

Summary: A Bird's-Eye View

The start-to-finish, bird's-eye view, process of building one Conestoga Hut:

- Step 1** Gather all the tools and materials needed for the project, shown on the next few pages, and find yourself a workspace with a flat open area (e.g., a garage with work benches).
- Step 2** After studying the steps and the specifications in this manual, construct and assemble the five components of the Hut. Keep in mind that the individual components sometimes are made up of separate, smaller pieces. This step, if well planned, will take approximately three full workdays with at least two people participating.
- Step 3** Once you have completed constructing the five components you need a site to assemble the components. (Locating a site can happen at any time during or after the building process, but for the purposes of this manual, it is listed in this step.)
- Step 4** Find five to six people to assemble the Hut's components at its final destination. With this many people, assembly takes approximately two hours, providing they have some building experience.
- Step 5** There is a logical order to how the components go together. First, set up and level the foundation, next place the two-piece floor, followed by the front and back walls, the deck, and the roof. Nearly all the components are assembled using self-drilling screws (of varying lengths).
- Step 6** Add some finishing necessities (such as a bed frame and mattress, window curtains, smoke detector, etc.). Clean up leftover materials and reorganize your tools for the next Hut (assuming you are not stopping at one).
- Step 7** Hand over the Hut keys to someone who doesn't have shelter. (There's a lot more to it than handing over the keys, but this is the best part of the process.)