

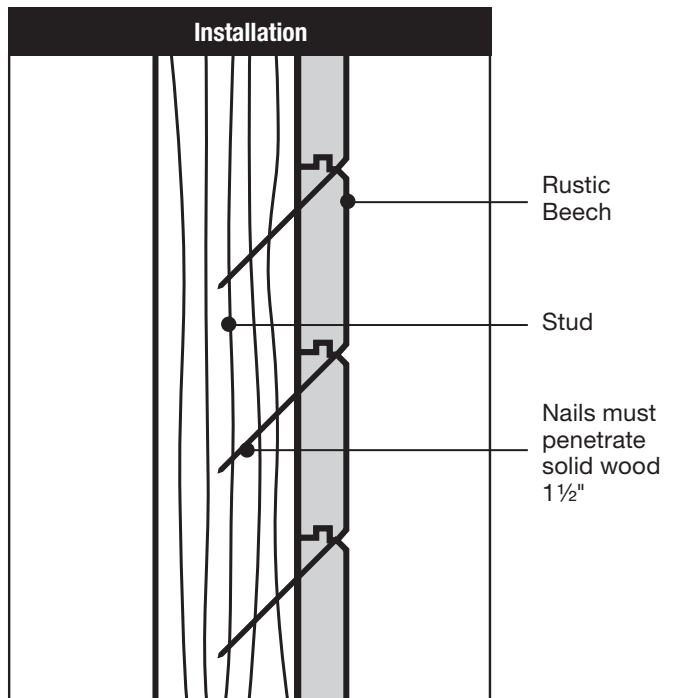
Tongue and groove pattern boards can be installed horizontally or vertically. The benefit of T&G profiles is the interlocking of pieces and reducing the chance of exposed fasteners. In horizontal applications, start at the bottom and work up, with the groove edges facing downward. Boards up to 6" (152mm) wide can be blind-nailed, with one siding nail per bearing toe-nailed through the base of each tongue. Ensure the boards are fully set on the previous board and the seams are tight between boards. Wider boards should be face-nailed using two nails per bearing. Nails must penetrate 1-1/2" (32mm) into solid wood (see illustration).

In vertical applications, start at one corner with grooved edge facing toward the adjacent wall. Use a level or plumb line to ensure that the first board is installed vertically. The grooved edge of the first board may have to be trimmed to ensure a flush fit. As with horizontal installations, pieces up to 6" (152mm) can be blind-nailed and wider pieces should be face-nailed.

Our pattern boards are kiln-dried to minimize the effects of swelling and shrinking. As with all lumber products, care in handling and installation delivers the best results. To ensure your complete satisfaction, we recommend the following:

- Precondition (acclimate) material for a minimum of 48 hours, but ideally 10-14 days, by storing it in the room where it will be installed
- Prime or prefinish sides, edges and ends after preconditioning, but before installation. This reduces the appearance of unfinished lines that may result from further shrinkage after installation.

Install shiplap horizontally or vertically.
For horizontal applications, start with the bottom course and work up with overlap pointing downward.
Do not nail through overlaps. Shiplap siding is tight-fitting, so butt the courses up close.



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