

Pioneer's Pride FAQ

1. How is the Pioneer's Pride mini-barn different from a shed?

The Pioneer's Pride mini-barn is a high-quality, stronger and more durable structure that uses hemlock wood that will last a lifetime. It is constructed using timber framing with motise and tenon joints with pegs, making it extremely fast to assemble, compared to a typical shed. The timbers are lightweight for easy handling. Hemlock sheeting underneath the roof provides added structural durability. The timbers inside are aesthetically pleasing in comparison to a conventional lumber shed.

2. How sturdy is the pavilion?

The pavilion is extremely sturdy because of its timber-frame structure. The pavilion strength is comparable to a timber-framed barn structure and can typically withstand 60 to 90 mph winds.

3. Can I add electricity and a floor?

Pioneer's Pride products are designed to be customizable (adding nuances like electricity, fans, windows, etc.) to meet individual needs. Yes, you can add electricity. The kit's center-ridge beam comes pre-drilled for electrical and/or a fan.

Your complete Pioneer's Pride mini-barn kit includes:

Pre-cut frame

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- Pre-cut floor
- Metal (29-gauge sheeting) roof available in a choice of colors: black, red, hunter green and brown
- Pre-cut walls

However, Pioneer's Pride offers you the opportunity to purchase any of the components separately to provide flexibility and customization.

Your Pioneer's Pride pavilion does not come with a floor or walls.

Both structures can be customized with optional roofs. Pioneer's Pride offers a canvas roof in a variety of colors that provide additional opportunities for personalization such as team logos or family names.

The kits can be further customized to meet your individual needs, for an example, you can purchase only the frame and the floor and create a greenhouse from the mini-barn kit.

4. How long will it take for me to assemble the Pioneer's Pride timber-frame kits?

With another person's assistance, the timber-framing portion of the pavilion can be assembled in two hours on average and the project can be completed in one day. With two people, the timber-framing portion of the mini-barn can be erected in two hours on average and the project can be completed in less than two days, making it the perfect weekend project.

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5. Do I have to treat the wood to withstand the weather?

It is not necessary to treat hemlock wood to withstand the weather, as hemlock wood will weather naturally. However, if you don't prefer the natural weathered gray color, hemlock can be stained. It entirely depends on the look you wish to achieve. To preserve the original color, a clear stain is recommended. Adding a sealer will enhance the life of the hemlock wood's appearance. Also, hemlock wood is highly resistance to insects.

6. I've heard that hemlock wood toughens with age. What does that mean for my pavilion?

It means that your Pioneer's Pride product will have stability for years to come. Hemlock is a very strong wood, more durable than poplar or white pine.

7. Do I have to put a metal roof on the pavilion?

No, in fact, you can order a kit with pergola boards to achieve an open, airy feeling or you can customize the 1-inch by 8-inch tongue and groove wood sheeting by covering it with roofing material to match your house. You can also put an optional canvas roof, which is offered in a variety of colors.

8. Will I have to approach my neighborhood association to have this in my backyard?

That depends entirely on your homeowner's association's (HOA) bylaws.

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9. How easy would this be to disassemble to take with me to my next home?

Disassembling is as easy as putting it together. The wooden pins that hold the timber frame together can be easily tapped out. For questions or additional info on how to do this, please call 1-800-PIONEER.

10. Is the Pioneer's Pride pavilion less expensive than buying a plan online and purchasing my own wood?

It's not comparable. Hemlock wood is not available at your local DIY stores. It would need to be special ordered at a high cost. Also, the timber frame structure using the mortise and tenon construction technique that makes the structure strong and easy to put together is unique to the market.

11. What type of ceiling fan can be hung in the pavilion?

You can hang an outdoor fan that can be extended a minimum of 18 inches in order to avoid the blades from hitting the roof pitching. The center ridge beam comes pre-drilled for electrical and/or a fan.

12. Is it possible to customize my Pioneer's Pride kit (i.e. gazebo, circular, etc.)? If I wanted to construct my pavilion to be bigger or smaller or in a rectangle, will you have a kit for that?



Currently, we do not have options for these types of customizations. However, we are continually developing new options based on the feedback we receive from our customers.

13. **If I make a mistake and ruin a piece of hemlock, can I get a replacement from you?**While it is highly unlikely, Pioneer's Pride would be happy to replace a hemlock timer. We handle these situations on an individual basis. Please call customer service at 1-800-PIONEER if you need a replacement.

14. Do you have list of installers in my area who can help me assemble this?

If you need an installer, please call Pioneer's Pride customer service to locate an installer in your area.

15. When I receive my Pioneer's Pride pavilion, will the delivery person put it in my garage or backyard?

Delivery will be scheduled to a truck accessible area at the front of your home.