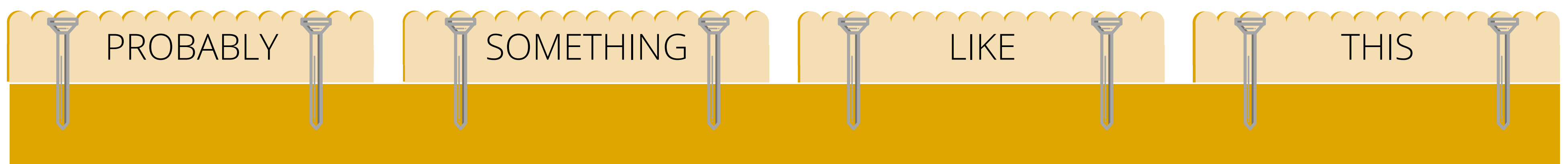


IMAGINE THAT **THIS** IS A PIECE OF DECKING TIMBER,
PICTURED END-ON.

WITH IT - AND QUITE A FEW OTHERS JUST LIKE IT - YOU COULD BUILD A DECK:



NOW IMAGINE
YOU'VE TAKEN
PHOTOS OF
YOUR NEW
DECK:



IT LOOKS
GREAT,
RIGHT?

UNFORTUNATELY, THE DECKING TIMBER HAS BEEN INSTALLED

UPSIDE DOWN

DECKING MATERIAL IS SUPPOSED TO BE INSTALLED
LIKE **THIS**, WITH THE RIDGES FACING **DOWN**.



THE RIDGES, RATHER THAN PROVIDING GRIP, ARE DESIGNED TO ENSURE THAT **WATER DRIES AWAY** FROM THE DECKING - KEEPING IT DRY AND SAFE TO WALK ON

DIRT AND WATER WILL COLLECT IN THE GROOVES, MOLD AND MILDEW WILL GROW, THE DECK WON'T LAST ANYWHERE NEAR AS LONG AS IT SHOULD, AND IT WILL SOON BECOME SLIPPERY AND DANGEROUS TO USE

DON'T BE A DECK

TYPICAL KIWI

FIGURE OUT WHAT TO DO BASED ON EVIDENCE AND FACT
OTHERWISE YOU MIGHT ACHIEVE EXACTLY THE OPPOSITE OF WHAT YOU INTENDED

AND YES, YOU CAN GET "DOUBLE SIDED" DECKING, WHICH HALF PROTECTS AGAINST INCORRECT INSTALLATION, BUT IT'S STILL GOING TO SUFFER MOST OF THE EFFECTS DESCRIBED ABOVE, MAKING IT A SUB-OPTIMAL SOLUTION