

How To Attach Post Capitols

Post capitols or also commonly known as Acorns are the perfect finishing touch to any picket or paling fence. The only problem is that theft of these items is quite easy if you don't know the trick to fixing them properly.

Tools required

Pencil, ruler, centre punch, hammer, drill, 1/4 inch (8mm) drill bit

Drilling Dowel Hole

Firstly you need to find the centre of the post. The easiest way to do this is to get a pencil and a ruler and draw a line from one corner of the top of the post to the other. Repeat the process for the other two corners. Where the lines intersect is the middle of the post. Using your centre punch, punch the middle of the post, this helps the drill bit when drilling the hole. Drill a hole in the centre of the post the depth of half of the dowel!. Prime both surfaces with a suitable timber primer.

Attaching Post Capitol

Screw the post capitol onto the dowel one or two turns, this will give a much bigger surface area to turn the the dowel into the the post. Screw the post capitol until it is level with the post. Once the post capitol is seated into position, take a couple of small bullet head nails and gently tap through the post capitol into the post. Four nails should do the trick. Once the nails are fixed, there is no way of unscrewing the post capitol as the four nails will stop the thread from turning.

