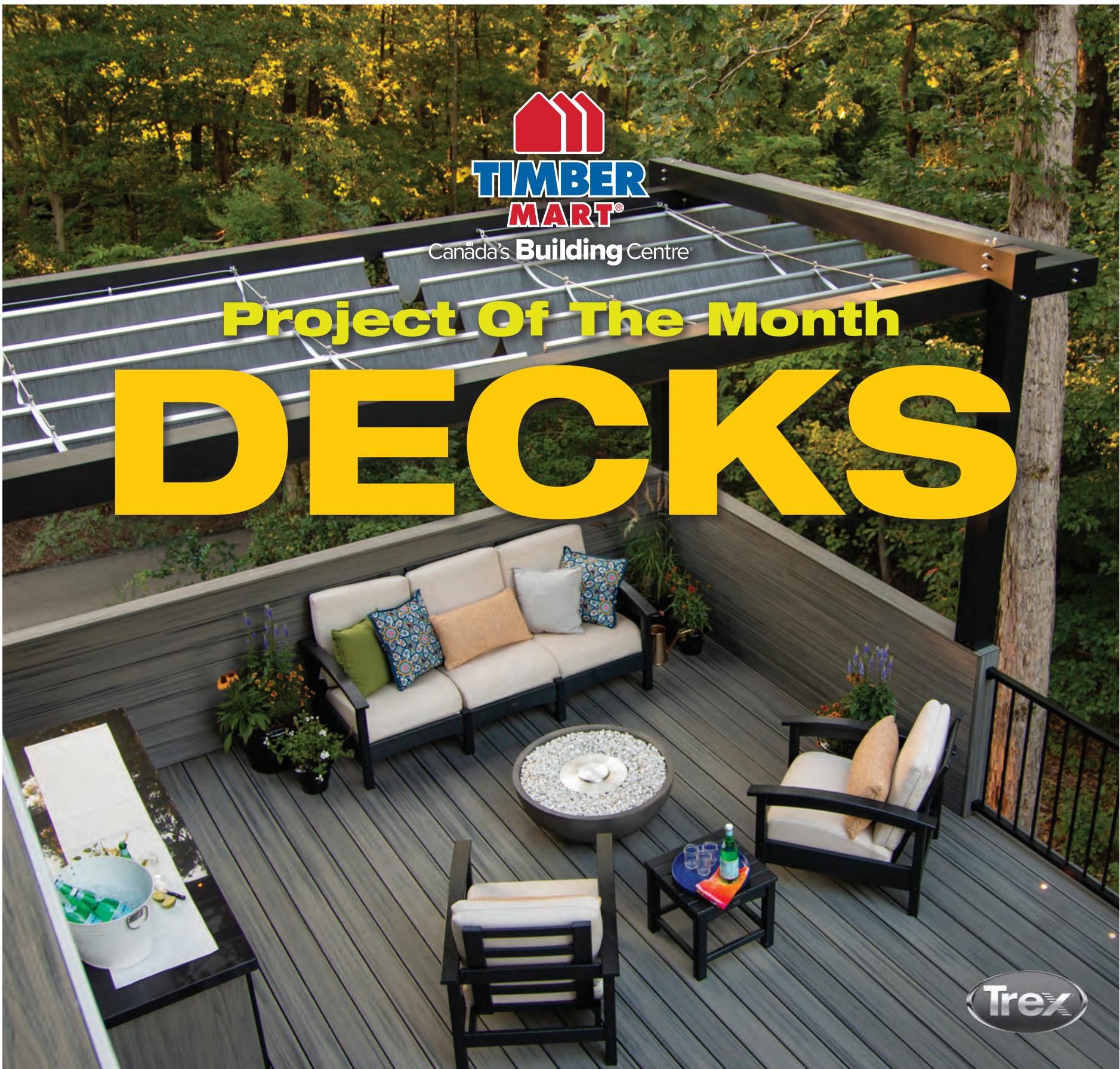




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Project Of The Month

# DECKS



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# Dream deck

Today's outdoor spaces have become more important than ever. Not only are they a retreat from everyday life, they are also a safe space for families and friends to gather outdoors. The classic look of a wood deck adds a natural warmth to any backyard and is a worthy investment that will add value to your property. Treated lumber remains the most common choice in decking while composite decking is gaining in popularity every year. It's versatility and low maintenance has made it a DIY-er favourite. Decks can be a simple rectangular construction or a multi-level, sprawling dream deck - only limited by your imagination and your budget. Planning your deck to be built in phases over several seasons can help with the budget. When you're ready to begin your deck project, come to TIMBER MART and get started at the right place. We have everything you need to build the ultimate deck.

### We can help!

Pick up a TIMBER MART worksheet in-store and sketch out your project with as much detail as possible including measurements. Our Project Experts will turn your vision into an accurate design plan including a complete list of materials and cost estimates.



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# Trex® composite decking

When it comes to creating the perfect outdoor space, Trex® has been laying the groundwork for more than 20 years. Premium Transcend® decking gives the depth and beauty of wood with none of the time-consuming maintenance. Pair that with the stunning look of Trex Signature® aluminum railings for an effortless, eye-catching design. And since Trex is made with 95% reclaimed wood and plastic film, it is a truly environmentally friendly decking choice. When high-level aesthetics come packaged with low-maintenance durability, the result is a masterpiece that leaves a lasting impression. To learn more, visit [trex.com](https://www.trex.com).





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# 5 bonus deck features

Check out these 5 features that will give your deck design a big bang for your buck - not only in style, but in practicality as well

