



# WOOD'S SHOP CREATIVE BUILDERS

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## Woods Shop Kit Reviews

These are some of my past Kit Customers. If you'd like to contact any of them just let me know.

James L 10' x 12' Curved Roof Azumaya

[http://woodsshop.com/Gazebo\\_Kits/10x12-Curved-Roof.htm](http://woodsshop.com/Gazebo_Kits/10x12-Curved-Roof.htm)

While searching the internet for Japanese tea house plans to complete my Japanese influenced garden and koi pond, I was captivated by Joe Wood's Japanese Azumaya designs. Purchasing the 10' by 12' plans for a curved roof Azumaya, I was amazed at the abundance of detail provided, but soon realized the limitations of my equipment would not allow the precise milling needed to produce the curved rafters with consistent accuracy. As a compromise, I purchased and milled the large posts and beams, and contracted with Joe to have the roof members professionally milled.

The price was very reasonable and the result was spectacular using the highest quality Western Red Cedar. The assembly process was simple and exact, and throughout, Joe was always available by email to answer my many questions, even to the point of providing additional detailed drawings. The quality of wood, the care, the craftsmanship and precision of the milling, and the abundance of details for the assembly have resulted in a truly satisfying work of art that is the centerpiece of the garden. The harmonious lines of the architecture, complimenting natural form, create an atmosphere of serenity that draws all who visit.

BTW, I went on a two week walking tour of Kyoto gardens with Douglas Roth who owns the Journal of Japanese Gardening. It was incredible. My azumaya is a work of art and I will create a Kyoto garden around it.

Eric F Torii Gate <https://woodsshop.com/Torii/Torii-Kits.htm>

What an amazing experience. From start to finish Joe guided us thru our dream project of a Torii gate for our evolving Japanese garden. Offered many great ideas and worked with us to get just what we wanted. His craftsmanship is second to none. The quality of his woodworking is superb. This is a man who LOVES what he does and it shows. Plus he made delivery and installation a breeze. Great directions, step by step. Left nothing to the imagination. Made me feel like I actually could do it!! And I did. Couldn't be happier. Highly recommend

Zane M 10' x 10' Curved Roof Azumaya Kit

[http://woodsshop.com/Gazebo\\_Kits/Zane%27s-10X/Zanes-Azumaya.htm](http://woodsshop.com/Gazebo_Kits/Zane%27s-10X/Zanes-Azumaya.htm)

I am a Sukiya Living garden enthusiast and have done Japanese gardening for 20 years. My project in 2010 was to build a Japanese azumaya next to my koi pond. I got Joe's contact information from the Journal of Japanese Gardening (JOG). And I got a great reference from a professor back east who used Joe's design and Plans to build a tea house.

I loved Joe's azumaya design but he is located in San Diego and I am near San Francisco. The shipping costs for the kit materials would be very high. But I did not have the equipment or skills to cut the curved rafter pieces. So Joe and I worked out a plan where I purchased and cut the large heavy timbers locally for posts and beams. And he shipped the rest of the kit from San Diego. Joe supported my frequent calls with patience and good advise long after payment was received.

My azumaya is the centerpiece of my garden and a great place to relax and take in the garden and koi. The Sukiya Living magazine was impressed with the photo result, and I was asked to publish my story in their magazine. The JOG is a very small magazine that promotes the hard core Japanese way with the highest standards. So publishing with them was a real honor. Joe gets a lot of stars from me. And occasionally we still connect to discuss my garden gate project.

Paul H Gable Roof Kit

It has been great working with Joe for my Japanese bath project. My space is very tight, and he designed a roof specifically to fit within the confines of my

space. I took this in kit form, and I was impressed with the quality of the cedar he used, as well as the precision of fit. Joe also provided clear assembly instructions, and gave me quick responses when I asked questions. From attached photo, you can see how well the project turned out, and you can see that I also used his Japanese fence plans. I travel to Japan frequently, and this has the right look and attention to detail, and my Japanese friends are all amazed at the fact that this is in the States rather than Japan.

#### Jairo 10' x 10' Draped Azumaya

I was looking for a structure for our yard that was Asian in appearance and would last a long time. I happened to find the Azumaya and Joe Woods website and the pictures were beautiful but the structures looked expensive. Then I figured I would surely find someone else or a cheaper version. I kept looking for months. There are other asian inspired structures but are all from overseas online. How could I verify quality? Then I drove around to all local gazebo places around where I live and got prices for there products. Then I drove around again and asked the price for work if I bought the plans from Joe wood first. I even called a friend from high school that does wood work. The conclusion I came to was that Joe would build it the best.

But I live in Florida. I called Joe and spoke to him on phone several times before finally deciding to purchase azumaya from him. He sounded like a nice and serious guy on the phone. I purchased the whole structure from him. A 10x10 draped roof. It's beautiful. The work and the quality of the materials was worth the wait. Joe is a nice guy and I would buy from him again. He is detailed in his work. You are getting a high end item. Not comparable to any local gazebo structure. Once the crate was delivered I felt I could not wait. And put it up with my dad's help in about 3 days. Then the roof took me a couple of weeks. And after years I still get compliments from a lot of people that come into our yard and see it. I stare at it a lot. It's a pleasure to look at and use.

Bob B. Curved Arbor <https://woodsshop.com/kits3/Curved-Arbor.htm>

Joe Wood built a curved arbor for our Zen Garden. The wood structure is a piece of art and forms a centerpiece for our back garden. Dealing with Joe was a pleasure. Honest, communicative, and completely committed to his craft, I highly recommend Joe Wood.

Everything was as advertised and his suggestions to make the arbor easier to install, made that aspect of the project more straightforward and much less time consuming.