OUTDECO

Installing OUTDECO screen panels

Practical guidance for framing, fixing, cutting and finishing OUTDECO GardenScreen and Botanical decorative screen panels.

Minimum requirements

- Install panels in a vertical plane.
- Support all four sides of every panel.
- Fix at no more than 300 mm (11.8 in) centres around the border.
- Allow a consistent 2 mm (0.08 in) gap between adjoining panels.
- Keep panels at least 100 mm (3.9 in) clear of soil and standing water.

Painting and natural weathering

Panels can be left in their supplied DecoShield finish or coated with a compatible exterior water-based paint or pigmented deck stain. Test first and follow the coating manufacturer’s directions. Apply light, even coats and remove drips from cut edges.

Fixing the panels

Pre-drill through the solid border. Use galvanised, stainless-steel or other exterior-grade screws, nails or rivets suited to the frame. Construction adhesive may be used where appropriate, but many projects still require mechanical fixing.

Frames, fences and walls

Timber or steel frames may be freestanding or attached to a sound existing structure. Every outside edge and panel joint must be supported. A frame may be assembled flat and lifted when practical, or posts and rails may be set before the panels are fixed.

Panel sizes and handling

Plan the complete layout before cutting or building the frame. Check the Pattern page for formats and orientations. Allow for the combined panel and frame weight and use enough people or suitable lifting equipment.

Cutting and finishing

Cut with common woodworking tools. Mark carefully, clamp a straight guide where needed and support Pattern elements where a cut passes through open areas.