

Would your old garden shed look better with some plants on top of it? What about an urban oasis on your garage roof? Why not have a go at installing your own green roof? It can be much simpler than you think so if this sounds like the project for you then have a look at the information available from English Nature, LivingRoofs.org and the Green Roof Centre .

We are currently working with Red Rose Forest to train local organisations so they can offer support and advice to budding green roof installers. If you would like details of local experts please contact look@wildaboutmanchester.info

If you have installed a green roof on your own property in Manchester then please send us some pictures and details to look@wildaboutmanchester.info .

We need to know your name, reasons for the green roof, type of development, size, client, green roof elements, green roof system, architect, contractor, maintenance requirements, cost, completion date and lessons learned. You may even receive a Biodiversity Hotspot Award!

Have a look at the [Manchester Green Roof Case Studies page](#) .

Shed - Eco House, Miles Platting

This roof took two people approximately 7 hours, the most time consuming element being the timber cutting.

Step 1



Here's the standard garden shed. This one was bought from B&Q in 2006.



Step 3: The next step is to remove the existing structure and put in new pieces.



Step 1: The tarp is pulled over the roof. Use existing roof joists to support the tarp.



Step 2: The tarp is secured to the roof. The wooden planks are used to support the tarp.



Once the soil has been added, smaller pieces of wood are placed on top of the soil to provide a grid structure that



Step 7: In your planter box, you can plant a variety of species. At the Eco House we used a mixture of herbs such as Sage,



Stand back and admire your handy work!