

### INTRODUCTION

This booklet has been prepared for both the professional carpenter and the do-it-yourselfer! The information pertains to general roof construction and specifically to the Stanley Quick Square® & Pocket Square Tools.

The illustrations and instructions contained within this booklet are presented as recommended practice, but by no means do they imply that other techniques are not valid or acceptable.

Why not get yourself a cup of coffee, sit down, relax and read through this material to familiarize yourself with the features of the **Stanley Squares**, and refresh your memory of the various terms and definitions used in roof construction.

We start by illustrating the most common shapes of roofs, roof terminology, definitions, and types of rafters. Following is a description of the **Quick Square and Pocket Square**, and how they are used for rafter layout—with illustrations and illustrated examples.

Then we describe and illustrate the additional features and uses designed into the **Stanley Squares**—such as the protractor scale, the inch scale, and how to use the square as a saw guide.

At the rear of the booklet are tables of actual rafter lengths of common, hip and valley rafters for various building widths and roof rises, as well as a table for determining the differences in length of jack rafters for various on-center spacings.

So sit back, relax, and let us show you how— "Stanley helps you do things right"®

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# **TYPE OF ROOFS**

There are numerous types and shapes of roofs. The most common in use are the following:

### Shed or Lean-To-Roof

This is the simplest type of roof and has only a single slope.

### **Gable or Pitch Roof**

This is also a simple roof and the one most commonly used. It has two slopes meeting at the center or ridge and forming a gable.

#### Hip Roof

This roof consists of four sides, all sloping toward the center of the building. The corner rafters run up diagonally to meet the ridge.

### Gable and Valley or Hip and Valley

This is a combination of two gable or two hip roofs intersecting each other. The valley is the intersection of the two slopes of the roofs, which run in different directions. There are numerous modifications of this type of roof, and the most common is where the intersecting roofs are at right angles to each other.









#### Deck Roof

This type of roof occurs when the rafters rise to meet a flat surface or "deck" instead of coming together at the ridge.





### **Definitions:**

There are any number of publications available concerning framing, roof construction and so on. For the most part these publications are fairly consistent in the terminology used in describing various structural members, etc. Unfortunately, when it comes to using certain terms relating to such things as rafter cuts, different words are used to mean the same thing—even within the same publication (i.e. bottom cut, seat cut, heel cut, fascia cut, etc.). Therefore, in the interest of consistency and clarity, we shall use one term in these instances.

The following definitions relating to the various roof members and terms used in roof construction—and throughout this booklet—should be carefully noted and committed to memory.

#### Rafter

The sloping structural members which support the roof. There are four distinct types of rafters. Common, hip, valley and jack. (Ref. Booklet Cover).

#### Common Rafter

A rafter extending from the plate to the ridge or ridge board and perpendicular to the plate and ridge in a plan view.

#### **Hip Ratter**

A rafter extending diagonally from the outside corner of intersecting plates to the ridge board, usually at an angle of 45° to the plate in a plan view.

#### Valley Rafter

A rafter extending diagonally from the inside corner of intersecting plates to the ridge of one of the intersecting roofs. In most cases at an angle of 45° to the plate(s) in plan view.

#### Jack Rafter

A rafter that does not extend from plate to ridge. They lie in the same plane as common rafters and either abut plate and hip, ridge and valley or hip and valley rafters, and are classified as follows:

#### Hip Jack

A rafter extending from plate to hip rafter at right angles to the plate in plan view.

#### Valley Jack

A rafter extending from ridge to valley rafter at right angles to the ridge in plan view.

#### Cripple Jack

A rafter extending between a hip rafter and a valley rafter at right angles to the ridge and plate in plan view. A cripple jack abuts, neither a ridge or plate.

# **Definitions:** (Continued)

### Cuts

Naturally all rafters must be cut to specific dimensions in order to properly fit the space they are to occupy. The mating surfaces of the rafter and abutted roof members must fit flush, and as witnessed by the variety of roof sytles, and different kinds of rafters, a variety of cuts will be required to insure a proper rafter fit. There are basically four cuts made on rafters—blumb, seat, heel, and side cut.

### Plumb Cut

The cut made at the top or bottom of any rafter which is perpendicular to the span (width) of the building when the rafter is in position. (Also called top plumb or bottom plumb cut.)

### Seat or Level Cut

The cut made at the bottom of any rafter resting on the horizontal surface of the plate.

### **Heel Cut**

The cut made at the bottom end of any HEEL cut rafter which bears against the vertical surface of the plate. Note that this cut is parallel to the plumb cut.

#### Side Cut

The cut made at the end of a rafter that abutts the ridge, or other rafter at other than  $90^{\circ}$  in plan view. This cut is required at the top end of all hip, valley, hip jack and cripple jack rafters, and at the bottom end of valley jack and cripple jack rafters. (Also called cheek or bevel cut.)



### **Definitions:** (Continued)

Cuts (Continued)

### **Birds Mouth**

The notch formed, at the bottom end of rafters, as a result of a seat cut and heel cut, is called a birdsmouth. The depth of the birdsmouth is made to the location of the measuring line. (Refer to definition of "measuring line")

#### **Ridge Board**

The ridge board is the horizontal member at the peak of the roof to which the upper ends of the rafters on both sides of the roof are fastened.

In less expensive construction, sometimes the ridge board is omitted and opposite rafters are fastened to each other forming the ridge.

#### Plate

The plate is the roof member to which the lower ends of the rafters are fastened. The plates are located on the tops of the outside walls.

#### Span

The span of a roof is the distance from the outside of the building wall to the outside of the opposite wall, or basically the outside width of the building.

#### Run

The run of a roof is the horizontal distance from the center of the ridge to the outside of the wall (or plate). In equally pitched roofs and where the plates are on the same plane, the run is equal to half the span, therefore, half the building width. In shed or lean-to type roofs, the run is equal to the span, less the thickness of the wall.







# **Definitions** (Continued)

#### Eave

Most buildings are constructed with roofs with an overhang, that is, the roof extends beyond the outside wall of the building. The extension of the rafter necessary to provide this overhang is called an eave (sometimes referred to as tail). The length of an eave is calculated independently of the rafter length, but the two are added together to obtain the total rafter length.

#### **Plan View**

The plan view is a view looking straight down on the roof.

#### Measuring Line

The length of a rafter is measured and laid out on a measuring line on the rafter. The measuring line on a common rafter with a eave, is located along the side of the rafter parallel to the top edge. On rafters made by  $2 \times 4's$ , lay a carpenter square body flush with the top edge of the rafter and mark along the bottom edge of the square body. For rafters made from  $2 \times 6's$  or larger, lay the square body flush with the bottom edge of the rafter and mark along the tarter and mark along the tarter and mark along the bottom edge of the square body flush with the bottom edge of the rafter and mark along the top edge of the square body flush with the bottom edge of the square body.

On rafters without an eave, the measuring line is along the top edge of the rafter.

The measuring line on hip, valley, and jack rafters is located along the centerline on top of the rafter.



# THE STANLEY QUICK SQUARE® TOOL

The Stanley **Quick Square** is designed to provide a quick, accurate, and repeatable means for laying out and cutting the various cuts on common, hip, valley and jack rafters used in roof construction.

### Description

The Stanley Quick Square is constructed basically of three (3) parts, namely (Refer to Figure 1):

- 1) The Body
- 2) The Adjustable Arm

3) The Locking Screw



#### 1) The Body

The body is manufactured from a non-corrosive aluminum die casting. Scales graduated in terms of inch rise per foot of run for the various ratters are cast into both sides of the body to extremely accurate tolerances. For additional convenience, protractor scales graduated in degrees, as well as an inch scale graduated every //s inch are also cast into the body.

### 2) The Adjustable Arm

The adjustable arm is also manufactured from a non-corrosive aluminum die casting. The arm is positioned with its top edge aligned with the desired inch rise per foot run marking on the body to obtain the correct angle for marking and cutting the rafter.

### 3) The Locking Screw

The locking screw, also of atuminum, is used to lock the adjustable arm at the desired rise marking on the body.

