

## INSTALLATION CHECKLIST

### Attach beams to posts

Determine the desired deck floor height on the posts.

Determine height for securing the top of the beam to the post.

### Attach joists

Joists are attached to ledger board with joist hangers or by toenailing. See local building codes for required installation.

Determine where blocking will go and snap a chalk line, but make sure to stagger pieces for ease of nailing.

### Lay decking

Attach boards "bark side up" to minimize cupping and warping.

The deck boards can be trimmed after they are installed.

### Railings

Railings must be firmly attached to the framing members of the deck.

Check local codes and by-laws for requirements on railings.

### Stairs

Check local codes and by-law requirements on stairs.

Measure the rise and run of the stairs.

### Multi-level decks

When planning a multi-level deck, for aesthetics make one deck larger than the other.