## 1 Levels

A deck with different levels can break up a large area into distinct spaces for different activities. Levels are also a good solution for sloped yards where one deck flows into another as the terrain changes.



## 2 Bench

A built-in bench around the perimeter of the deck is a great way to accommodate seating for a crowd. Clever designs can include built-in storage.



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## 3 Railing

Deck railings are not only a safety feature for your deck, they also add an element of style. Today's trends tend to be simple and understated. Vertical balusters are available in metal and wood while glass and cable let you see the view beyond. Take note of your local building codes to ensure you are meeting safety requirements.

### Product profile

## Vista Railings

Vista Railing Systems are leaders in aluminum railing innovation and design. Railing styles include picket, glass, frameless glass and cable. Shown here is the contemporary cable railing system which is easy to install thanks to pre-drilled and pre-threaded posts. Powder-coated posts and rails along with stainless steel hardware and cable make this a virtually maintenance free system.

vista **style & simplicity**

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## 4 Shade

Adding shade to your deck will keep you cool and comfortable in the heat of summer. A pergola or shade structure is a great way to define an outdoor living space and stay out of the sun. If you would like a simpler shade solution, you can go with a patio canopy or umbrella.



## 5 Privacy

Create a more intimate setting by adding privacy to your deck and living space. Screening out your neighbours can be achieved with lattice, decorative panels, greenery or Nuvo Iron's adjustable louvers pictured here.



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# Deck accessories by Nuvo Iron



A railing is an integral part of your deck's safety and balusters provide the vertical support to the railing system. Installing Nuvo Iron balusters is an easy and cost-effective way of taking your backyard to the next level and elevating the look of any material you choose to pair them with (i.e. wood or composite). The two baluster styles featured on this page are incredibly easy to install and add a touch of modern style that will enhance your outdoor space. These innovative designs are made with high quality materials you've come to expect from Nuvo Iron.



