

Pergola Beam and Runner Templates

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How to Use These Templates

These templates have been designed for use with 2x8 beams and 2x6 runners. The actual dimensions of lumber can vary somewhat, but a 2x8 is generally about 7 1/2" high, while a 2x6 is usually about 5 1/2" high. You may need to make some slight adjustments depending on the actual dimensions of the lumber you are using. If there is some discrepancy there, align the template to the bottom and outside edges of the beam or runner.

These templates can be printed out. There are 8" and 6" pairs for each design. You could mix different designs for the beams and runners, but it will usually look best to keep the same design for both. It is possible to use the 6" template for both the beams and runners though. We recommend printing out the design you've chosen for both 8" and 6" templates, and then transferring them to stiff cardboard cutouts that can be used to trace the design onto each beam and runner.

Once you have the design transferred to the beams and rafters, use a jigsaw to cut the scrollwork. Some chiseling and sanding will probably be necessary to clean them up.



































