

### **Outdoor Pergola Colour Combo Inspiration**



# Outdoor Pergola Cheatsheet

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THINGS NEEDED TO STAIN A PERG	OLA	TIPS AND TRICKS BEFORE STAINING A PERGOLA					
Sand paper  Primer  Frog Tape  Power washer to scrape off old paint  Paint brush or sprayer  Plastic or painter's paper to cover  surfaces or areas		Check your materials  Clean the area (sweep, scrub and rinse to get rid of all the dirt)  Make sure the area is dry especially after cleaning or washing  Prepare your materials and tools to use  Cover all area that are not included					
TOOLS AND SUPPLIES							
Stainless steel hurricane ties  Wood stakes  Carpenter's pencil  Cordless drill  Shovel  Galvanized screws  Ladder	Electric r  Measurii  Speed so	hammer mitre saw ng tape	Jigsaw Circular saw Ready-mix concrete Bubble level Post hole digger Laser level Chalk snap line or twine				
Notes:							

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#### **DIFFERENT KINDS OF OUTDOOR PERGOLA**

#### **WOOD OUTDOOR PERGOLA**

#### **PROS**

- Cheaper than Metal or Steel
- Always available
- Easy to use

#### CONS

- Treated wood always crack and warp
- High in maintenance. Regular stain or paint is required.

#### FIBREGLASS OUTDOOR PERGOLA

#### **PROS**

- Very light and can be easily installed on a deck
- Does not move like wood
- Installation is easy

#### **CONS**

Availability is limited

#### **ALUMINIUM OUTDOOR PERGOLA**

#### **PROS**

- Labour cost is cheaper
- Can be built without hiring professionals
- Low maintenance
- Lighter weight than wood

#### CONS

- Material cost are more expensive
- Availability is limited

#### **METAL OR STEEL OUTDOOR PERGOLA**

#### **PROS**

- Malleability and extremely durable
- Can provide a stylish and modern look
- More solid and weather proof
- Corrosion-resistant

#### **CONS**

More expensive both labour and material

#### **PVC (POLYMERIZING VINYL CHLORIDE) - OP**

#### **PROS**

- Less major maintenance
- Can last without major care
- Can be blend easily to houses with vinyl siding
- Materials and labour cost is less

#### CONS

- Changing paint colour is not possible
- Not recommended to areas with heavy snow loads
- Durability is low



#### **BEST PAINT USE FOR OUTDOOR PERGOLA**

#### WOOD

Oil-based primer

Type of paint: Acrylic latex paint

Important Oil-based paint dries slowly which leaves few brush marks

> Clean and prepare your wood properly to achieve good paint finish later

#### **FIBREGLASS**

Primer: Urethane, epoxy and latex primers

Type of paint: Epoxy Resin fibreglass-use

epoxy-based paint

Polyester Resin fibreglass - use

polyester-based paint

Important

Do not use oil-based or melamine paint

#### **ALUMINIUM**

Primer: Acid etch primer / Self-etching

paint primer

Type of paint: Acrylic or latex paint

Important For bare aluminium there's no type of paint will last permanently.

> Remove the aluminium oxide and chemical treating elements to allow the paint to adhere

Cleaning the surface is important. This will help remove any chemicals.

#### **METAL OR STEEL**

Oil-based primer

Type of paint: Acrylic paint

Important

For rusted metals apply zinc-chromate primer first

Apply the primer twice

Allow the primer to dry completely

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### **PVC (Polymerizing Vinyl Chloride)**

Primer: Latex primer

Type of paint: Latex, acrylic or acrylic-latex

combo

Important Sanding will help roughen the PVC but do not yet power sander

- Do not dip or add too much paint on the brush as it will cause drips.
- Do not expose newly painted PVC on sunlight. This will damage the surface

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