The Shed-Gable Weekend Plan

Your complete layout and cut sequence for a custom facade.

Transform your backyard building by Sunday afternoon. This step-by-step layout order ensures perfect symmetry from the peak centerline outward.



Key Dimensions

10 in
Batten spacing reveal for flat surface

1x6
Crisp horizontal belly band seam size

5 in
Radius for fish-scale shingle curves

1/2 shingle
Overlap for decorative shingle courses

1 in
Nail placement above the exposure line

+1 in
Hub thickness over sunburst rays

Pre-drill and seal edges

Always apply exterior primer to freshly cut batten ends. Pre-drill nail holes in the delicate white sunburst rays to prevent the narrow, angled tips from splitting wide open.

Saturday-to-Sunday Sequence

1. **Plumb line at peak** Drop a plumb line at the peak to position the center batten and establish perfect symmetry.
2. **Install belly band seam** Nail the crisp white trim directly above the vertical battens to create a perfectly level foundation.
3. **Lay fish-scale courses** Work systematically upward from the trim, overlapping shingles carefully to shed water effectively.
4. **Scribe string-pivot sunburst** Tap a temporary nail at the peak base and use a mason's line to trace the arc.
5. **Mount rays and hub** Fasten the pre-cut white rays and cap the converging points with the solid marigold center medallion.

Material and Thickness Guide

Find your row: **Exterior decorative element**

Exterior decorative element	Your pick	Why
Fish-scale shingles	3/8 in Western Red Cedar	Naturally rot-resistant for intricate cuts
Horizontal belly band	3/4 in PVC Composite	Bears the brunt of heavy rain
Sunburst center hub	1/2 in Exterior Plywood	Creates a solid flat mounting base

Layout and Cut Checks

- ◯ Verify the exact roof pitch angle on a scrap piece of lumber.
- ◯ Clamp a pitch-angle stop block to the miter saw fence.
- ◯ Measure the total width of the gable base from corner to corner.
- ◯ Check horizontal alignment with a story pole for courses every three rows.

Project Notes

Enjoy your beautifully crafted, custom-styled backyard studio!