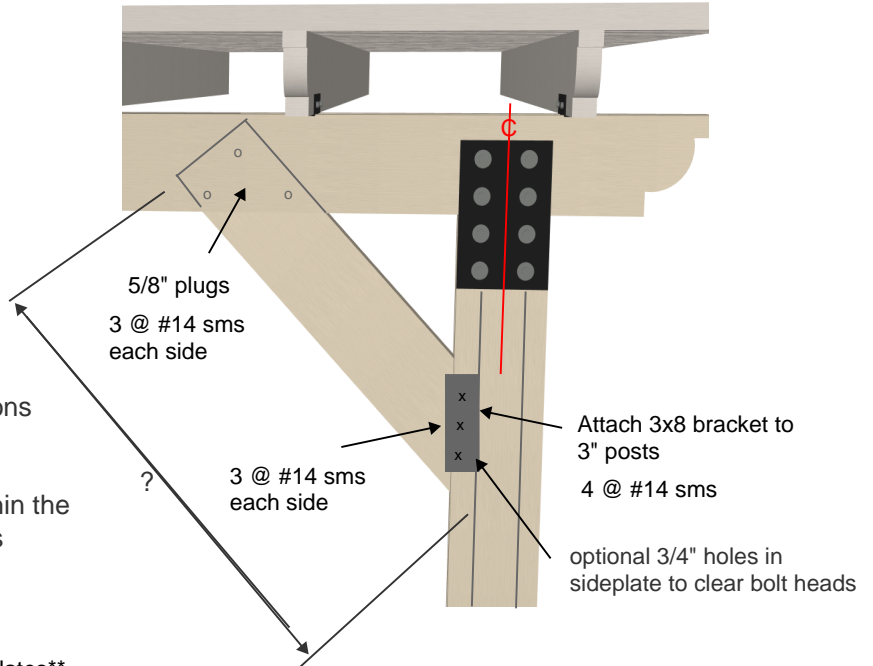


## Craftsman Hardware Instructions

### Header To Post **\*\*before installing the headers\*\***

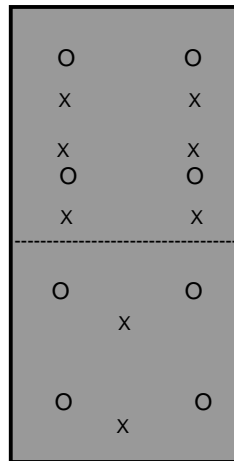
1. Use the Craftsman Plate as a template to determine where the access holes should be drilled.
2. Place the plate at the post location, the top half of the plate will be on the header, the bottom half will be connected to the post sideplate
3. With a pencil lightly mark the 4 hole locations and outside of the plate on the header.
4. Drill your 5/8" access holes anywhere but the marked hole locations staying 1/4" within the outside plate locations. Your access holes will be covered by the plate.
5. Mount your headers to the post.



### Post to Header Braces **\*\*before installing sideplates\*\***

1. Determine the length you would like your brace. 3' is standard.
2. Cut bottom of brace at a 45 angle leave top square so cap (or inside bracket) will fit.
3. Put cap on brace, dry fit the brace so top of brace is below top of header. Mark location for bracket to mount on post and mark location for 5/8 access holes in both headers.
4. Attach bracket to post and drill 6 @ 5/8" access holes
5. Attach brace to bracket and header
6. Install post sideplates.

**\*\*** Some installers will drill 3/4" holes in the sideplate where the sideplate contacts the post bracket bolts. This allows for a cleaner flush fit.



x = 5/8" access hole locations  
Use #14 X 3/4" sms

6 @ HEADER  
2 @ POST

O = Craftsman Bolt locations  
bolts are for aesthetics only  
use a 3/16" drill to start the bolt  
use a hand socket or wrench  
do not over tighten

### Craftsman Plate Install

1. Place your Craftsman plate where it lines up with your previous bolt marks on the header
2. Mark the bolt locations on your post sideplate.
3. Drill 3/16" holes for the 8 Craftsman bolts.
4. Use a hand wrench or socket to lightly tighten the bolts. These bolts are just decorative so do not strip out the holes!
5. Install the Craftsman plates.

**\*\*\***plates are handmade and all plates may not be exactly the same, please check this as you are marking hole locations