#### Plumb Cuts

Loosen the locking screw and set the adjustable arm so that its top edge coincides with the desired inch rise per foot of run (slope) for the desired type of rafter. Tighten the locking screw to lock the arms in position. (Refer to Figure 2A)

At one end of the rafter lay the **Quick Square** on the side of the rafter with the top of the adjustable arm placed against the bottom edge of the rafter. (Refer to Figure 2B)

Along the edge marked for plumb cuts, mark the rafter as shown in Figure 2C:



#### **Rafter Length**

To find the length of a rafter (common, hip, or valley) for a specific roof pitch and building width. First look up the required building width in Table 1. Next, find the desired rise in inches per foot of run (slope) in the left hand column, and read the exact rafter length required to the right of the rise under the column for the type of rafter desired.

Along the measuring line, lay out and mark the length of the rafter.

The length of rafters obtained from the tables are to the center of the ridge. Therefore, half of the thickness of the ridge board should always be deducted from the listed rafter length before the top plumb cut is made. (See Figure 3)



The deduction of half the thickness of the ridge board is measured at right angles to the top plumb cut line and is marked parallel to the top plumb cut line.

A right angle line to the top plumb cut line is easily made with the Stanley Quick Square.

Without changing the position of the adjustable arm originally set, rotate the **Quick Square** so that the bottom of the adjustable arm now rests against the bottom edge of the rafter. Slide the square so that "the edge marked for seat cuts overlaps the top plumb cut mark and mark the rafter along that edge. (See Figure 4).



Now along this line, measure and mark half the thickness of the ridge board from the top plumb cut line. Next, rotate the square to its original position and place the square so that the edge marked for plumb cuts is set on the mark just made. Be sure the top of the adjustable arm is snug against the bottom edge of the rafter. Now mark the rafter along the edge of the square marked for plumb cuts. (See Figure 5)

(Note: For jack rafter lengths, refer to pages 21 thru 25).

#### Seat Cuts

The seat cut is made perpendicular to the bottom plumb heel cut where it intersects the measuring line at a distance from the original top plumb cut line, equal to the rafter length.

To obtain the seat cut, again rotate the square so that the bottom edge of the adjustable arm is against the bottom edge of the rafter. Now position the square so that the edge marked for seat cuts coincides with the bottom plumb cut line (heel cut) at the measuring line. Mark the seat cut from the bottom plumb cut line to the bottom edge of the rafter. (See Figure 6A & 6B)







 Rotate the Quick Square and mark a line perpendicular to the top plumb cut line. Along this line measure and mark the thickness of the rafter.



4) Make a second plumb cut mark at this point.



5) Set the arm on the **Quick Square** at 0 degrees and extend both plumb cut marks square across the top of the rafter.



6) Connect opposite ends of the square lines, which will give the correct side cut angle. Note that rafters with opposite side cut angles will be required for opposing hip rafters and valley rafters.



7) From the center of the side cut angle, lay out and mark the rafter length on the measuring line, as obtained from Table 1. (You will remember that we defined the measuring line on hip, valley and jack rafters as along the center line on top of the rafter.)



8) Square the length of the rafter across the top of the rafter, and mark a bottom plumb cut line on the side of the rafter.

If you are laying out a valley rafter, add a second plumb line  $\frac{1}{2}$  the thickness of the rafter from the plumb line just made! This is the line along which the heel cut will be made on the valley rafter to fit the intersecting plates.



9) Measure the depth of the heel cut from a common rafter, and mark the seat cut line (using the '9' setting on the hip/val scale).



10) Now the deduction for the ridge board thickness must be subtracted from the rafter length obtained from Table 1. Since the hip and valley rafters sit at an angle of 45 degrees to the ridge in the plan view, the thickness of the ridge board must be measured on a 45 degree diagonal line.

Set and lock the arm on the square at 45 degrees. Uraw a 45 degree line across the top of the ridge board. Measure the length of the line and divide by 2. (In this case, the line should be 2% inches long-divided by 2 = 1% inch)

11) Along the perpendicular line laid out in Step 3), and from the original top plumb cut line, measure and mark  $1\frac{1}{16}$  inch, and at this mark make another top plumb cut line.

12) From the top of this top plumb cut line, draw another side cut line parallel to the side cut line made in Step 6). These last top plumb and side cut lines define the angle at which the end of the rafter is to be cut to fit flush against the ridge board.

Note that if a portable electric circular saw is used to cut this end of the rafter, that by tilting the blade at an angle of 45 degrees to the sole plate of the saw, and cutting along the top plumb cut line, the result will be the correct side cut angle! It is best to lay out the side cut angle on top of the rafter in any case, in order to be sure the tilt of the blade angle is in the right direction to result in the desired side cut!



13) We must now consider the additional length that must be added to the length of the rafter to accomodate the eave. We calculate this by ratios. First, determine the length of common and hip/valley rafters for this pitch roof. In our example, the rafter length is 12' 6". The length of the hip rafter is 16' 1/8. The ratio of hip rafter length to common rafter lenoth is:

16' 1/8"	_·	(16x12)+.125	_	192.125	-	1.28
12' 6'	-	(12x12)+6	-	150	-	1.20

This ratio holds for the eave length of the hip or valley rafter divided by the eave length of the common rafter:

$$\frac{D}{C}$$
 = 1.28, where D is the length of

the hip or valley eave, and C is the length of the common rafter eave, as shown in the diagram below. In our example:

1.28. then  $D = 24^{\circ}x1.28 = 30.72^{\circ}$ 



14) From the squared line across the top of the rafter at the bottom plumb cut line, measure and mark 30% inches (eave length). Square this line across the top of the rafter, and mark another bottom plumb cut line on the side of the rafter from this squared line.



15) Since the length of the hip rafter and valley rafter are measured along the center line on top of the rafter, you can see that the corners at the bottom end of the eave are not in the same plane as the ends of the common rafters.

The cut-off length or the allowance for the mitre is half the thickness of the hip rafter as illustrated below in plan view.



Some carpenters and roof framers prefer to mark and cut the eave after the hip rafter is in place by snapping a chalk line from the ends of the common rafters.

The cut-off is made along a plumb line laid out from the chalk mark, or as laid out to the calculated length above, with the blade of a portable electric saw set at an angle of 90 degrees to the soleplate.

The mitre cut is made along a plumb line with the blade of a portable electric saw set at an angle of 45 degrees to the soleplate.

16) In the case of the valley rafter, it is not necessary to foreshorten or mitre the end of the rafter since the measured length of the eave (measured along the top of the rafter) lies in the same plane as the ends of the common rafters, as shown in plan view below!



For those who want to make the effort, a 90 degree notch can be made at the bottom of the rafter to provide a better surface for fastening the fascia board. In this case, half the thickness of the valley rafter must be added to the length, of the rafter, as illustrated below. A plumb line would again be drawn on the side of the rafter at this point, and with the blade set at 45 degrees on a portable electric saw, and at the proper depth, a cut is made along the plumb line on both sides of the rafter.



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17) When building a hip roof the ridge board should be left about a foot longer than necessary at the ends. Then a common rafter, which has been cut to size, is placed on the center of the end plate, and the upper end positioned alongside the ridge board, aligning the top end of the common rafter with the top of the ridge board.

The ridge board is then marked at the end of the common rafter.



If a center common ridge rafter is used, the ridge board is cut to length at this mark, and the hip rafters are fastened at the top end of the common ridge rafter.

If no center common ridge rafter is used, add 2 inches to the length of the ridge board from the mark just made, to provide a surface to fasten the upper end of the hip rafter, and cut off the ridge board at this point.

### **Jack Rafters**

Jack rafters lie in the same plane as common rafters, and therefore have the same inch rise per foot run as common rafters.

 Set the adjustable arm to the required graduation on the 'Com/ Jack' scale—in this case, '9', as was done for the common rafter layout.



2) At one end of the rafter, mark a plumb cut line.



 Rotate the square and mark a line perpendicular to the plumb cut line. Along this line measure and mark the thickness of the rafter.



4) Mark a second plumb cut line at this point.



5) Square the top of the plumb lines across the top of the rafter. Note that in the case of a valley-jack rafter, the top of the rafter is on the 'short' side of the plumb line—that is, just the opposite side of a hip-jack!





6) Depending on which way the side cut is to be made, connect opposite ends of the square lines.





7) From Table 2, "Difference in Length of Jack Ratters for Various Spacing," the length given for 9 inch rise per foot run on 16 inch centers is 1 foot, 8 inches. This is also the length of the first, or shortest, hip-jack or valley-jack rafter. Each succeeding jack rafter will be 1 foot, 8 inches longer than the preceding one!

