal for summer use, whereas 44mm is great for all year round. You can add double-glazing for extra insulation.

Committed to Sustainability:

We are committed to the sustainability of both woodland and forests throughout our entire manufacturing operations. Our ongoing investment in sourcing good quality FSC timber from Europe, together with our focus on supplying out customer's needs, ensures that we provide a first-class product and service.

Roofing types & coverings

Roof Type:

There is a range of roof types to choose from, and you may select a roof type based on style. But it would help if you considered the practicalities of different roof designs.

Considerations:

Another aspect to consider is Planning Permission. Height restrictions can be an issue depending on where your log cabin is near your house. If this is a concern, you can consider a log cabin that is the height of 2.5 meters.

To find out more information, see our 1 Click Log Cabins guide to planning permission.



UNDER 2.5 METER:

- Can be put very close to boundary without planning permission (Please check with your local council first)



PENT ROOF:

- Modern design
- Single panel roof that angles from front to back
- Most head height at the entrance



HIP ROOF:

- Slopes on all four sides.
- Easily flows rainwater away
- Four sided roof is sturdy and durable



BARN ROOF:

- Maximises roof space
- Perfect for roof storage



APEX ROOF

- Plenty of headroom
- Steep angles so rainwater flows away



Optional Extras

Please note, some of these log cabin options may not be available for every log cabin, this is for guidance only.

Ridge Option:

If you're restricted by planning, we can arrange for the ridge to be lowered to 2500mm free of charge.

Glazing Options:

Customise your log cabin doors and windows with a variety of glazing options.

- o Standard glazing 3mm
- o Double glazing 3mm/6mm/3mm
- o Toughened glazing - 4mm
- o Toughened double glazing - 4mm/6mm/4mm

Roofing Shingles:

Our roofing shingles, manufactured by IKO, are typically used for houses and have a 40% bitumen rate.

They have an adhesive on the back and are nailed into the roof boards. They're available in four colours: red, green, brown and black.

Optional Extras

Gutter Kit: This easy to fit pre-made guttering kit will include all the components to complete fitting. Housed on a 28mm using all BS standard gutter fixings.

Upgrade Log Thickness: Upgrade the wall thickness on a 28mm cabin to a superior 44mm timber, for added strength and warmth.

Pro Assembly: If you don't have the time or the skills to undertake this exciting project, our dedicated team can work closely with you to achieve the perfect build.

Our teams are fully trained and qualified with many years' experience constructing log cabins and other outbuildings.

The ground work and base preparation must be complete before the installation date.



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Log Cabin Care

Maintenance:

How often should I use log cabin treatment?

We recommend that you apply a wood treatment as soon as possible, using a high-quality wood preservative, and continue to treat annually.

This will help to protect it against the elements.

How can I keep my log cabin warm and damp-free?

Lay good foundations for your log cabin, such as a concrete base. Setting it directly onto the ground means that it's easier for water to seep in. Insulating the walls and flooring of your log cabin will help to keep it warm and decrease the chance of damp.

What should I look out for?

Keep a watchful eye for possible rain damage or leaks – especially around joints, visible gaps and interlocking corners.

1Click's 10 Year Anti-Rot Guarantee

As well as our 12 months parts and structural warranty, we also have a 10-year Anti-Rot guarantee against timber rot and decay.

(Please note, this doesn't cover timber from general splits or warping which may occur naturally over time.)

Security

Security: It's best to be prepared, so you'll need to consider the security of your log cabin. This is especially important if your log cabin will house expensive items like gym equipment.

Garden: Make your garden difficult to access by investing in high fences and adding trellis to the top.

Door: Our log cabins are fitted with sturdy doors and locks, but you may wish to reinforce with sheet metal.

Windows: We offer a range of toughened glass to give you peace of mind, but you could add window locks and security shutters for added protection.

Concealment: Store valuables out of sight and consider using curtains or blinds to conceal your possessions.

Alarm: There are alarm systems suitable for outbuildings, or you could add CCTV cameras outside the cabin.





More Help & Contact Information

Contact us:

We will answer any questions you may have about our log cabin products or recent purchases.

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Useful Pages:

- Planning Permission Guide
- Building a Log Cabin Base
- Assembly Service
- DIY Self Build
- Log Cabin News
- Customer Reviews

Customer Reviews



L Campbell:

Superb quality, everything fitted, really pleased. Delivery driver superb.



N Boulty:

Excellent ordering service, lots of options to customise your cabin depending on budget and requirements. Excellent delivery service, turned up when they said they would and stacked everything in the correct order and sizes.



L Swale:

I am delighted with this garden summerhouse which I am using as a small office. I got my local builder to erect it and he commented on the quality and how easy it was to put together. The wood is excellent quality and the building is so sturdy. The delivery was exceptionally efficient and I was fully informed when this was going to be. Really pleased I chose this company, thank you.





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