



Installation

We would like your Kayu Batu deck installation to go as smoothly as possible, with the finished product's appearance and performance maximized for your enjoyment. To this end, we recommend the following:

Prior to Installation

For best results, if you have chosen the rich mahogany hue of the Kayu Batu, keep all of your decking material clean and dry prior to treating and installation. We recommend one coat of Messmers UV Plus for Hardwoods on all six sides. Over the past 17 years of distributing Kayu products, we have found Messmers to be the best application and easiest to maintain. For a maintenance free silver patina the Kayu Batu is ready for installation with no sealing required.

Deck Installation Tips

All Kayu Batu 5/4 x 4 and 5/4 x 6 decking is kiln dried so there will be minimal shrinkage. Like all woods, it will absorb some moisture and may expand. Please ensure that you leave at least ¼ " between 5/4 x 6 boards and 3/16" between 5/4 x 4 boards side to side, to avoid buckling as the wood expands. This also allows drainage and ease of cleaning leaves and tree needles. Shrinkage/Expansion lengthwise is nil, so trim ends neatly and butt together tightly. Please note that it is recommended the spacing to be tighter in dryer desert like climates. We do not recommend 1 x 6 for decking due to excessive cupping. Only use 5/4 x 6.

The best systems to install Kayu Batu are:

1. Kreg Deck Jig
2. Pro-Plug Smart Bit System
3. Smart Bit Counter Sinking Tool for visual top screwing
4. 2 ½ inch stainless steel screws.

A bead of high quality construction adhesive is also recommended to hold your wood secure as most treated lumber framing is wet. The adhesive will bond well and give the decking a back-up as the undercarriage wood dries out.

As with all woods, when installing at or near ground level, 18" or lower, **only 4 inch boards** can be used due to expansion and contraction with the ground moisture.

Please call us Toll Free at 1.877.666.KAYU(5298) with any questions.

Enjoy the Natural Beauty!