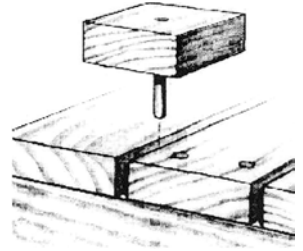


Decking Tips

Perfect Decking Board Spacing

A Good trick to space decking boards is to use a 5mm metal dowel inserted into a piece of offcut (timber dowel is acceptable though it will distort from constantly slamming decking boards against it).

This tool will give you exact spacing without your spacer falling through the deck. This also means that more than one person can lay the decking boards and have the same spacings.

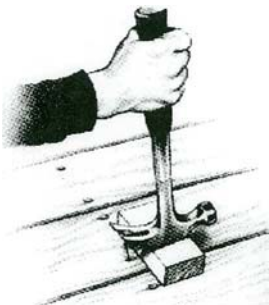


A Perfect Straight Deck

Don't cut your decking boards to length before you lay them as you may end up with a very jagged edge to your deck. When laying your deck allow the decking ends to overhang. Then snap a chalk line over the edge where you want to level the decking boards and with a circular saw, carefully cut along the string line.

Removing Undergrowth

Undergrowth growing between decking spaces is not only unsightly but also a hazard. The trick to this is to use a dry wall saw. The teeth of the saw will grab onto the debris as you pull it up between the gaps.



Removing Nails

A couple of things to remember is that decking is a soft material and will dent easily if trying to remove a nail with a hammer directly on the deck. So use a small block of timber between the hammer and decking board, this will make sure the decking remains undamaged.