8) Along the measuring line (the center line on top of the rafter), and from the side cut line marked in Step 6), measure and mark the length of the rafter. The first rafter will be 1 foot, 8 inches long, the second rafter 3 feet, 4 inches long (2 times 1 foot, 8 inches), the third rafter 5 feet, 0 inches (3 times 1 foot, 8 inches), and so on!





9) From the length marked, mark a plumb cut line on the side of the rafter.

10) For a valley-jack, the rafter will be cut parallel to this line to fit against the ridge board. Be sure this plumb line on the valley-jack is in the same direction as the plumb line at the opposite end of the rafter, that is, parallel to it!



11) For a hip-jack, use a common rafter as a template, and mark the heel and seat cuts (birdsmouth), on the side of the rafter at the bottom plumb cut line. In case there isn't a common rafter available, lay out the heel and seat cut lines as described on page 11 under Seat Cuts.



12) Again on a hip-jack, the additional length for the eave is laid out the same as it was for the common rafter. A common rafter may be used as a template, if one is available!



13) Compensation must now be made for the thickness of the hip or valley rafter in the length of the jack rafter, just as was done for the hip and valley rafter to compensate for the thickness of the ridge board. With the Quick Square set on the 9' of the 'Com/Jack' scale, mark another plumb cut line on the side of the rafter 1½ inch from the original plumb cut mark made in Step 2) above. (The 1½ inch from dimension being half the diagonal thickness of the hip or valley rafter)





14) From the top of this plumb line, mark a line across the top of the rafter parallel to the side cut mark made in Step No. 6). These last side and plumb cut marks are the marks on which the rafter will be cut. Cutting along this plumb cut line with a portable electric circular saw set at 45 degrees, will result in the correct side cut angle!

15) A valley-jack rafter must be further reduced in length to compensate for the thickness of the ridge board which it abuts. This is accomplished in the same manner in which the common rafter was shortened, and for the same reason. (Refer to Page 10—Rafter Length)



# **ADDITIONAL FEATURES AND USES**

### Protractor Scale

The Quick Square<sup>®</sup> is embossed with a scale, graduated in degrees which makes it very handy for use as an adjustable protractor! The scale is embossed on both sides of the square body so that either side may be used. The illustration below shows the angles which may be obtained with the adjustable arm set at the 30 degree graduation.



Used in conjunction with a level, the **Quick Square** may be used to determine angles of construction members, the rise of existing roofs and rafters, or to adjust a member to any desired angle, as illustrated below.



### THE INCH SCALE

On one side of the **Quick Square®** Tool is an embossed scale, graduated every 1/s of an inch.

By setting the adjustable arm to zero (0) degrees, the **Quick Square** may be used as an ordinary square for measuring, and/or marking a dimension square to the edge of a board. The scale may only be used in conjunction with the adjustable arm when the arm is set at (0)! Any other arm setting will not align the arm with the zero on the scale! However, since the scale is an accurate one, it may be used as a conventional scale for measuring and marking by aligning the zero (0) with the edge of the workpiece by eve!

The Stanley **Pocket Square** is embossed with a scale. 6<sup>3</sup>/<sub>4</sub> inches long, and graduated every <sup>1</sup>/<sub>6</sub> of an inch on both sides. It may be used as a conventional scale for measuring and marking by aligning the pivot point up with the edge of the work by eye.

### AS A SAW GUIDE

The Stanley **Square**, aside from being a tool for quickly and accurately laying out rafters, may be used as a saw guide for a portable electric circular saw or an electric sabre saw.

Once set at the desired angle, the **Square** may be used on either edge of a rafter, not only for marking the rafter, but also as a guide for cutting the rafter at the correct angle. Make sure the square is held tightly against the workpiece, and that the saw is guided along the edge of the square.

# THE STANLEY POCKET SQUARE

The Stanley **Pocket Square** is designed to provide a quick, accurate, and repeatable means for laying out and cutting the various cuts on common, hip, valley and jack rafters used in roof construction.

### Description



# Features

- 1) Common/Jack and Hip/Valley rafter scales—Defined by inch rise per foot of run.
- 2) Protractor Scale—Graduated in degrees.
- 3) Inch Scale-63411 long graduated every 1/8 inch.
- 4) Fixed base.
- 5) For use as a saw guide.

# Using the Stanley Pocket Square

#### **Plumb Cuts**

Place the square on the face of the rafter, near the top end of the rafter. Pivot the square so that the number 6 (6" rise) on the common scale lines up with the edge of the rafter. While holding the pivot firmly against the rafter and keeping the number 6 lined up properly, mark your line, starting at the pivot point along the top edge of the square. This will be the top plumb cut line. (See Floure 2)



Illustration shows the square in position for marking the top plumb cut of a common rafter having a  $6^{\prime\prime}$  rise, also showing a  $261/_2$  degree angle.

#### **Ratter Length**

To find the length of a rafter (common, hip or valley) for a specific roof pitch and building width. First look up the required building width in Table 1. Next, find the desired rise in inches per foot of run (slope) in the left hand column, and read the exact rafter length required to the right of the rise, under the column for the type of rafter desired.

Along the measuring line (refer to page 8), lay out and mark the length on the rafter.

Note: The length of the rafters obtained from tables are to the center of the ridge. Therefore, half of the thickness of the ridge board should always be deducted from the listed rafter length before the top plumb cut is made. (See Figure 3)



The deduction of half the thickness of the ridge board is measured at right angles to the top plumb cut line and is marked parallel to the top plumb cut line.

A right angle line to the top plumb cut line is easily made with the Stanley Pocket Square.



Simply line up A on the square so that it is coincidental with the top plumb cut line you just made. Your protractor scale edge will now be 90 degrees to your plumb cut line. Mark a line, along your protractor scale edge, on which you will measure and mark  $V_2$  your ridge thickness. (See Figure 4)

After marking  $\frac{1}{2}$  the ridge thickness, mark another line, thru this mark, parallel to the original top plumb cut line. (See Figure 5)

NOTE: For jack rafter lengths, refer to pages 40 thru 44.

#### Seat Cuts

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The seat cut is made perpendicular to the bottom plumb cut (heel cut) where it intersects the measuring line at a distance from the original top plumb cut line, equal to the rafter length.

To obtain the seat cut, construct another plumb cut line so that it crosses the measure line at the point that defines the ratter length. Line up line A on the square with the bottom plumb cut line made and move the square along this line until the edge of the square reaches the ratter length point on the measure line. Now mark a line from this point to the bottom of the square. This is your seat cut line. (See Figure 6A & 6B)





The preceding paragraphs in this section describe how to use the **Pocket Square** for making plumb, seat and heel cuts, determining the length of a rafter, and were general in nature.

Let's now take a look at an example for laying out and cutting common hip, valley and jack rafters for a specific building width and roof rise. The roof is also to have an overhang.

#### Building Specification

Width	.20 feet
Rise	9 inches per foot run
Ridge	2 x 8 (11/2 in, actual ridge thickness)
Eave Length	2 feet
Rafter Spacing	16 inch centers
Rafter Stock	2 x 6
Plate Stock	.2 x 6

#### **Common Ratter**

 Set the pivot of the Stanley **Pocket Square** on the rafter edge. Rotate the square about the pivot point until the edge of the rafter lines up at '9' (between 8 and 10) on the scale for COM/JACK.



Mark the top plumb cut line at one end of the rafter.

 Find the rafter length from Table 1 (as 12 feet, 6 inches), COULDED and lay out and mark this length on the measuring line.



 Subtract ½ of the thickness of the ridge board (in this case ¾ inch) from the top plumb cut line.



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 $\cdot$  3) Rotate the **Pocket Square** and mark a line perpendicular to the top plumb cut line. Along this line measure and mark the thickness of the rafter.



4) Make a second plumb cut mark at this point.



5) Set the Stanley **Pocket Square** on the top edge of the rafter. Extend both plumb cut marks square across the top of the rafter.



6) Connect opposite ends of the square lines, which will give the correct side cut angle. Note that rafters with opposite side cut angles will be required for opposing hip rafters and valley rafters.



7) From the center of the side cut angle, lay out and mark the rafter length on the measuring line, as obtained from Table 1. (You will remember that we defined the measuring line on hip, valley and jack rafters as along the center line on top of the rafter.)



8) After marking the rafter length, mark a square line as shown above. Now mark a bottom plumb cut line on the side of the rafter as shown below left.

NOTE: If you are laying out a valley rafter, add a second plumb line 1/2 the thickness of the rafter from the plumb line just made, as shown below right. This is the line along which the heel cut will be made on the valley rafter to fit the intersecting plates.



