



THATCH INSTALLATION MANUAL



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Start with lateral-supports to attach the thatch. Space the supports as follows:

- 6” apart for standard thatch (as shown)
- 4” apart for coconut panel thatch
- 24” apart for coconut branch thatch

Supports can be round or square. Bamboo makes a very convenient support material.

Start placing thatch on the second or third lateral support. Traditionally it is attached with a coconut string, but you can use a variety of materials. Although string will work, it is quite time consuming. We recommend plastic wire ties. They are inexpensive and come in many colors and are very quick to install. Tie the panel to the lateral rail every 8 to 12 inches.



As you work around the first row, overlap the end of each panel 2 to 4 inches.





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When approaching an outside corner, overlap two panels by at least 8 inches. Notice the large amount of thatch hanging over the edge at the right. This is OK as it will be trimmed later to get the look you want.



Tie the second row just one lateral support up from the first. Repeat the same procedure for each successive row.



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As you work your way to the top, be sure that you tie the corners securely. We liked to catch the rafter and two overlapping panels with one tie.



As you near the top, trim the excess thatch from the upper part of the panel as shown so you do not get overlapping at the top. As the roof gets finished, access is more difficult and scaffolding or a ladder will need to be set up to gain access to the top.





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Bring the thatch together at the top and apply some kind of cap. Secure with wire ties or screws. Bamboo canes can be used for a roof with a ridge.



Finish the roof by trimming back the lower edge of the thatch. The longer overhang tends to be more uneven and thin. The more you cut back the thicker the thatch seems. Be very careful in cutting around a structure like a gazebo that you do not drift up or down and end up with an uneven step when finished. Instead measure and cut a few places around the gazebo, then trim in between.