## Round balusters:

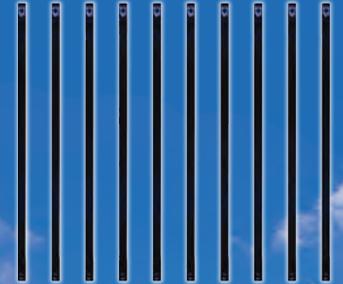
Upgrade your deck instantly with this all-in-one baluster kit that complements both contemporary and classic project designs. Kit includes thirty round balusters and sixty baluster connectors which covers approximately 12 linear feet. The tough, galvanized steel construction of the balusters and the black, rigid plastic of the connectors ensure this kit will last you for years to come. #CR-32



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## Rectangular balusters:

Accent your outdoor project instantly with our 10-pack, surface-mount, rectangular balusters. Installation is quick and easy with pre-cut balusters that don't require extra connectors. Made of strong, galvanized steel and powder-coated black, they stylishly withstand the test of time. It's an easy way to accent your outdoor project while simultaneously adding beauty, strength, and safety. #RCTB32/38



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## Build a safe, strong deck

When planning your deck for the long term, not only should your top decking material be considered for longevity but so should the integrity of the structure. Using the correct structural wood connectors is key. This technology has changed over the last decade, due to the changes in the deck market itself. For any deck project, you will need an assortment of joist hangers and different sized screws, all depending on the design of your deck. Simpson Strong-Tie has the wood connectors to keep your deck structurally strong as it ages. LUS joist hangers are designed to provide support underneath the joist, rafter, or beam of your deck for a strong connection. To select connectors rated for outdoor use – look for ZMAX® (G185) or stainless steel. The Strong-Drive® SD Connector Screws are designed to replace nails; mechanically-galvanized for exterior conditions, they work with Simpson Strong-Tie® connectors to make deck building stronger and easier.

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# 2 design dilemmas



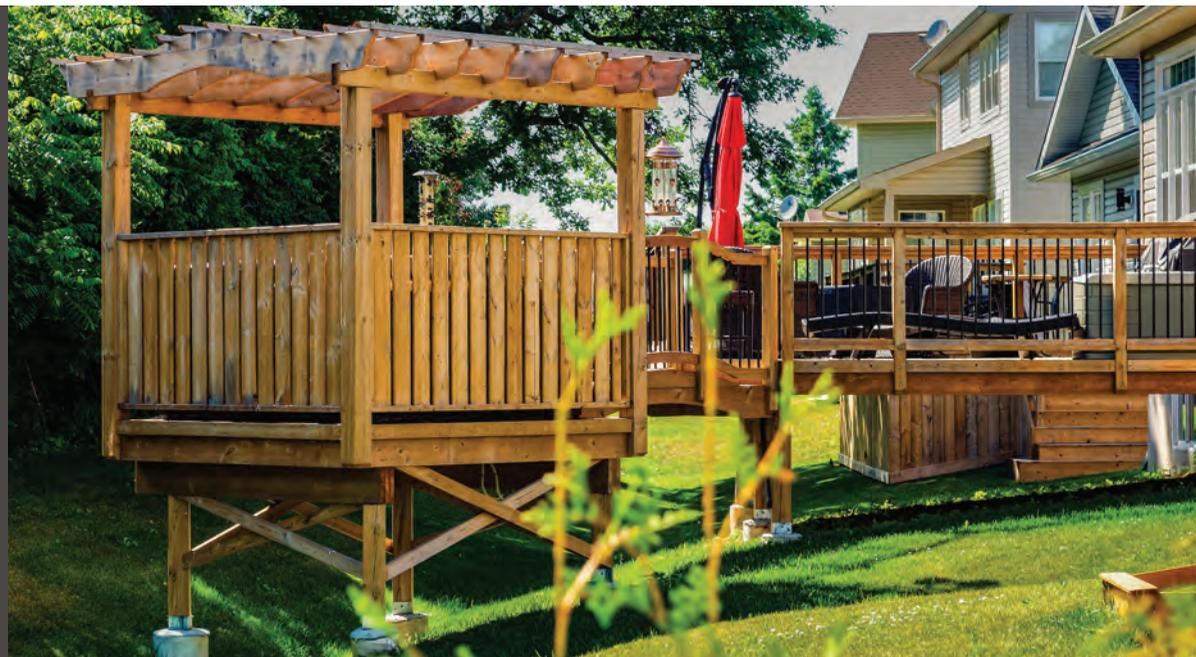
## What to do with the gap under the deck