9) Measure the depth (D) of the heel cut from a common rafter, and mark the seat cut line by setting the pivot of the square on the edge of the rafter. Rotate the square about the pivot until the edge of the rafter lines up at the '9' on the HIP/VAL scale.



10) Now we move back to the top plumb cut line. The deduction for the ridge board thickness must be subtracted from the rafter length previously obtained from Table 1. Since the hip and valley rafters sit at an angle of 45 degrees to the ridge in the plan view, the thickness of the ridge board must be measured on a 45 degree diagonal line.

Draw a 45 degree line across the top of the ridge board. Measure the length of the line and divide by 2. (In this case, the line should be  $2^{1}/_{s}$  inches long—divided by 2 =  $1^{1}/_{s}$  inch.)

11) Along the perpendicular line laid out in Step 3, page 33, and from the original top plumb cut line, measure and mark 1<sup>1</sup>/<sub>1</sub>, inch, and at this mark make another top plumb cut line.

12) From the top of this top plumb cut line, draw another side cut line parallel to the side cut line made in Step 6). These last top plumb and side cut lines define the angle at which the end of the rafter is to be cut to fit flush against the ridge board.

Note that if a portable electric circular saw is used to cut this end of the rafter, that by tilting the blade at an angle of 45 degrees to the sole plate of the saw, and cutting along the top plumb cut line, the result will be the correct side cut angle. It is best to lay out the side cut angle on top of the rafter in any case, in order to be sure the tilt of the blade angle is in the right direction to result in the desired side cut.



13) We must now consider the additional length that must be added to the length of the rafter to accomodate the eave. We calculate this by ratios. First, determine the length of common and hip/valley rafters for this pitch roof. In our example, the rafter length is 12'6". The length of the hip rafter is 16' 1/s". The ratio of hip rafter length to common rafter length is:

 $\frac{16^{\circ} \frac{1}{3^{\circ}}}{12^{\circ} 6^{\circ}} = \frac{(16 \times 12) + .125}{(12 \times 12) + 6} = \frac{.192.125}{150}$ 1.28

This ratio holds for the eave length of the hip or valley rafter divided by the eave length of the common rafter:

$$\frac{D}{C}$$
 = 1.28, where D is the length of

the hip or valley eave, and C is the length of the common rafter eave, as shown in the diagram below. In our example:

1.28, then D = 24"x1.28 = 30.72"



14) From the squared line across the top of the rafter at the bottom plumb cut line, measure and mark 30% inches (eave length). Square this line across the top of the rafter, and mark another bottom plumb cut line on the side of the rafter from this squared line.



15) Since the length of the hip rafter and valley rafter are measured along the center line on top of the rafter, you can see that the corners at the bottom end of the eave are not in the same plane as the ends of the common rafters.

The cut-off length or the allowance for the mitre is half the thickness of the hip rafter as illustrated below in plan view.



Some carpenters and roof framers prefer to mark and cut the eave after the hip rafter is in place by snapping a chalk line from the ends of the common rafters.

The cut-off is made along a plumb line laid out from the chalk mark, or as laid out to the calculated length above, with the blade of a portable electric saw set at an angle of 90 degrees to the soleplate.

The mitre cut is made along a plumb line with the blade of a portable electric saw set at an angle of 45 degrees to the soleplate.

16) In the case of the valley rafter, it is not necessary to foreshorten or mitre the end of the rafter since the measured length of the eave (measured along the top of the rafter) lies in the same plane as the ends of the common rafters, as shown in plan view below!



For those who want to make the effort, a 90 degree notch can be made at the bottom of the rafter to provide a better surface for fastening the fascia board. In this case, half the thickness of the valley rafter must be added to the length of the rafter, as illustrated below. A plumb line would again be drawn on the side of the rafter at this point, and with the blade set at 45 degrees on a portable electric saw, and at the proper depth, a cut is made along the plumb line on both sides of the rafter.



17) When building a hip roof the ridge board should be left about a foot longer than necessary at the ends. Then a common rafter, which has been cut to size, is placed on the center of the end plate, and the upper end positioned alongside the ridge board, aligning the top end of the common rafter with the top of the ridge board.

The ridge board is then marked at the end of the common rafter.



If a center common ridge rafter is used, the ridge board is cut to length at this mark, and the hip rafters are fastened at the top end of the common ridge rafter.

If no center common ridge rafter is used, add 2 inches to the length of the ridge board from the mark just made, to provide a surface to fasten the upper end of the hip rafter, and cut off the ridge board at this point.

### Jack Ratters

Jack rafters lie in the same plane as common rafters, and therefore have the same inch rise per foot run as common rafters.

 At one end of the rafter, mark the top plumb cut line by setting the pivot of the Stanley **Pocket Square** on the rafter edge and rotating the square about the pivot point until the edge of the rafter lines up at the '9' on the scale for COM/JACK.



 Mark a line perpendicular to the top plumb cut line, as shown in figure 4 page 30. Along this line measure and mark the thickness of the rafter.



3) Mark a second plumb cut line at this point.



4) Square the top of the plumb lines across the top of the rafter. Note that in the case of a valley-jack rafter, the top of the rafter is on the 'short' side of the plumb line—that is, just the opposite side of a hip-iack!



 Depending on which way the side cut is to be made, connect opposite ends of the square lines.



6) From Table 2, "Difference in Length of Jack Rafters for Various Spacing." the length given for 9 inch rise per toot run on 16 inch centers is 1 foot, 8 inches. This is also the length of the first, or shortest, hip-jack or valley-jack rafter. Each succeeding jack rafter will be 1 foot, 8 inches jonger than the preceding one!

7) Along the measuring line (the center line on top of the ratter), and from the side cut line marked in Step 5), measure and mark the length of the rafter. The first rafter will be 1 foot, 8 inches long, the second rafter 3 feet, 4 inches long (2 times 1 foot, 8 inches), the third rafter 5 feet, 0 inches (3 times 1 foot, 8 inches), and so on!



8) From the length marked, make a plumb cut line on the side of the rafter.

9) For a valley-jack, the rafter will be cut parallel to this line to fit against the ridge board. Be sure this plumb line on the valley-jack is in the same direction as the plumb line at the opposite end of the rafter, that is, parallel to it!



10) For a hip-jack, use a common rafter as a template, and mark the heel and seat cuts (birdsmouth), on the side of the rafter at the bottom plumb cut line. In case there isn't a common rafter available, lay out the heel and seat cut lines as described on page 30 under Seat Cuts.



11) Again on a hip-jack, the additional length for the eave is laid out the same as it was for the common rafter. A common rafter may be used as a template, if one is available!



12) Compensation must now be made for the thickness of the hip or valley rafter in the length of the jack rafter, just as was done for the hip and valley rafter to compensate for the thickness of the ridge board. Mark another plumb cut line 11/1e inch from and parallel to the original plumb cut mark made in Step 1 above. (The 11/1e inch dimension being half the diagonal thickness of the hip or valley rafter.)





13) From the top of this plumb line, mark a line across the top of the ratter parallel to the side cut mark made in Step No. 6). These last side and plumb cut marks are the marks on which the ratter will be cut. Cutting along this plumb cut line with a portable electric circular saw set at 45 degrees, will result in the correct side cut angle.



# ADDITIONAL FEATURES AND USES

#### **Protractor Scale**

The Stanley, **Pocket Square** is embossed with a scale, graduated in degrees which makes it very handy for use as a protractor. The scale is embossed on both sides of the square body so that either side may be used. The illustration below shows the angles which may be obtained by aligning the pivot and the 30 and 60 degree graduation with the edge.



Used in conjunction with a level, the **Pocket Square** may be used to determine angles of construction members, the rise of existing roots and rafters, or to adjust a member to any desired angle, as illustrated below.



