How to use this guide:

This guide was designed to assist the do-it-yourselfer create a construction plan to build a simple one story detached garage using conventional construction methods. Non-conventionally constructed garages will require a design professional.

1. **Complete this Building Guide** by filling in the blanks on page two and three and indicating which construction details will be used.

2. **Provide a Site Plan** showing the dimensions of your project and its relationships to existing buildings or structures, utilities, property lines and easements. In addition to project dimensions, your plot plan must also show direction of trusses, location and detail of wall bracing, and any other pertinent information not shown on the section drawing.

3. **Now you are ready to apply for your building permit.** The majority of permit applications can be processed with little delay. The submitted documents will help determine if the project is in compliance with building codes, zoning ordinances and other applicable laws.

4. **Inspections.** An inspection is required before footings can be poured and setbacks verified. A framing inspection is required before installing siding to verify plans are being followed and that proper bracing is used. All projects must receive a final inspection in order to verify that your project exterior meets code, grade is proper and to close out the permit. Remember YOU are responsible to get the inspections! If you are unsure during the construction process please contact your Department of Building Safety.

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Directions

1. Fill in the blanks on pages 2 and 3 with dimensions and materials which will be used to build the structure. Please print legibly.
2. Indicate in the check box on page 3 which foundation detail from page 4 will be used.

Note: Heated garages may require special provisions.

Floor Plan

Locate and detail wall bracing

- Check one
  - Garage is heated
  - Garage is not heated

Indicate rafter or truss direction

Show door and window header sizes and location and size of landing if more than two risers.

3 1/2” minimum concrete slab all vegetation shall be removed (408.5)

Floor slope back to front not less than 1/8” per ft (IRC 309.1)

Header size _____ x ______ (example (2) 2 x 12 or engineered lumber)

Note: If roof trusses or rafters bear on header, special header design may be required

Double 2x4 or 2x6 trimmers each end of overhead door header

Garage door opening

Garage door opening width

Man Door Opening Width

NOTES - Concrete Slab

- All sod and vegetation must be removed.
- If fill is required under slab it must be compacted sand or gravel.
- Floating slab from Detail A and A1 shall be monolithically poured.
- Welded wire fabric or equivalent in slab.
- Minimum 12” perimeter footing (all four sides at least 12” below grade) (IRC 403.1.4).
- Concrete floor or curb to be 6” min. above grade (IRC 404.1.6).
- Floating slab shall be a maximum of 720 sq ft (IRC 403.1.4.1 Exception 1) with no dimension exceeding 30 ft.
Single Family Residential—One Story Detached Garage

**Notes:**
- Roof sheathing shall be a minimum of 3/8" plywood, for non-veneer OSB/WB 7/16" is the minimum. Sheathing spanning 16” or 24” on center, structural clips must be provided at the center point of each span (table R503.2.1.1 (1)d).
- For roofs with slopes less than 4:12, follow manufacturer’s instructions for low slope application of roofing material.
- Shingles must be rated for 90 MPH and over 15# felt.
- Heated buildings require ice dam barrier applied inside of roof/wall junction.
- Hurricane straps, rafter ties or other tie downs shall be used to attach all roof rafters or trusses to top plates. When double top plates are used, straps or ties must attach to both plates.

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Braced Wall Panel Detail

**Extent of Header (One Braced Wall Segment)**

- Min 3” x 11.25” Net Header
- Header shall occur at top of wall
- 2’ to 18’ (Finished Width)

**Extent of Header (Two Braced Wall Segments)**

- Fasten sheathing to header with 8D common nails in 3” grid pattern as shown and 3” O.C. in framing as shown (studs and sills) typ.
- Minimum 1000 lb header-to-jack stud strap on both sides of opening per table R602.10.4.1.1 (install on backside as shown on side elevation)
- Header shall be fastened to the king stud with 6-16D sinker nails
- For panel splice (if needed), panel edges shall be blocked and occur within 24” of mid height. One row of typ. Sheathing is required in each panel.
- Wood structural panel strength axis
- Min (2) 2X4 typ.
- Minimum length based on 4:1 height-to-length ratio: (Ex. 24” min for 8’ height)

**Top Plate Continuity**

- Required per section R602.3.2

**Side Elevation**

- 16D Sinker Nails in 2 Rows @ 3” O.C.
- 1000 lb Header-to-Jack-Stud Strap on both sides of openings
- 7/16” Min Thickness wood Structural Panel Sheathing

**Braced Wall Segment Per R602.10.4**

**No. of Jack Studs per Table R502.5 (1&2)**

**IRC FIGURE R602.10.3.4**

Notes:

- For more information on wall bracing go to: www.apawood.org/wallbracing

**Construction project notes:**

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