

Moulding Installation Guide

CROWN, CASING, BASEBOARD, AND CHAIR RAIL

CROWN INSTALLATION

Step 1: Plan and Measure

1. **Choose the moulding style** that suits your room's decor.
2. Measure the walls where the moulding will be installed.
3. Mark each wall's length on the back of the moulding and account for the corner cuts.

Step 2: Locate Studs

- Use a stud finder to locate and mark the wall studs. You'll nail the moulding into these for stability.

Step 3: Cut the Moulding

1. **Understand the angles:** Crown moulding sits at an angle between the wall and ceiling, so cuts need to account for this.
 - Inside corners: Coping or miter cuts.
 - Outside corners: Compound miter cuts.
2. **Set up the miter saw:**
 - Inside corners
 1. Coping Method - use a coping saw after cutting one piece at a 45° angle for a snug fit.
 2. Miter Method – use the miter saw to cut both pieces at opposing 45° angles.
 - For outside corners, use the miter saw to cut both pieces at opposing 45° angles.
3. **Practice cuts:** Test on scrap pieces to get the angles right.

Tools and Materials Needed

- **Crown moulding**
- Measuring tape
- Miter saw
- Coping saw
- Level
- Stud finder
- Nail gun or hammer and finishing nails
- Wood glue (optional)
- Caulk
- Sandpaper
- Paint or stain
- Safety goggles

TIPS

- ✓ Use a level to ensure proper alignment.
- ✓ Work in pairs if possible—one person can hold the molding while the other nails it in place.
- ✓ If the ceiling or walls are uneven, caulk can help hide imperfections.

Step 4: Attach the Moulding

1. **Position the moulding:** Hold it in place along the wall and ceiling where it will be installed.
2. **Secure with nails:**
 - Use a nail gun or hammer to drive finishing nails into the studs at an upward angle.
 - Space nails about every 16–18 inches.
3. **Glue the corners (optional):** Apply wood glue at joints for extra strength before nailing.

Step 5: Fill Gaps and Holes

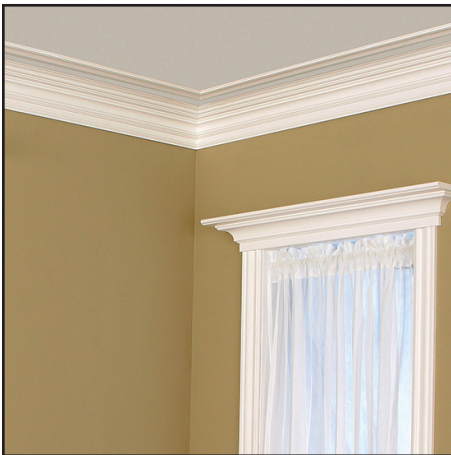
- Fill nail holes with wood filler.
- Use caulk to fill gaps between the moulding and the wall or ceiling.

Step 6: Sand and Paint/Finish

- Sand the joints for a smooth finish.
- Paint or stain the moulding to your desired color.

Step 7: Inspect and Touch Up

- Once the paint or stain is dry, inspect for any remaining gaps or imperfections and touch them up.



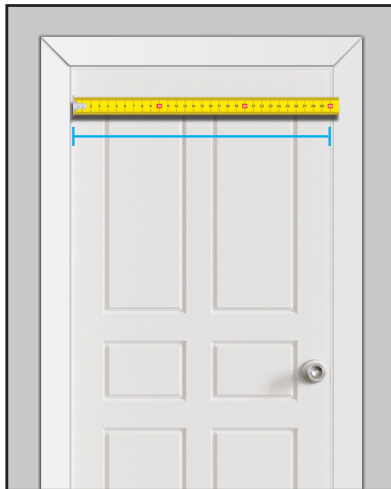
CASING INSTALLATION

Step 1: Plan and Measure

1. **Choose the moulding style** that complements your home.
2. Measure the height and width of the door or window frame. Add a little extra length for precise cuts.

Step 2: Cut the Moulding

1. **Top piece (header):**
 - Measure the width of the door or window opening, plus 1/8" reveal on both sides of the jamb, plus the thickness of the side pieces.
 - Cut the top piece of molding with 45° angles at each end for the corners.
2. **Side pieces:**
 - Measure from the floor (or baseboard) to the bottom of the top moulding.
 - Cut the side pieces with one end at a 45° angle to meet the top moulding and the other end straight.



Step 3: Test Fit

- Dry-fit the pieces around the door or window to ensure they align properly. Adjust cuts if necessary.

Tools and Materials Needed

- **Casing moulding**
- Measuring tape
- Miter saw
- Level
- Nail gun or hammer and finishing nails
- Wood filler
- Caulk
- Sandpaper
- Paint or stain
- Safety goggles

TIPS

- ✓ Use a level to ensure the molding is straight.
- ✓ For extra strength, apply wood glue to the back of the molding before nailing.
- ✓ If you're working on an uneven wall or frame, shim the molding as needed to create a tight fit.

Step 4: Attach the Moulding

1. **Position the side pieces:**

- Start with the left side. Align it with the edge of the door or window frame.
- Secure it with finishing nails, driving them into the frame or wall studs every 16–18 inches.
- Repeat on the right side.

2. **Install the top piece:**

- Position it so the mitered edges meet the angled ends of the side pieces.
- Nail it in place.

