



Custom DECK PLANS



PLANNING GUIDE

BEFORE YOU START

A new deck can be a great addition and/or gathering place for any home. Custom Deck Plans will work with you to bring your dream deck to life by creating a unique plan for your specific needs. It is highly recommended you read through and consider the following questions prior to starting. This will ensure your new deck is well thought out, and fulfills all of your needs.

How will you use your deck? (now and in the future)

Are you building the deck as an entertainment extension from your home? Do you need a large amount of room to accommodate a large number of people or is the deck being designed specifically for homeowner use? Will the deck be used for dining and cooking? Do you want a special space dedicated to dining or cooking? Will the deck be next to a pool? Are you making an addition to an existing deck? Will you be adding a hot tub or spa to the deck in the future? (This is very important to consider. It will be a lot easier to add additional structural support in the beginning rather than replacing a section of your deck later to accommodate your spa.) Do you want built-in seating or do you have existing patio furniture to consider? Do you need additional lighting to illuminate the deck in the evenings? Do you have small children? Do you need a gate to restrict access? Is there any other way you plan on using your deck?

Where will the deck be located?

The majority of decks being built are off the rear side of the house. This doesn't have to be the only place to build your deck. The DekBrands Floating Foundation Deck System provides excellent free standing structures that can be placed anywhere in your yard. Take into consideration any objects located around your decks future location. If your deck design follows along the back side of your house there may be more than just trees to take into consideration. Are there water pickets located where your future deck will be? Dryer vents, chimneys, downspouts, egress windows, electrical or mechanical terminal, air condition unit or heat pumps, etc.? You may want to check with your local utility company or companies to determine the amount of clearance you will have to allow around your air conditioning unit or heat pump for future service. Do you have anything buried in your yard? A covered well, propane or septic tanks, utilities, etc.? If so, you may want to create some form of access to these items, should they ever require servicing. Are there any sap dripping trees near by. Sap is very difficult to remove from a deck and often stains the wood permanently. Where in relationship to your deck is the sun located. Is the deck going to be directly in the sun or in the shade the majority of the day? What views will be created from the decks location? Are there any other objects or issues with your decks placement?

Building codes?

Always check with your local building official before you begin any building project. You will need to verify all lot and zoning restrictions that might apply to your property. The building inspector, will often have an information sheet pertaining to deck construction and addressing local concerns. Though DekBrands Floating Foundation Deck System complies with national and regional building codes in every state but New Jersey, some local building inspectors may have questions about the system. DekBrands has agreed to handle all issues pertaining to building code requirements and individual building inspectors. We design all of our custom deck plans in accordance with DekBrands engineering requirements and specifications. If you have questions concerning any building code issues, please contact DekBrands.

What size should the deck be?

What ever size you want, we can design for you. However, there are three factors that should be considered: Site, Use and Cost. Consider the size of your deck in comparison to the size of your yard. Given the size of your yard, some decks will look too big and others will look too small. To help get a feel for the best size deck for your yard, use a garden hose or extension cord to layout different sizes and shapes of decks. Remember that you may want to add landscaping after the project. Take this into account so you give yourself enough room to add it later. Secondly, is their enough room for all the uses you anticipate. Will your patio table or future hot tub fit comfortably within the shape you have designed? It's a lot easier to build the deck right the first time. Adding on to an existing deck will cause the lumber to weather differently, and the new section will look like an addition. However the size of your deck and building method may be a function of cost. The materials for a very simple deck (rectangular) with 2x6 surface boards will cost anywhere between \$3.00-5.00 per square ft. The same deck with 5/4x6 decking, will cost between \$5.00-8.00. Angled decking, height variations, and lots of angles will all add to these costs. Pool decks can range anywhere from \$7.00-\$11.00. To help reduce costs and eliminate waste, plan your deck in 2 foot increments. Typical lumber lengths are 8', 10', 12', and 16'. Using combinations of these sizes will reduce costs. Remember, it's alot easier to build your deck the way you want it the first time than to add on later.



Before you start PLANNING GUIDE

Name: _____

Date: _____

Review

Step 1 - Site Dimensions

Draw/sketch the location and size of any structures or objects relative to the future site of your deck. If the deck follows along the house, draw (with detail) the location of doors, windows, electrical boxes, water spickets, etc. If the deck is to be built around any trees or other objects in the yard draw the location and size of those objects in relationship to everything else.

Step 2 - Site Elevation Details

Record the dimension of any applicable door openings, window openings and other objects that may effect the design of the deck. After dimensioning objects, label these objects on the site dimension page with reference codes as noted in that section. example D1, W1, W2, and O1.

Step 3 - Deck Dimensions

Redraw or trace the house or objects that will effect the design of the future deck (no need to re-dimension objects unless it is critical to your deck design). Draw/sketch the design of the deck you are envisioning. List dimensions for all sizes and locations that may be important. Label the height of deck(s). Draw/sketch where you would prefer handrails, benches, planters, stairs, hot tubs, etc. to be located, and label them accordingly.

Step 4 - Deck Details

Select from the list provided any detail options you prefer to have incorporated into your deck design.

