

How-To Build an Iron Age Roundhouse

A step by step guide to support the DVD
'Building a Roundhouse'



Straight posts 1.25 metres long 75-100mm in diameter



Hazel withies for the wattling



Materials required to build your roundhouse

4 metre long straight poles for the roof



Pegs to join
the timbers



You will need approx 100 bundles of reed for a 4 metre diameter Roundhouse





Form a circle of uprights, burying them deep enough to make them sturdy, then shape and attach the wall plate poles



You will need to use miles of strong twine throughout the build

The framework is now set out





You can now begin to weave the hazel withies through the uprights



Sometimes this may take a lot of oomph!



The roundhouse is really taking shape now



Thatching needs everyone to work together



Sew the thatch to the roof using a wooden bodkin and strong twine, tie it securely to the roof poles

Fixing the thatch to the roof



Daub your roundhouse with mud and chopped straw mixed to a workable consistency





The finished product !