

How to Build a Paving Slab Shed Base

It is essential to provide a dry and level foundation before building your shed. If the shed is built on an unlevel base screw holes connecting the wall panels will not line up. There are a few different types of bases that are suitable for your shed. These include:

- A concrete base
- Paving slab base
- Treated bearer base
- Plastic shed base

Which ever method you chose we recommend that you have a 5cm (2") lip around the edge of your building.

Paving Slab Base

1. Decide where to position your shed but allow enough distance from fences and hedges to give you easy access to all sides. Using pegs and string to mark out the base 5cm (2") larger than the area of the building on each side. Measure both diagonals to ensure that they are the same length.
2. Dig out the area to a depth of approx. 7cm (2.5") to accommodate the base.

Level the area and remove the pegs.
3. Mix together one part cement to eight parts building sand for a dry sand and cement mix. Spread this evenly ensuring that the mix sits approx. 4 cm in depth. Use your rake to ensure that it is level.
4. Starting from one corner and working outward, lay the slabs by tapping down on the centre of each slab with a rubber mallet. Using a spirit level, ensure all the slabs are square, level and firmly butted together for a solid base.
5. The completed base should now be level and square. Do one final check with a long straight edge to check if the base is level from each corner, and measure the diagonals to ensure that they are the same. Brush off any excess dry sand/ cement mix, which could hinder the levelling of the shed.



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