Step 5 - Additional Information

Draw or describe any additional information that may be important in designing your deck plan.

Step 6 - Sending Information

Complete this packet and Fax all information to: Custom Deck Plans 1-800-860-5922 or
Scan & E-mail to: designs@customdeckplans.com

Step 7 - Review Notification

Within 2-3 business days, you will be contacted by e-mail with a preliminary design review, including a link to your custom deck page that will guide you through the review process and purchasing requirements. Prices are based on total square footage of deck. (\$0.30 to \$0.50 per square foot based on complexity)

Step 8 - Completion

After accepting the preliminary design and purchasing our services, your plan will be completed within the time frame you choose. E-mail orders will be sent immediately. Standard, priority and overnight mail orders may take additional time for delivery based on method.



Process

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Name: _____

Date: _____

Step 2 - Record Site Elevation Details

Door Openings

If your deck follows along the house and has a door that will walkout onto the deck, label the dimensions of the location of the door in reference to the ground and other objects along the wall.

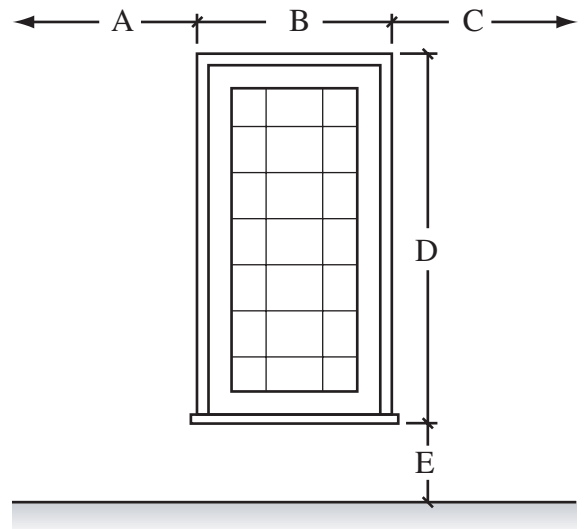
Door 1 (label on plan: D1)

A ___ Feet ___ Inches
 B ___ Feet ___ Inches
 C ___ Feet ___ Inches
 D ___ Feet ___ Inches
 E* ___ Feet ___ Inches

Door 2 (label on plan: D2)

A ___ Feet ___ Inches
 B ___ Feet ___ Inches
 C ___ Feet ___ Inches
 D ___ Feet ___ Inches
 E* ___ Feet ___ Inches

*If deck will be taller than 5 ft please call before submitting 1-800-492-9521



Window Openings

If your deck follows along the house, label the dimensions of the location of the window openings in reference to the ground and other objects along the wall.

Window 1 (label on plan: W1)

A ___ Feet ___ Inches
 B ___ Feet ___ Inches
 C ___ Feet ___ Inches
 D ___ Feet ___ Inches
 E ___ Feet ___ Inches

Window 2 (label on plan: W2)

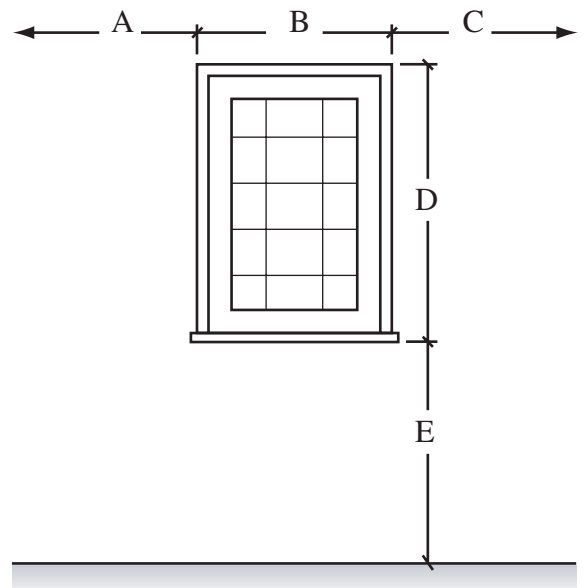
A ___ Feet ___ Inches
 B ___ Feet ___ Inches
 C ___ Feet ___ Inches
 D ___ Feet ___ Inches
 E ___ Feet ___ Inches

Window 3 (label on plan: W3)

A ___ Feet ___ Inches
 B ___ Feet ___ Inches
 C ___ Feet ___ Inches
 D ___ Feet ___ Inches
 E ___ Feet ___ Inches

Window 4 (label on plan: W4)

A ___ Feet ___ Inches
 B ___ Feet ___ Inches
 C ___ Feet ___ Inches
 D ___ Feet ___ Inches
 E ___ Feet ___ Inches



Miscellaneous Objects

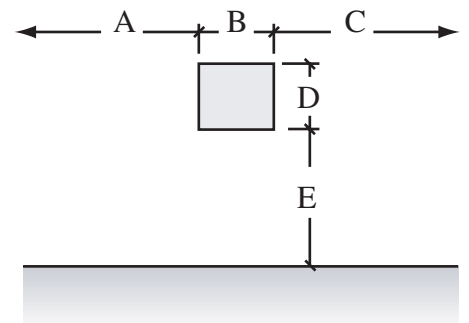
If your deck follows along the house, label the dimensions for the location of any object along the wall in reference to the ground and other objects along the wall.