TABLE 1 TABLES OF RAFTER LENGTHS						
RISE IN BUILDING WIDTH						
INCHES PER	3 FE	ET	4 FE	ET		
FOOT Of Run	COMMON FEET-INCHES	HIP-VAL FEET-INCHES	COMMON FEET-INCHES	HIPVAL FEETINCHES		
1	1-61/16	2-11/2	2-01/16	210		
2	1-61/4	2–1%	205/16	2-103/16		
3	16%16	2-11/8	203/4	2-107/16		
4	1–7	2-21/8	2-15/16	2–10%		
5	1-71/2	2-29/16	2–2	3–11%		
6	181/8	2–3	2-213/16	30		
7	1-813/16	2-3%16	2-313/16	3011/16		
8	19%	2-41/8	2-41/8	3-11/2		
9	1-101/2	2-413/16	26	3-27/16		
10	1-117/16	2-5%16	2-71/4	3-33%		
11	2-07/16	2-65/16	2-8%16	3-47/16		
12	2-17/16	2-73/16	2-915/16	3-5%16		
	5 F	EET	6 FEET			
1	261/8	3-61/2	301/8	4-3		
2	2-67/16	36¾	3-0½	4-31/4		
3	2-615/16	3-71/16	3-11/8	4-311/16		
4	2-7%	3-7%16	3-115/16	4-45/16		
5	2-81/2	3-81/4	3–3	4-51/16		
6	2-9%16	3-9	3-41/4	46		
7	2-10¾	3-9%	3-511/16	4-71/16		
8	3-01/16	3-10%	3-71/4	4-85/16		
9	3-11/2	40	3–9	4-95/8		
10	3-31/16	4-11/4	3-107/8	4-111/16		
11	3-411/16	4-2%16	4-013/16	5-011/16		
12	3-67/16	4-315/16	4-215/16	5-25/16		

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TABLES OF RAFTER LENGTHS					
RISE IN		BUILDING	WIDTH		
PER	7 FE	ET	T 8 FEET		
FOOT OF RUN	COMMON FEET-INCHES	HIP-VAL Feet-inches	COMMON FEET-INCHES	HIP-VAL Feet-inches	
1	361/8	· 4–11½	4-03/16	58	
2	3-6%16	4-1113/16	4011/16	58%	
3	3-75/16	505⁄16	4-11/2	<b>5-8</b> <sup>15</sup> /16	
4	381/4	5-11/16	4-25/8	5-9¾	
5	3-91/2	5-115/16	44	5-10¾	
6	3-1015/16	5–3	4-511/16	60	
7	40%	5-41⁄4	4-7%16	6-11/16	
8	4-21/2	5-5 <sup>1</sup> 1⁄16	4-911/16	6-31/16	
9	4-41/2	5-71⁄4	50	6-413/16	
10	<b>4-6</b> <sup>1</sup> <sup>1</sup> / <sub>16</sub>	5-815/16	5-21/2	6-613/16	
11	4-9	5–10¾	551/8	687/8	
12	4-113/8	60¾	5–7%	6-111/8	
	9 FE	EET	10 F	EET	
1	4-63/16	6-41/2	5-03/16	7-1	
2	4-63/4	647/s	50 <sup>13</sup> /16	7-17/16	
3	4-711/16	6-5%16	5-11/8	7-21/8	
4	4-815/16	6-61/2	5-31⁄4	7-33/16	
5	4-101/2	6–7%	5–5	7-41/16	
6	50%	6-9	5-71/16	76	
7	5-21/2	6-10%	5-97/16	7-713/16	
8	5-41/8	707/16	601/8	<b>7–9</b> <sup>1</sup> 3⁄16	
9	5-7½	7-21/16	6–3	<b>8-0</b> 1⁄16	
10	5–105⁄16	74%	661⁄8	<b>8-21</b> /2	
11	6-11/4	7–7	6–9%	851/8	
12	6—4¾	7–9½	70%	8-715/16	

# TABLE 1 TABLES OF RAFTER LENGTHS

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RISE IN							
PER	11 F	EET	12 FE	ET			
FOOT Of Run	COMMON FEET-INCHES	HIP-VAL Feet-inches	COMMON FEET-INCHES	HIP-VAL Feet-inches			
1	5-61/4	7-91/2	601⁄4	8–6			
2	5-615/16	7–10	6–1	8-61/2			
3	58	7-10 <sup>13</sup> /16	6-23/16	8–7¾			
4	5-9%16	7-117/8	631/8	885/8			
5	5-11½	<b>8–1</b> 5⁄16	6–6	8-101/8			
6	6-113/16	8–3	6-81/2	9-0			
7	6-47/16	8-415/16	6-11%	9-21/8			
8	6–75⁄16	8-73/16	7-2%16	9-4%16			
9	6-101/2	8-95/8	7–6	9-71/4			
10	7-115/16	9-05/16	7-9¾	9–10¾			
11	7-5%16	9-31/4	8-111/16	10-15/16			
12	795/16	<b>9–6</b> 5⁄16	8-5 <sup>13</sup> /16	10-411/16			
	13	EET	14 FE	ET			
1	6-61/4	<b>92</b> ½	705/16	9–11			
2	6-71/16	9-31/16	7-13/16	9-11%			
3	6-8%	9-4	7-2%16	10–0%			
4	6-101/4	<b>9-5</b> 5⁄16	7-4%16	10-21/16			
5	7-0½	9–7	7–7	10-313/16			
6	7-33/16	9-9	7-915/16	106			
7	7-65/16	9-115/16	8-11/4	10-81/2			
8	7-93⁄4	10-115/16	<b>8-4</b> <sup>15</sup> /16	10-115/16			
9	8-11/2	10-41/8	8–9	11-27/16			
10	8-5%16	10-8 <sup>1/16</sup>	<b>9-1</b> 5⁄16	11-57/8			
11	8-913/16	10-111/16	9-515/16	11-9%16			
12	9-25/16	11-31/8	9-10 <sup>13</sup> /16	12-11/2			

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TABLE 1 TABLES OF RAFTER LENGTHS					
RISE IN	·	BUILDING	WIDTH		
INCHES PER	15 FE	ET	16 FI	EET	
FOOT OF RUN	COMMON FEET-INCHES	HIP-VAL Feet-inches	COMMON FEET-INCHES	HIPVAL Feet-inches	
. 1	7-65/16	10-71/2	8-05/16	11-4	
2	7-71/4	10-8¾16	8-15/16	11-411/18	
3	78¾	10-91/4	8-215/16	11-57/8	
4	7-10%	10-10¾	8-53/16	11-7½	
5	8-11/2	11-011/16	88	11-9%16	
6	8-4%	11–3	8-115/16	120	
7	8-83/16	11-511/16	9-31/8	1227/8	
8	9-03/16	11-811/16	973/8	12-61/16	
9	9-41/2	1201/16	100	12-911/16	
10	9-91%	12-3¾	10-415/16	13-1%16	
11	10-21/16	12-711/16	10-10¼	13-513/16	
12	1071⁄4	12-11%	11-3¾	13-10¼	
	17 F	EET	18 FI	EET	
1	863/8	12-01⁄2	903/8	129	
2	8-71/16	12-11/4	9-11/2	12-913/16	
3	8-91/8	12-21/2	9-35/16	12-111/8	
4	8-111/2	12-43/16	9-513/16	13-015/16	
5	9-21/2	1263%	9-9	13-31/4	
6	9-61/16	12–9	1003⁄4	136	
7	9-101/16	1301/16	10-51/16	13-93/16	
8	10-2%16	13-31/2	10-913/16	14–0%	
9	10-71/2	13-71/4	11–3	14-41/8	
10	11-03/4	13-117/16	11-8%16	14-91/4	
11	1163/8	14-37/8	12-21/2	15-2	
12	1201⁄4	14-8'11/16	128¾	15-71/16	

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TABLE 1 TABLES OF RAFTER LENGTHS					
RISE IN BUILDING WIDTH					
PER	19 F	EET	20 FI	EET	
FOOT OF RUN	COMMON FEET-INCHES	H1P-VAL Feet-inches	COMMON FEET-INCHES	HIP-VAL FEET-INCHES	
1	9-63/8	13-51/2	10-07/16	14-2	
2	9-7%16	1365/16	10-1%	14-21/8	
3	9-91/2	13-73/4	10-311/18	14-45/16	
4	1003/16	139%	1061⁄2	146%	
5	10-31/2	14-01/16	10-10	14-815/16	
6	1077/16	14-3	11-23/16	150	
7	110	1463%	11-615/16	15-3%16	
8	11–5	14-10¼	1201/4	157%	
9	11-101/2	1521/2	126	1601/8	
10	12-43/8	15-71/16	1303/16	16-5	
11	12-10%	1 <b>60</b> 1⁄16	13-6 <sup>13</sup> /16	16-10¼	
12	1351/4	16-57/16	14-111/16	17–31/8	
	21 F	EET	22 FEET		
1	1067/16	14-101/2	11-07/16	15–7	
2	1073/4	14-111/16	11-113/16	15-715/16	
3	1097/8	15-015/16	11-41/16	15-9%16	
4	11-013/16	15-31/16	11-71⁄9	15-11'3/16	
5	11-41/2	155¾	1111	1625%	
6	11-81/8	15–9	12-3%16	166	
7	12-17%	16-03/4	12-813/16	16-915/16	
8	12-71/16	16–5	. 13–2%	17-23/8	
9	13-11/2	1 <b>6-9</b> 11/16	13-9	17-75/16	
10	138	17–2 <sup>13</sup> /16	14-313/16	18011/16	
11	14-215/16	178%	14-111/16	1867/16	
12	14-103/16	18-21/4	15-611/16	190%	

