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READ THESE INSTRUCTIONS COMPLETELY BEFORE YOU START

Two people are required. Assemble on a flat, level surface. Do not assemble in high wind. The lettered diagram that follows these instructions shows every piece in its finished position. Match each letter below to that diagram as you work.

SAFETY FIRST

- Two people are required for every lift. Do not try to stand the tower or set the blind alone.
- Leave all bolts finger-tight until the full frame is together and square. Tightening early will twist the tower and throw later holes out of line.
- Use a step ladder only after the lower section is standing and braced. Never climb an unfinished tower.
- The four base pieces (**A**) are the platform the blind sits on. The eight 3/8″ × 2 ½″ bolts are reserved for those joints — do not use them elsewhere.
- After the tower is complete, anchor it to the ground. For elevated blinds, attach guy lines to the tower, not the blind. **Anchoring is the purchaser's sole responsibility.**
- Confirm the finished tower is plumb and square before you set the blind on it.

TOOLS, PARTS LIST AND RESERVED HARDWARE

TOOLS:

	USE:
• Wrenches or sockets for the supplied bolts (typically 9/16″)	• All frame hardware
• Step ladder	• Upper braces, rail, and ladder install
• Tape measure or square	• Keep the frame square as you go
• Second Person	• Required throughout

PARTS LIST (Match letters to the supplied tower diagram)

LETTER	QTY	DESCRIPTION	LENGTH
A	4	2″ angle iron — base the blind sits on	47″
B	4	2″ angle iron upper legs, attachment plate on one end	60″
C	4	2″ angle iron lower legs	60″
D	4	1 ½″ angle iron upper horizontal braces (bundled in two sets of two)	65.5″
E–F	4	1 ½″ angle iron upper diagonal braces (bundled in two sets of two)	65.5″
F–G	4	1 ½″ angle iron lower diagonal braces (bundled in two sets of two)	47″
G–H	8	1 ½″ angle iron lower horizontal braces (bundled in two sets of four)	47″
I	4	1 ½″ angle iron upper horizontal braces (bundled in two sets of two)	65.5″
X	4	Feet	—
—	2	Ladders (one upper, one lower)	—
—	1	Rail	—
—	—	Bolts, nuts, flat washers, and lock washers	—

RESERVED HARDWARE: Eight (8) 3/8″ x 2 ½″ bolts and nuts are for installing the angle-iron base (**A**) only.

1. UNPACK AND SORT

1. Lay out every piece on the ground and group by letter. Keep the two **G–H** bundles and the two **E–F** / **F–G** bundles separate so upper and lower braces are not mixed.
2. Confirm you have four feet (**X**), both ladder sections, the rail, and the full hardware kit, including the eight 3/8″ x 2 ½″ base bolts.

2. BUILD THE BASE (A)

1. On level ground, arrange the four **A** pieces into a square. This frame is the platform the blind will sit on.
2. Join the corners with the eight reserved 3/8″ x 2 ½″ bolts, flat washers, and lock washers.

Start every bolt — DO NOT TIGHTEN.

3. Check that the opening is square before you move on.

3. HANG THE UPPER LEGS (B)

1. Stand each **B** leg so the attachment plate is at the top, against a corner of the **A** base.
2. Bolt each plate to the base.

Start every bolt — DO NOT TIGHTEN.

- **You should now have a four-legged upper section hanging from the base, still loose.**

4. INSTALL THE UPPER HORIZONTALS (I)

1. Bolt the four **I** braces between the **B** legs at the upper horizontal locations shown on the diagram. These braces square the top of the tower.

Start every bolt — DO NOT TIGHTEN.

5. INSTALL THE UPPER DIAGONALS (E–F)

1. Fit the four **E–F** diagonal braces in the upper bay, matching the diagram. One pair per side, running opposite directions so the bay is cross-braced.

Start every bolt — DO NOT TIGHTEN.

6. ADD THE LOWER LEGS (C) AND FEET (X)

1. Bolt each **C** lower leg to the bottom of a **B** upper leg so the two pieces form one continuous 10′ corner post.
2. Bolt a foot (**X**) to the bottom of each **C** leg.

Start every bolt — DO NOT TIGHTEN.

7. INSTALL THE LOWER HORIZONTALS (G–H)

1. The eight **G–H** pieces are the lower horizontal braces (two bundles of four). Install them at the lower-bay locations shown on the diagram.

Start every bolt — DO NOT TIGHTEN.

8. INSTALL THE LOWER DIAGONALS (F–G)

1. Fit the four **F–G** diagonal braces in the lower bay, matching the diagram.

Start every bolt — DO NOT TIGHTEN.

- **The full skeleton should now be standing, every joint started, nothing fully tight.**

9. SQUARE THE TOWER, THEN TIGHTEN

1. Check plumb at all four corners and square at the base and at mid-height.

When the frame is true:

2. Tighten the **A** base corners first (the eight 3/8″ x 2 ½″ bolts).
3. Tighten the **B**-to-**A** plate joints.
4. Tighten upper horizontals (**I**), then upper diagonals (**E–F**).
5. Tighten **B**-to-**C** splices and the feet (**X**).
6. Tighten lower horizontals (**G–H**), then lower diagonals (**F–G**).

- **Work around the tower so you do not pull one side out of square.**

10. INSTALL THE LADDERS AND RAIL

1. Bolt the lower ladder to the lower section and the upper ladder to the upper section so the two runs form one continuous climb.
2. Install the rail at the top landing as shown in the #10 picture.
3. Tighten all ladder and rail hardware. Use a step ladder for the upper connections.

- **Do not climb the tower ladder until every brace and both ladder sections are fully tightened.**

11. SET AND ANCHOR

The tower is ready for the assembled Pot-Belly Blind (4′ × 4′).

1. Set the blind on base **A** and fasten it per the **Blind Assembly Instructions** (the step that begins if you are attaching to a tower).
2. Anchor the tower to the ground before use. Run guy lines to the tower, not to the blind. All ground and elevated installations must be anchored.

- **Anchoring is the owner's sole responsibility.**

ASSEMBLY IS COMPLETE WHEN EVERY LETTERED PIECE IS IN THE POSITION SHOWN ON THE DIAGRAM, EVERY BOLT IS TIGHTENED IN THE ORDER ABOVE, THE TOWER IS PLUMB AND SQUARE, THE LADDERS AND RAIL ARE SECURE, AND THE STRUCTURE IS ANCHORED.



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