Object 1 (label on plan: O1)

Description: _____
 A ___ Feet ___ Inches
 B ___ Feet ___ Inches
 C ___ Feet ___ Inches
 D ___ Feet ___ Inches
 E ___ Feet ___ Inches

Object 2 (label on plan: O2)

Description: _____
 A ___ Feet ___ Inches
 B ___ Feet ___ Inches
 C ___ Feet ___ Inches
 D ___ Feet ___ Inches
 E ___ Feet ___ Inches



Site Elevation Details PLANNING GUIDE

Name: _____

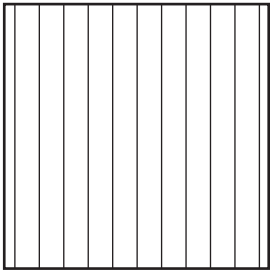
Date: _____

Step 4 - Select Deck Details - building costs are shown as average (\$) more expensive (\$\$) most expensive (\$\$\$)

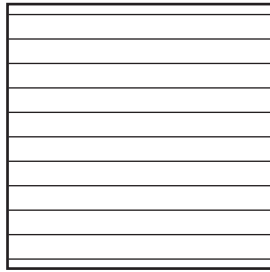
Decking Direction

Choose the direction of decking you would prefer for your deck.

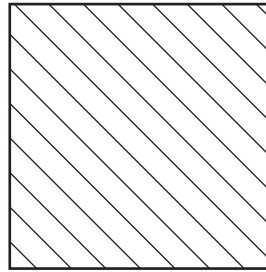
If cost is a concern, angled and herringbone designs will increase the entire cost of the deck between 15-20%.



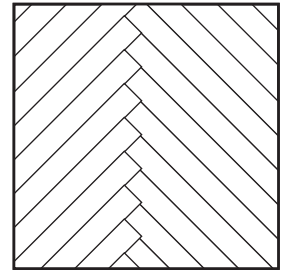
Perpendicular (\$) to _____



Parallel (\$) to _____



Angle #1 (\$\$)
(Label direction on plan)



Herringbone (\$\$)

Decking Materials

Choose the material size of decking you would prefer for your deck.

Type: _____

Decking Size: _____

Pressure Treated Lumber (\$)

2"x 6" Lumber (\$)

Cedar Lumber (\$\$)

5/4"x 6" lumber (\$\$)

Redwood Lumber (\$\$\$)

Composite Lumber (\$\$\$) _____ Brand if known

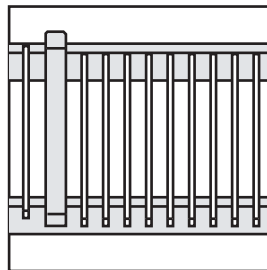
Other _____

Handrail

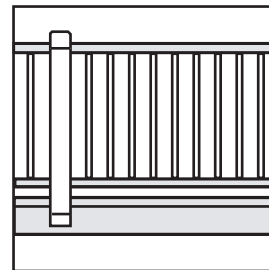
Choose the handrail you would prefer for your deck. The designs are ordered from the least expensive and difficult to the most expensive and difficult.

If you are wanting a composite handrail we need to know the brand of composite decking brand. _____

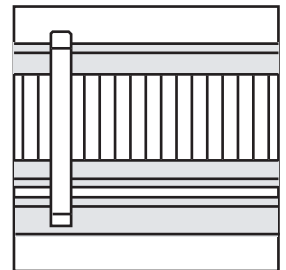
Other: _____



Standard (\$)



Suspended (\$\$)



Aluminum Spindles (\$\$\$)



Deck Details PLANNING GUIDE

Name: _____

Date: _____

Personal Information

Name: _____

Address: _____

Address: _____

City: _____ State: _____ Zip: _____

E-mail: _____

Phone Day: () _____
 Night: () _____

Fax: () _____

Plan Size: 8 1/2" x 11" 18" x 24"
 11" x 17" 24" x 36"

Delivery Method: E-mail Priority Mail
 Standard Mail Overnight Mail

Custom Deck Plans Delivery Pricing		Delivery Method			
		E-mail	Standard Mail	Priority Mail	Overnight Mail
Plan Size	8 1/2" x 11"	\$0.00	\$5.00	\$10.00	\$25.00
	11" x 17"	\$0.00*	\$10.00	\$15.00	\$30.00
	18" x 24"	\$0.00*	\$15.00	\$20.00	\$35.00
	24" x 36"	\$0.00*	\$20.00	\$25.00	\$45.00

*Note: for sizes larger than 8 1/2" x 11" you will be responsible for print costs and compatibilities. All e-mailed formats are in pdf format.

Completion: 2-4 business days (add 50%) 10 business days
 5-9 business days (add 30%)



Personal Information PLANNING GUIDE

Name: _____
 Date: _____