When planning your deck project, you will have to decide what to do with the gap between the deck structure and the ground. This space, no matter how big it is, will be a dark and weedy focal point if you decide to do nothing. Plus it can become a home for unwanted wildlife. Gaps of all sizes can be skirted to completely obscure or semi-obscure the space. Lattice is often used as an economical skirting that doesn't completely close off the space. Deck boards attached horizontally or vertically to the substructure can be spaced loosely or tight together depending on the look you want. Other more structural options should be included at the beginning of your design plan so they can be built at the same time as your deck. These can include steps that extend the entire length of your deck or built-in planters around the deck's perimeter. Both these options will hide

the gap while elegantly softening the edge of your deck. If your deck structure is fairly high off the ground, you can turn the space into a great place to store large outdoor items like a wheelbarrow, empty planters and outdoor furniture cushions when not in use. Finish the ground under the deck with a layer of gravel and top with patio stones so that whatever you store won't be sitting in mud or water and add a door large enough to easily move things in and out. Alternatively, skirting a deck that is higher off the ground will have a bigger impact on the overall look of your deck because of the larger area to cover. You may want to blend the skirting into the architecture of your home by matching the same materials as your home (ie; the same siding or brick). This is a great way to create a unified look between your home and the surrounding landscape.

## How to build on a slope

Solidly built footings are key to the sound structure of any deck and building on uneven ground isn't too different from building on even ground as long as you have good footings. However, the type of ground you have and how severe the slope is will play a big part in the footing construction. If you have a steep slope or your ground contains a lot of sand, you should leave the building of footings to professionals. Otherwise, you can start by figuring out where to precisely put the footings. The easiest way is to construct the outside frame of your deck, temporarily support it and level it in place. Then you can measure down for the footings. Don't skip on the number of footings, you want a safe and solidly built structure. The only other precaution when building on a slope is taking extra care to ensure all posts are plumb and the deck is level.

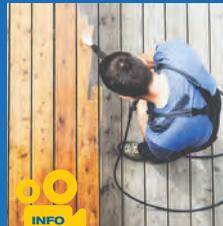




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# How to keep a wood deck looking great

A wood deck should be thoroughly inspected and cleaned as part of annual maintenance. Be sure to replace damaged boards or loose fasteners and fill holes with exterior wood filler. Over time, wood surfaces exposed to the weather can look old and in need of a refresh. A good cleaning and a protective coat of stain will not only make your deck look new again, it will also extend the life of your deck. Staining a deck is an easy DIY weekend project and for best results, follow the expert advice from the deck stain specialists at Olympic and Sico. Click the links on the right for info on how to keep your deck looking great for years.



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## DECK SCREWS

**HOW MANY SCREWS WILL I NEED FOR MY DECK?**  
(Approximate quantities - For decking only)

8' x 10'	272 screws
10' x 12'	440 screws
12' x 12'	520 screws
12' x 16'	700 screws
16' x 16'	910 screws

**OR** > QUICK MATH: SQUARE FEET X 4

\* Approximate quantities. Calculations based on 16" o/c joist spacing, 6" deck (5-1/2" finished), and 2 screws per intersection. - Calculations are only for decking and do not include screws for the structure.

**WHICH SCREW SHOULD I USE?**

<b>#8</b> 3" Use for <b>2" x 6" Decking</b>	<b>#6</b> 1 3/4" Use for <b>Balusters</b>
<b>#8</b> 2 1/2" Use for <b>5/4" x 6" Decking</b>	<b>#8</b> 1 1/2" Use for <b>Fence Boards</b>
<b>#10</b> 3 1/2" Use for <b>Structure Assembly</b>	<b>#10</b> 5" Use for <b>Structure: Double Joist</b>
<b>#8</b> 1 1/4" Use for <b>Joist Hangers</b>	<b>#10</b> 6" Use for <b>45° Joining - 4" x 4"</b>
<b>#6</b> 1" Use for <b>Mouldings, Caps, and Accessories</b>	<b>#10</b> 4" Use for <b>45° Joining - 2" x 6"</b>

## Wondering how many and what type of screw for your deck project?

Choosing the correct screw for the different elements of your deck project can be confusing. RELIABLE FASTENERS have provided this simple chart to help guide you to the right size and right type of screw for each step of your build.

