

Guide to Roofs, Walls, Floors

Roofs

Each supplier has their own preferred Finish. They chose by cost, performance and appearance.

A downside of most garden buildings is that you and the neighbours will end up looking at a Roof when you look out of an upstairs window. So, if you can afford a good quality roofing it will improve the view.

Choosing a Flat or a Pitched Roof will either 'dictate' or 'offer choices', although this will depend upon Planning Permission or Permitted Development. See article about Planning.

The most attractive finish for a Flat Roof may be a 'living' Roof roof (as long as you weed it regularly) but, it adds Weight, increases Construction Cost. It may well be that a Rubber Membrane or Felt Roof may work for you.

For a Pitched Roof; Tiles, Cedar Shingles or Slate may be suitable, according to budget!

If you won't be able to see the roof of your building, then a high quality rubber or man made roofing membrane would work well.

Walls

There are four main options for office walls:

Plastered walls provide a substantial, smooth base for decoration.

Dry lined walls also provide a good surface for emulsion paint or even wallpaper, but don't have a skimmed plaster finish.

Vinyl lining board. an internal wallboard with a vinyl coating on it.

Tongue and Groove wood panelling. This is an attractive option in a Garden Building and can be painted to give you 'the feel' you are looking for.

Floors

Make sure that the structural floor of your garden office is strong enough to support all of your furniture and belongings and that it doesn't wobble or creak when you walk on it. You will need an even stronger floor for you if you want to put heavy, specialist equipment in your building.

Many suppliers include a Laminate or other type of floor covering in the price of their garden offices. This is good, but don't let it distract you from the quality of the floor underneath. Don't forget that laminate floors come in many different qualities. Ask to see a flooring sample before you commit yourself.

Roof, Walls & Floor – it's your choice (and your Budget).

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