Materials List

Treated wood: For each post, you'll need a treated 12-ft.-long 2x4 for the center and an 8-ft.-long treated 2x4 cut in half for the shorter post sides (Photo 2).

Cedar: For wrapping each post, buy two 8-ft. cedar 2x4s and two 8-ft. 2x6s. Also buy two 2x8 cedar lintel boards at least 3 ft. longer than the distance between the posts (outside-to-outside dimension).

Hardware: Buy a 1-lb. box of 3-in. deck screws for joining all of the components except the pickets. Buy a 1-lb. box of 10d galvanized finish nails for that job. And get one 60-lb. bag of premixed concrete for each pair of posts.