

Beginner's Tips for Using a Framing Square

The framing square is helpful when building something like a playhouse, shed, porch, or laying out stringers for a set of stairs. It's also helpful to have for some general tasks too. Here are some beginner's tips for using one.

1. ALIGNING ANGLES

- Framing square markings have increments and tables to help align rafter angles with the pitch of a roof.

2. MARKING CUTS

- For example:
 - If you were building something with a roof and you figured out the pitch would rise 7 inches for every 12 inches of run, you'd line up the rise and the run markings to mark your cuts for the rafter board.

3. RIGHT ANGLES

- It is also useful for marking square angles on a flat surface, or for squaring off the edge of lumber.

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NOTE: Always follow manufacturer's recommended safety precautions and instructions for the products you use.