TABLES OF RAFTER LENGTHS					
RISE IN		BUILDIN	G WIDTH		
PER	23 F	EET	24 F	EET	
FOOT OF RUN	COMMON FEET-INCHES	HIP-VAL Feet-inches	COMMON FEET-INCHES	HIP-VAL FEET-INCHES	
1	11-6½	16-3½	12-01/2	17–0	
2	11-71/8	16-41/2	12-2	17-11/16	
3	11-101/4	16-63/16	12-47/16	17-213/16	
4	12-17/16	16-81/2	12-713/18	17-5¼	
5	12-51/2	16-117/16	13-0	1785/16	
6	12-105/16	17–3	13–5	180	
7	13-3¾	17-71⁄8	13-1011/16	18-45/16	
8	1397/8	17-11¾	14-51/16	18–91⁄8	
9	14-41/2	18-415/16	150	19-21/2	
10	14–11%	18-101/2	15-71/16	1983/8	
11	1573/16	19-4%	1633/8	20-211/16	
12	16-33/16	19–11	16-11%	2097/16	
	25 F	EET	26 FEET		
1	1261/2	17-81⁄2	13-0%16	18-5	
2	12-81/16	17–9%	13-21/8	18-61/8	
3	12-10%	17-11%18	13-413/18	18-81/16	
4	13-21/8	18-115/16	13-87/16	18–10 <sup>1</sup> /16	
5	13-6½	18-51/8	14–1	19-2	
6	13-1111/16	18–9	14-67/16	196	
7	1455/8	19-11/2	150%	19–10%	
8	1501/4	19-61/2	15-71/2	2031/8	
9	1571/2	2001/8	16–3	209¾	
10	16-31⁄4	2061⁄4	16-111/16	21-41/16	
11	16-111/2	21-013/16	17–75⁄8	21-1015/16	
12	17-81⁄9	21-713/16	1845%8	22-63/16	

TABLE 1 TABLES OF RAFTER LENGTHS					
RISE IN		BUILDIN	G WIDTH		
INCHES PER	27 F	EET	28 F	EET	
FOOT OF RUN	COMMON FEET-INCHES	HIP-VAL FEET-INCHES	COMMON FEET-INCHES	HIP-VAL FEET-INCHES	
1	13-6%16	19-11/2	140%16	19–10	
2	1381⁄4	<b>19-211/</b> 16	1425/16	19-111/4	
3	13–11	194%	14-53/16	20-11/4	
4	14-23/4	19–7%	14-91/16	20-41/8	
5	1471⁄2	<b>19–10'</b> 3⁄16	15-2	2 <b>0–7י</b> 1 <sub>6</sub>	
6	15-11/8	20–3	15-713/16	21-0	
7	15-71/16	207 <sup>13</sup> /16	16-21/2	215	
8	16211/16	21–15/16	16-915/16	21-1011/16	
9	16101/2	21-75/16	176	22-415/16	
10	1767/8	22-1 <sup>15</sup> /16	18-211/16	22-11¾	
11	183¾	22–9	18–117/8	2371/8	
12	19–11/8	23-4%16	19–9%16	24–3	
	29 F	EET	30 FE	ET	
1	146%	20-61⁄2	150%	21-3	
2	1483%	20–7¾	15-21/2	21-45/16	
3	14-11%	20–9%	155%16	2161/2	
4	15-37/16	21–0 <sup>13</sup> ⁄16	15-9¾	21-9%16	
5	15-81/2	21-4%	16–3	22-13/8	
6	16-2%16	21-9	16–9¼	226	
7	16-97/16	22-23/16	17-43/8	22–11 <del>%</del> ·	
8	1751/8	<b>2281</b> /16	1805⁄16	23-51/16	
9	18-11/2	23-2%16	18–9	2401/8	
10	18-101/2	23 <b></b> 9%	1965⁄16	2471/16	
11	19-81/16	24-51/4	20-43/16	25–3¾	
12	2061/16	251%	21-2%16	25-11¾	

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RISE IN	BISE IN BUILDING WIDTH							
INCHES	31 FE	ET	32 FE	ET				
FOOT OF RUN	COMMON Feet-inches	HIP-VAL FEET-INCHES	COMMON FEET-INCHES	HIP-VAL Feet-inches				
1	15-6%	21-111/2	16-011/16	228				
2	15-8%16	2207/8	1625/8	<b>22-9</b> 7⁄16				
3	15-1134	22–31/8	16-515/18	22-11¾				
4	16-41/16	2261/4	1610%	23–3				
5	16-91/2	22-101/4	17–4	23-71/16				
6	17-315/16	233	17-1011/15	240				
7	17-115/16	23-8%16	18-61⁄4	2453/4				
8	18-7%15	24-213/16	19-2¾	2503/16				
9	19-41/2	24-9¾	200	25–7%				
10	2021/8	2555/16	20-915/16	26-33/16				
11	2105/16	<b>26-1</b> 7⁄16	21-87/16	26-11%16				
12	21-111/16	26-103/16	22–7½	27-8%16				
	33 F	EET	34 FEET					
1	16-611/16	23-41/2	17011/16	24–1				
2	168¾	235 <sup>15</sup> /16	17-213/16	24-21/2				
3	17-01/16	238¾	1761/4	245				
4	17-411/16	23-11 <sup>1</sup> /16	17-111/16	248%				
5	17-10½	24 <b></b> 3 <sup>15</sup> /16	18-5	250¾				
6	1853%	24–9	19-01/16	256				
7	19-11/4	25–21/8	19-83/16	26-01/16				
8	1 <b>99</b> 15⁄16	25-9%16	20-53/16	<b>26-6</b> <sup>15</sup> /16				
9	2071/2	26-415/16	21–3	27-2%16				
10	21-5¾	27-1	22-1%16	27-101/8				
11	22-4%	27 <b>9</b> <sup>1</sup> <sup>1</sup> /16	230¾	28-713/16				
12	23-4	286 <sup>15</sup> /16	2401/2	29-55/16				

# TABLE 1 TABLES OF RAFTER LENGTHS

RISE IN	BUILDING WIDTH						
PER	35 F	EET	36 FEET				
FOOT OF RUN	COMMON FEET-INCHES	HIP-VAL Feet-inches	COMMON FEET-INCHES	HIP-VAL Feet-inches			
1	176¾	24-91/2	1803⁄4	256			
2	17-81/8	24-111/16	183	25-7%16			
3	18-07/16	25-1%16	18–6%	25-103/16			
4	18-53%	2551/8	18–11'1⁄16	26-113/16			
5	18-111/2	259%	19-6	26-67/16			
6	19-6 <sup>13</sup> /16	263	2 <b>0</b> –1½	27–0			
7	2031/8	2691⁄4	20–101⁄6	27-67/16			
8	2103/8	27-45/16	21–7%	28-111/16			
9	21-101/2	<b>280</b> ¾16	226	28-93/4			
10	22-9%	28-811/16	23-53/16	2 <b>9-6%</b> 16			
11	2381/8	29-5 <sup>15</sup> /16	24–5	304			
12	24–9	303¾	2551⁄2	31-21⁄8			
	37 FEET		38 FEET				
1	186¾	2621/2	1 <b>9-0</b> <sup>13</sup> /16	26–11			
2	18-91/16	26-41⁄8	19-31/8	27-0 <sup>1</sup> /16			
3	19-013/16	266 <sup>13</sup> /16	1 <del>9</del> –7	27-37/16			
4	196	26-10%16	2005/16	2771/4			
5	2001/2	27-35⁄16	20–7	2801/8			
6	20-8¾16	27-9	21-215/16	286			
7	21-5	2835%	21-1115/16	<b>29-0</b> <sup>13</sup> ⁄16			
8	22-213/16	28-111/16	22-10	29-8½			
9	23-11/2	2973%	23-9	30–5			
10	24–1	30-47/16	24813/16	31-21⁄4			
11	2513/16	31-21/8	2595/16	32-01⁄4			
12	26-115/16	320½	26-107/16	32-1015/16			

