

A shady refuge

This lattice gazebo, reflecting the charm of an earlier time, is ideal for entertaining or as a shady refuge. You can build an octagonal deck for the gazebo, as shown, or erect it on an existing patio or deck. Build the wall panels on a flat surface; then stand them up and bolt them together, leaving the

bolts at the top loose for easier assembly of the rafters later. Nail or bolt the wall plates to the deck or patio surface, too. Bolt the long and short rafter sections together on the ground. Then, after drilling pilot and countersink holes, attach each assembled rafter to the octagonal centre plug with

screws. With the help of several friends, lift the assembled rafters into place, with the rafter ends between the 2 by 4 uprights. Make sure the rafters are tight against the spacers. Drill holes for the bolts and bolt the rafters to the uprights. Tighten the bolts through the tops of the uprights.