Once you decide which screws and fasteners, next figure out how many you need for your size deck. If you are building a standard size deck, see the RELIABLE FASTENERS chart for quantities. If your deck is a more custom size, use the math formula provided. Not good with math? A TIMBER MART Deck Specialist can calculate the number of screws you'll need for the size of deck you are building.

From treated wood to cedar to composite decking, TIMBER MART can provide the right deck screws and fasteners to get the job done. We can also answer your questions and provide helpful tips and advice.



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## Building a deck or fence using these accessories will make it easier and faster



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As with most projects the right tools will make the construction of a deck or fence easier and faster. Here's some help choosing the right power tool accessories for the best results.



### 4" or 6" long screw driver bit

One of the most tedious tasks is securing the decking. Save your back! Use a 4" or 6" screwdriver bit. Those couple of inches make a big difference!



### Mason's line with line level

Make sure your deck is square and level. A line level on a piece of mason's line will make sure you trim the support columns accurately so your deck is level over the entire span.

**High speed steel drill bit** When drilling in wood regular High Speed Steel drill bits are a good choice. A 135° split point tip will help prevent the bit from skating on the wood's surface insuring accurate hole placement. If a lot of drilling is required in pressure treated wood consider a titanium nitride coated drill bit as the wood preservatives can be quite abrasive causing the bit to lose its edge more quickly.



**Auger bit** For drilling many large diameter holes in thicker timbers where a clean hole is required choose an auger bit. The threaded tip helps pull the bit through the wood and the robust cutting edge and cutting spur that carves the circumference of the hole ensures an exceptionally accurate and clean hole.

**Masonry drill bit** Need to attach one edge of the deck to the concrete foundation of your home? Don't forget a masonry drill bit and lead anchors to attach the wood ledger board to your foundation.



**Spade bit** For fast and inexpensive larger diameter holes in cedar or pressure treated wood a spade bit is an economical option. While the hole may be quickly drilled it will be quite rough where the spade bit exits the wood.



### Circular saw blade

The higher the tooth count the smoother the cut. A 7 1/4" blade with 40 carbide teeth will ensure a clean cut, with no splintering on the cut end, and will hold its edge against the abrasive wood preservatives.



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## Decking construction adhesives Solid from the floor up!



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The strength and solidity of outdoor flooring are essential components of any building project. When installing decking, whether it be with wood or composite lumber, a quality decking adhesive can make a real difference in ensuring longevity and stability of the structure. Supplementing nails, screws, and other traditional fasteners with a deck adhesive is a great way to achieve stronger and more durable results over time.

There are a number of deck components that can benefit from the use of a construction adhesive, including stairs, skirting, baseboards, fascia, railings, and decorative caps and trim. It is important to select the construction adhesive with the right performance characteristics for these various applications. The adhesive must be strong enough to remain durable over time, but also provide enough elasticity to absorb the regular movement, impact, and potential shrinkage some flooring materials may face over time.

For a decking adhesive with a powerful, permanent bond, try LePage® PL® 400 Subfloor & Deck Construction Adhesive, which sets fast and is ideal for exterior decking installations in all types of environmental conditions, including bonding wet and frozen lumber. The adhesive also prevents uneven flooring, bridges gaps between surfaces to help eliminate squeaks, and reduces the use of nails and fasteners. When using the proper decking construction adhesive, the result is a stronger & sturdier deck that will hold up for the long haul!