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RISE IN		BUILDING	WIDTH			
PER	39 FI	EET	40 F	EET		
FOOT OF RUN	COMMON FEET-INCHES	HIP-VAL FEET-INCHES	COMMON Feet-inches	HIP-VAL FEET-INCHES		
1	19-6 <sup>13</sup> /16	27-71/2	20-013/16	28-4		
2	19-91/4	27-93/16	20-35/16	28-5¾		
3	20-13/15	28-01/16	2073/8	28-811/16		
4	20-611/16	28-4 ·	21–1	29-011/16		
5	21-11/2	289	218	29-5 <sup>13</sup> /16		
6	21–9%	29-3	2245/16	30–0		
7	2261/8	29-10	23–1%	3071/8		
8	23-51/4	30-57/8	24-07/16	31-31/4		
9	24-41/2	312%16	25–0	3203⁄16		
10	25-4%	3201/8	2607/16	32-915/16		
11	26-57/16	32-10%	27-1%16	33-81/2		
12	27-615/16	<b>33–9</b> 5⁄16	28-37/16	34-711/16		
	41 F	41 FEET		EET		
1	2067%	29-01/2	21–01/8	29–9		
2	20-9%	29-25/16	21-31/2	29-107/8		
3	21-1%16	29-55/16	21-7¾	30-115/16		
4	21-75/16	2 <b>99</b> 7/16	22-1%	3061/1		
5	22-21/2	30-211/16	22-9	30-111/2		
6	22-111/16	30–9	23-5¾	31–6		
7	23-813/16	31-45/16	24-3¾	32-11/2		
8	24-7%	32–0%	25-27/8	32–10		
9	25-71/2	32-913/16	26-3	3373/8		
10	26-81/4	33-713/16	27-4	34-5%		
11	27-911/16	346%16	28–5%	35-411/16		
12	28-11%	35-61/16	29–8%	36-41⁄2		

TABLE 1 TABLES OF RAFTER LENGTHS						
RISE IN		BUILDING	G WIDTH			
INCHES PER	43	FEET	44 F	EET		
FOOT OF RUN	COMMON Feet-inches	HIP-VAL Feet-inches	COMMON Feet-inches	HIPVAL FEET-INCHES		
1	2167/8	3051/2	22–0 <sup>15</sup> ⁄16	312		
2	21-9%16	3073%	22-35⁄8	31-315/16		
3	22-115/16	30-101/2	2281⁄8	31–71⁄8		
4	22-715/16	31-21/8	23-21/4	31–11%16		
5	23-31/2	31-83/8	23-10	3251/4		
6	24-07/16	32–3	24-73/16	330		
7	24-10'1/16	32-10'1/16	25–5%	33–7%		
8	25-101/16	33-73/8	2655/16	34-4¾		
9	26-101/2	34–5	276	35–2%		
10	27-11'3/16	35-31/2	287%	36-13/8		
11	29-2	36-2 <sup>13</sup> /16	29-101/8	37-015/16		
12	30-47%	37-21/8	31–1¾	38-11/4		
	45 FEET		46 FEET			
1	22-615/16	31–10½	23-015/16	327		
2	22-9¾	3201/2	23-313/16	32 <b>-</b> 9		
3	23-25/16	32-3¾	23-81/2	330%		
4	238%	32-85/16	24-215/16	33–5		
5	24-41/2	33-21/16	2411	33-1015/16		
6	25-1%	33–9	258%16	346		
7	26-0%16	34-51/16	26-71/2	35-21⁄4		
8	270½	35-21/8	27711/16	35-11½		
9	28-11/2	36-0¾6	28-9	<b>36-913</b> /16		
10	29-37/16	36-113/16	29-111/4	3791/16		
11	3061/4	37-111/16	31-21/16	38-91/8		
12	31-9'3/16	3811%	3265/16	<b>39–10½</b> 6		

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RISE IN		BUILDIN	G WIDTH			
PER	47 F	EET	48 F	EET		
FOOT OF RUN	COMMON FEET-INCHES	COMMON HIP-VAL FEET-INCHES FEET-INCHES		HIP-VAL Feet-inches		
1	23-7	33-31/2	24–1	340		
2	23-9%	33-5%16	244	34–21/8		
3	24-211/16	33-9	24-81/8	34-5%		
4	24-91⁄4	34-1¾	25-3%16	34-107/16		
5	25-51/2	34–7¾	26–0	354%		
6	26-35/16	35–3	26–10	360		
7	27-21/2	3511%	27-97/16	36-8%16		
8	28-215/16	36-81/8	28–10½	3761⁄4		
9	29-41/2	37-716	300	385		
10	30-71/16	3861/8	31-21/8	39-4¾		
11	31-10%16	39–71⁄4	32-611/16	40–5%		
12	33-213/16	4087/16	33-115/16	41613/16		
	49 FEET		50 FEET			
1	24-7	34-81/2	25-11/16	35–5		
2	24-101/16	34-1011/16	25-41/8	35-73/16		
3	25-31/16	35-21/4	25-91⁄4	35-1013/16		
4	25-91/8	35-73/16	26-41⁄4	36-37/8		
5	26-61/2	36-17/16	27-1	36-105/16		
6	27-411/16	36–9	27-117/16	37–6		
7	28-43%	375¾	28-115/16	38-2 <sup>15</sup> /16		
8	29-5%	38-311/16	<b>300%</b> 16	<b>39–</b> 11⁄16		
9	3071/2	3 <b>9–</b> 2%	313	400¼		
10	31-1011/16	402%	326½	41-07/16		
11	33-213/16	4131/2	33-11	4215/8		
12	34-7¾	42-51/4	35-41⁄4	43–35⁄8		

TABLE 2 Difference in Length of Jack Rafters							
	FOR VAR	RIOUS SP/	ACING				
		(FEET-IN	ICHES)				
HISE	16″	16" 18" 20" 24"					
1	1-41/16	1-61/16	1-81/16	2-01/16			
2	1-4¼	1-61/4	181⁄4	205/16			
3	1-41/2	1-6%16	18%	2-03/4			
4	1-47/8	1–7	1-91/16	2–15⁄16			
5	1–55⁄16	1-7½	1-911/16	2-2			
6	1–5%	181/8	1-10%	2-213/16			
7	16½	1-813/16	1-111/2	2-313/16			
8	1-7¼	1–9%	201/16	2-47/8			
9	18	1–10½	21	26			
10	1-813/16	1-117/16	2-21/16	2-71/4			
11	1-911/18	2-07/16	2-31/a	28%16			
12	1-10%	2-17/16	2-45/16	2-915/16			
13	1-11%16	2-2%16	2-51/2	2-11%			
14	2-0%16	2-311/16	2-63/4	307/8			
15	2-1%	2-413/16	28	3-27/16			
16	2-211/16	26	2-95/16	3-4			
17	23¾	2-73/16	2-1011/16	35%			
18	2-41/8	287/16	301/16	3-71/4			
19	2-515/16	2-911/16	3-17/16	3-815/16			
20	2-71/8	2-11	3-21/8	3-10%			
21	281⁄4	301/4	3-45/16	403/8			
22	2-97/16	3-1%16	35¾	4-21/8			
23	2-10%16	3-215/16	3-71/4	4-31/8			
24	2-11¾	3-41/4	3-8¾	4-511/16			

Rafter Lengths-For Building Widths in Feet and inches

The following tables are used to determine rafter lengths (common, hip and valley) for building widths which are in feet and fractions of a foot.

For example, to find the length of a common rafter for a 34 foot, 7 inch wide building with a roof rise of 8 inches per foot of run, find the length of a common rafter for a 34 foot wide building as 20 feet,  $57_{16}$  inches from the previous tables. From the following table 3, find the additional length to add for 7 inch width and 8 inch rise as  $431_{16}$  inches. Add this to the 20 feet,  $531_{16}$  inches and obtain 20 feet,  $93_{16}$  inches as the correct common rafter length.

To determine the lengths of hip and valley rafters, proceed as above using the appropriate preceding tables and table 4.

