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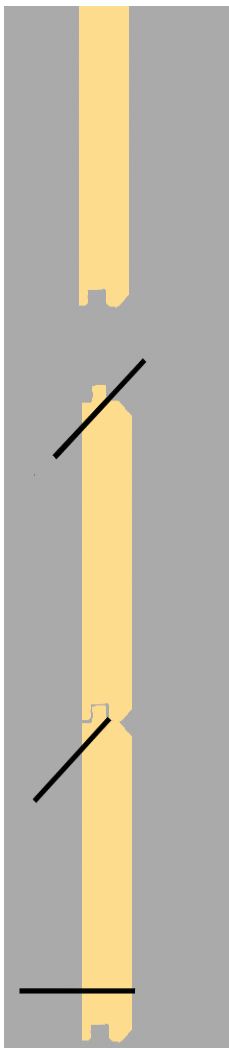
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## Installation Instructions for Paneling

Here are some basic installation guidelines for our tongue-n-groove paneling.

A typical interior application of paneling is horizontally against the vertical position of the studs or rafters of a conventionally framed structure. For an interior application it is not necessary to put OSB, plywood, or drywall on the wall prior to installing the paneling. In many cases a vapor barrier may be necessary against the exterior walls or ceilings. As always please refer to your local building code requirements prior to any installation.



- Always start at the base of the wall or ceiling and work your way up so that gravity is working with you. The tongue is always up and the groove down.
- It's always best to make any adjustments for a wall that is not square or uneven on the bottom row. Be sure to measure both sides of the wall (or ceiling) to make sure that it is consistent in height from one end to the other prior to installing the first row.
- After making any necessary adjustments you will need to face nail the first row of paneling along the bottom edge of the board to secure it in place to each stud or rafter. These face nails will be covered by base molding.
- Once the first row is secured you can now begin to "blind" nail the boards into place. This is done by nailing down through the crotch of the tongue on an approximate 45 degree angle so that the nail passes through a back of the paneling catching an inch or so of the paneling and thus securing it to each stud or rafter.
- Each row should slide down to the row below locking the tongue and groove together. You may need to gently push or tap the boards into place using a wood block or rubber mallet to prevent marring the wood paneling .
- Since this product is end-matched there is no need to cut the ends of the boards so that they butt on a stud. Wherever the board ends simply butt the next board to it, securely locking the tongue and groove on the ends of the boards together.
- When you reach the end of a row you simply cut a piece to length to fit and the remaining piece you use as a starter for the next row. This is a no waste system. You should use this same principle when cutting boards to fit around window and door openings as well.
- Please note that you want to stagger the joints as best as possible keeping the joints spaced out in a random pattern as you work your way up the wall/ceiling.
- When you reach the top or final row you will have to rip that final row to fit the opening. This final row will need to be faced nailed along the top edge.
- Casing for windows & doors, base moldings, inside and outside corners, ceiling trims, and many other trims/moldings are in stock to finish off the project.

**Recommended fastener: Air/Power Finish(Brad) Nailer - 16 gauge - 2" long nail for studs or 2.5" long nail for over top drywall. Galvanized nails are recommended.**

*Please Note: This is an end-matched product containing 8' and shorter random lengths. Prior to installation it is advisable to open the package(s) and presort the paneling according to an average length so that you have a better idea of all the lengths you are working with and can stagger the joints more effectively, which will maximize the appearance of the finished project.*