

Cubby Buying Guide

The top 8 tips to help you choose
the best Cubby for you and your family





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Aarons have been selling Cubbies for over 25 years, so we know the answers to the questions you need to ensure you make the best decision for your family, your backyard space and your budget.

So grab a cuppa and enjoy an informative read about the main things to consider when buying a Cubby...



1. HOW MANY KIDS & WHAT AGES?

Most parents begin their Cubby buying journey when their kids start walking as a way to keep them active and entertained.

If you have multiple children, then you need to consider the internal size of the Cubby. After adding 2 or more kids, plus play date friends, toys and Cubby Furniture, smaller Cubbies can end up becoming cramped.

If you already have 2 or more children, and one of them is over 4 years old, then elevating your Cubby, to add extra play elements that are also challenging, will stop your kids getting bored and will ensure your Cubby can be used for many years.



2. SPACE REQUIREMENTS

As much as you may want the largest Cubby, your backyard must have the space for it! And if you are elevating your Cubby, then you need to consider the space required for attachments, like slides and rockwalls.

Whilst you may not want to 'bubble wrap' your kids, for safety reasons, you should also consider clearances around the Cubby. Although your Cubby may fit in the corner, if your child happens to fall off, what will they be falling into?

It's also super important to make sure your Cubby can be installed on ground that is not 100% flat, otherwise, you may end up with a Cubby that doesn't go together properly.



3. ENVIRONMENTAL FACTORS

Do you live in Southern Victoria or Northern Queensland? Because where you live may impact the type of Cubby you should buy.

You want your kids to use their Cubby as much as possible, so if you live in a colder, wetter area, then an enclosed Cubby may be the best option. However, when it's hot, you'll want some air flow, so an Open Style Fort may be more suitable.

If you would like to let your kids play freely but still have your eye on them at all times, then an Open Style Fort will allow this.



4. PERSONALITIES & INTERESTS

Are your kids mostly active? Or crafty? Or nurturing? Your child's personality is a major consideration when choosing the best Cubby for them.

If they are happier sitting and creating, then a larger, enclosed Cubby on ground may be most suitable. The inclusion of a table, chair and storage will ensure your crafty creator makes the most of their happy place and their works of art are safe from the elements.

But if you have the active explorer type, then an elevated Open Style Fort where they can run, climb, slide, jump and use their imaginations to the max would be our recommendation



5. BLEND IN OR MAKE A STATEMENT

Your Cubby can be hidden under a tree at the back of your property, or it can take pride of place in the middle of your grass. Regardless of where it is placed, you have 3 options when it comes to colour schemes, 2 of which require a bit of effort.

Natural: Timber cubbies will age like a timber fence if left untreated, which might be perfect if you are wanting a grey, beachy feel. But please note that the timber will last longer when treated.

Stained: A rich golden stain will not only keep your Cubby looking fresh, but is the perfect treatment if you are wanting to keep your Cubby more traditional and blended in with the natural surroundings of your backyard.

Painted: With literally thousands of colour choices available, painting enables you to match your house or transform your Cubby into the magical fairy kingdom of your child's dreams. Best for when you want it to POP!



6. QUALITY MATTERS

With literally hundreds of Cubby brands and styles on the market, you need to decide whether your preference is for a Cubby that will outlast your children, or a Cubby that will fulfill their needs for just a few short years - as the price you pay will vary greatly depending on which.

Cheaper cubbies are generally made using soft, imported timber which can twist and warp easily and won't handle the harsh Aussie Climate. Nor is it treated for termites.

Other quality inclusions will also increase the cost of long lasting Cubbies, including products such as Colorbond roofing, building grade yellow tongue flooring, rotomoulded, not plastic injected slides. Just remember that a quality Cubby can be re-sold one day.



7. ARE YOU HANDY?

If you are not a regular wearer of a tool belt (do you even own tools?), then some cheaper Cubbies on the market will not be for you.

If you have to put together EVERY piece of timber, instead of installing pre-made panels, it could be the difference between a few hours of your time, or a few frustrating days.

The cost of pre-fabricated panels put together by workers paid Aussie wages will mean the price you pay for your Cubby will be higher, so you need to consider what price you put on your sanity!



8. IS SERVICE ON OFFER?

If you are unsure of the best place to place your cubby, or not sure whether it will fit, does the Cubby company offer a no obligation Site Inspection service?

And what about paying for your Cubby? Do you want a layby option? Or a 'Buy Now, Pay Later' finance scheme? Does the company offer flexible payment options?

Can they deliver and install your Cubby on your behalf?



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Of course we think we have the best looking, best quality, best value Cubbies on the market, so if you are ready to take the next step, then please contact one of our stores to discuss your Cubby needs. There isn't a question we haven't answered, nor a backyard we haven't been able to conquer over the years, so let us show you how we can make you and the kids 'Step Outside' enjoying years of Cubby fun!

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