ADDITIONAL LENGTH IN INCHES TO ADD TO COMMON RAFTERS						
For Inches Additional Building Width						idth
NISC	1	2	3	4	5	6
1	1⁄2	1	11⁄2	2	29⁄16	31⁄16
2	1/2	1	11/2	2	2%16	31⁄16
3	1⁄2	1	1%16	2 <sup>1</sup> ⁄16	29⁄16	31⁄16
4	1⁄2	11/16	1%16	21⁄8	25⁄в	3¾16
5	9⁄16	11/16	15⁄a	<b>2</b> ¾16	211/16	3¼
6	%15	11/8	111/16	21/4	2 <sup>13</sup> /16	33⁄8
7	%16	13/16	1¾	25/16	27⁄8	31⁄2
8	5⁄8	13⁄16	113/16	23⁄8	3	35⁄8
9	5⁄8	1¼	11⁄8	21/2	31⁄8	3¾
10	5⁄8	15/16	115/16	25⁄8	3¼	31⁄8
11	11/16	13⁄8	21/16	211/16	3¾	41/16
12	11/16	17/16	21⁄8	213/16	3%16	41⁄4
13	3/4	11/2	<b>2¾</b> 16	215/16	3'1⁄16	41/16
14	3⁄4	1%16	21⁄4	31/16	3 <sup>13</sup> /16	45⁄8
15	<sup>1</sup> 3⁄16	1 <del>5∕8</del>	2¾	3¾16	4	4 <sup>13</sup> ⁄16
16	13/16	111/16	21/2	35/16	43⁄16	5
17	7⁄8	13⁄4	25⁄8	37/16	<b>4</b> 5⁄16	<b>5</b> ¾16
18	7⁄8	113/16	211/16	35%	41/2	51/16
19	15/16	17⁄8	213/16	3¾	411/16	5%.
20	1	115/16	215/16	31/8	47⁄8	5 <sup>13</sup> /16
21	1	2	3	41/16	51/16	61/16
22	11/16	21/16	31/8	43/16	5¼	6¼
23	11/16	23/16	31⁄4	45⁄16	5%	67/16
24	11/8	21⁄4	3¾	41/2	5%16	611/16

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TABLE 3							
	ADDITIONAL LENGTH IN INCHES TO						
	For Ir	iches Ad	ditional E	uilding \	Nidth		
Rise	7	8	9	10	11		
1	3%16	41/16	4%16	51/16	<b>5%</b> 16		
2	3%16	41/16	4%16	51/16	5%16		
3	31⁄8	41⁄8	45/8	51⁄8	511/16		
4	311/16	43⁄16	43/4	51⁄4	513/16		
5	313/16	45/16	47/8	51/16	5 <sup>15</sup> /18		
6	315/16	41/2	51/16	5%16	61⁄8		
7	41⁄16	45%8	53⁄16	5 <sup>13</sup> /16	63/8		
8	43/15	413/16	51/16	6	6%		
9	43⁄8	5	5%	6¼	67/8		
10	4%16	5 <sup>3</sup> ⁄16	51/8	6½	73⁄16		
11	43/4	57/16	61/8	613/16	71/16		
12	415/16	511/16	6%	71/16	73/4		
13	<b>5¾</b> 16	51/8	6%	7 <del>∛</del> ₀	81/8		
14	5¾	61/8	6 <sup>15</sup> ⁄16	711/16	87/15		
15	5%	6¾	73/16	8	813/18		
16	513/16	611/16	71/2	85⁄16	99/16		
17	61/16	615/16	7'3/16	811/16	9%16		
18	65⁄16	<b>7∛</b> 18	81/8	9	915/16		
19	6%16	7½	87/16	9%	105/16		
20	613/16	73/4	8¾	911/16	1011/16		
21	71/16	81/16	91/16	101/16	111/16		
22	<b>7</b> 5⁄16	83%	9%	101/16	111/2		
23	7%16	8%	93⁄4	1013/16	11%		
24	713/16	815/16	101/16	113/16	125/16		

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TABLE 4							
	ADDITIONAL LENGTH IN INCHES TO ADD TO HIP & VALLEY RAFTER						
Rieo	For	inches	Additio	nal Buil	ding W	idth	
THOU	1	2	3	4	5	6	
1	11/16	17/16	21⁄8	213/16	3%16	4¼	
2	11/16	17/16	21⁄8	27/8	3%16	41⁄4	
3	11/16	17/16	21⁄a	27⁄8	3%16	45/16	
4	3/4	17/16	<b>2</b> ¾16	215/16	35⁄8	43⁄8	
5	3⁄4	11⁄2	<b>2³⁄</b> 16	215/16	311/16	47/16	
6	3⁄4	1½	21⁄4	3	3¾	41/2	
7	3⁄4	11/2	<b>25⁄</b> 16	31/16	313/16	4%16	
8	<sup>13</sup> ⁄16	19/16	23⁄8	31⁄8	315/16	411/16	
9	13/16	15⁄8	2¾	3¾16	4	413/16	
10	<sup>13</sup> ⁄16	15⁄8	27/16	35⁄16	4½	4 <sup>15</sup> ⁄16	
11	<sup>13</sup> /16	111/16	21⁄2	33⁄8	43/16	51/16	
12	7∕8	13⁄4	25∕в	37/16	45⁄16	53⁄16	
13	7⁄8	113/16	211/16	3%16	47/16	53⁄8	
14	15/16	113/16	23⁄4	311/16	4%16	51⁄2	
15	15/16	11⁄18	2 <sup>13</sup> ⁄16	3¾	4¾	511/16	
16	<sup>15</sup> ⁄16	115/15	21/8	31⁄8	413/16	5 <sup>13</sup> /16	
17	1	2	3	4	5	6	
18	1	<b>2</b> ½16	31⁄16	4½	5½	<b>6</b> <sup>3</sup> /16	
19	11/16	21⁄8	3¾16	41⁄4	55⁄16	6%	
20	11/16	23/16	31⁄4	4¾	51/16	<b>6%</b> 16	
21	11⁄8	21⁄4	3¾	41/2	5%	6¾	
22	13⁄16	25⁄16	31⁄2	45⁄8	5 <sup>13</sup> ⁄16	6 <sup>15</sup> ⁄16	
23	13⁄16	2¾	3%16	4¾	6	71⁄8	
24	11⁄4	21/2	311/16	41⁄8	61⁄8	7¾	

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	ADDITIONAL LENGTH IN INCHES TO ADD TO HIP & VALLEY RAFTER					
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n158	7	8	9	10	11	
1	415/16	511/16	6¾	71/16	7 <sup>13</sup> /16	
2	5	5 <sup>11</sup> /16	67⁄16	7½	713/16	
3	5	5¾	67/16	7¾16	71/8	
4	51⁄16	5 <sup>13</sup> /16	<b>6%</b> 16	71/4	8	
5	5¾ <sub>16</sub>	51/6	6%	73⁄8	81⁄8	
6	51/4	6	6¾	71⁄2	81⁄4	
7	5%	61/8	67⁄a	75⁄8	87/16	
8	5½	6¼	71⁄16	713/16	85⁄ø	
9	5 <sup>5</sup> ⁄8	63⁄8	<b>7</b> 3⁄15	8	<b>8</b> <sup>13</sup> /16	
10	5¾	6%16	7¾	83/16	9	
11	51⁄8	6¾	<b>7%</b> 16	87/16	91⁄4	
12	61/16	6 <sup>15</sup> ⁄16	7 <sup>13</sup> ⁄16	811/16	91⁄2	
13	61⁄4	71⁄8	8	815/16	913/16	
14	67⁄16	<b>7</b> 5∕16	81⁄4	<b>9</b> ¾16	101/16	
15	6%	7%16	81/2	<b>9</b> 7⁄16	10¾	
16	6¾	7¾	811/16	911/16	10%	
17	7	8	9	10	11	
18	7¾ <sub>16</sub>	8¼	91⁄4	105/16	115/16	
19	71/16	81⁄2	9%16	10%	1111/16	
20	<b>7</b> 5∕8	8¾	9 <sup>13</sup> /16	10 <sup>15</sup> ⁄16	12	
21	7%	9	101⁄a	11¼	123⁄8	
22	8½	91⁄4	101/16	11%16	12¾	
23	85⁄16	91⁄2	1011/16	11 <sup>15</sup> ⁄16	131⁄8	
24	8%16	9 <sup>13</sup> /16	11	121⁄4	131/2	

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