Step 5: Fill Gaps and Holes

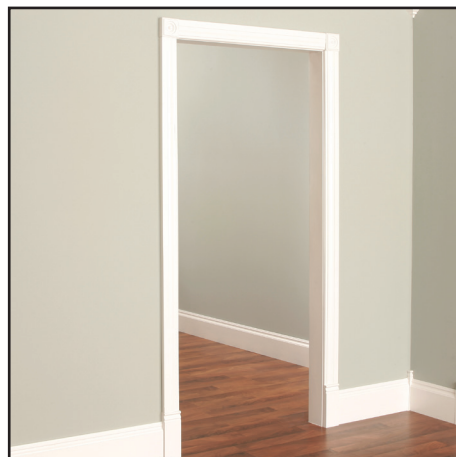
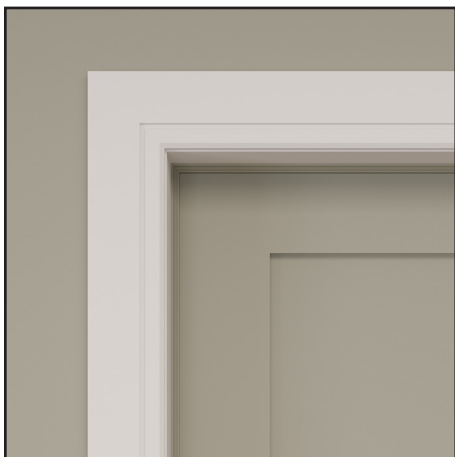
- Fill nail holes with wood filler.
- Use caulk to fill gaps between the moulding and the wall or frame for a seamless look.

Step 6: Sand and Paint/Finish

- Sand the wood filler and caulk for a smooth finish.
- Paint or stain the moulding to your desired color.

Step 7: Inspect and Touch Up

- Once the paint or stain is dry, inspect for any remaining gaps or imperfections and touch them up.



BASEBOARD INSTALLATION

Step 1: Remove Old Baseboards (If Applicable)

1. **Score the seam:** Use a utility knife to cut along the top edge of the old baseboard to break the seal of caulk or paint.
2. **Pry carefully:** Use a pry bar or putty knife to remove the baseboards without damaging the wall.
3. **Remove nails and clean up:** Pull out any old nails and smooth the wall surface.

Step 2: Measure and Plan

1. Measure the length of each wall and note the dimensions.
2. Determine where you'll need corner cuts:
 - **Inside corners:** Require a coped or mitered joint.
 - **Outside corners:** Require mitered cuts.
3. If the wall is longer than your base molding, plan for scarf joints to join pieces seamlessly.

Step 3: Cut the Moulding

1. **Straight cuts:** For sections that meet door trim or end against a wall, cut the baseboard at a 90° angle.
2. **Inside Corners:**
 - **Coping Method**
 1. Cut one piece at a 90° angle to butt against the wall.
 2. For the other piece, cut a 45° angle with a miter saw, then use a coping saw to trim along the cut edge, creating a tight fit.
 - **Miter Method**
 1. Miter each piece at a 45° angle creating a tight fit.
3. **Outside Corners:**
 - Cut both pieces at 45° angles so they meet cleanly at the corner.
4. **Scarf Joints** (for long walls and joining two pieces of base trim):
 - Cut overlapping ends of two pieces at 45° angles in opposite directions so they fit together flush.

Tools and Materials Needed

- **Base moulding**
- Measuring tape
- Miter saw (or hand saw with miter box)
- Nail gun or hammer with finishing nails
- Stud finder
- Wood filler
- Caulk
- Sandpaper
- Paint or stain (optional)
- Pry bar (if removing old baseboards)
- Utility knife

TIPS

- ✓ Work on one wall at a time to keep your workflow organized.
- ✓ Use a level to ensure the molding is straight, especially if your floors are uneven.
- ✓ If you're working alone, use painter's tape to temporarily hold long pieces in place while nailing.
- ✓ Practice cuts on scrap molding to perfect your angles before making final cuts.

Step 4: Attach the Baseboard Moulding

1. **Position the moulding:** Hold the base molding against the wall, ensuring it sits flush with both the wall and the floor.
2. **Nail into studs:** Use a stud finder to locate the studs and drive finishing nails into the wall studs every 16–18 inches. Use a nail gun for faster, cleaner results, or hammer nails by hand and countersink them slightly.
3. **For extra hold:** Use construction adhesive on the back of the molding, especially if studs are hard to locate.

Step 5: Fill Gaps and Nail Holes

1. **Fill nail holes:** Use wood filler to hide nails and seams. Sand smooth once dry.
2. **Caulk gaps:** Apply caulk to fill any gaps between the moulding and the wall for a seamless finish.

Step 6: Paint or Stain

1. Sand any rough spots or joints to ensure smoothness.
2. Paint or stain the molding as desired. Pre-painting before installation can save time on touch-ups.
3. Touch up caulked areas or gaps after painting.

Step 7: Inspect and Finalize

1. Check for any visible gaps or imperfections and fix them with caulk or filler.
2. Clean the area and enjoy your updated look!



CHAIR RAIL INSTALLATION

Step 1: Plan and Measure

1. **Decide on the height:** Chair rail moulding is typically installed 32–42 inches from the floor or one-third of the wall's total height. Adjust based on room proportions and personal preference.
2. Use a measuring tape to mark the desired height at several points along each wall.
3. **Connect the marks:** Use a level or laser level to draw a straight line around the room where the chair rail will go.

Step 2: Locate Studs

- Use a stud finder to mark the locations of wall studs. This is where you'll drive nails for a secure installation.

Step 3: Cut the Moulding

1. **Measure each wall:** Measure the length of each wall section where the molding will be installed.
2. **Inside Corners:**
 - Coping Method
 1. Cut one piece at a 90° angle to butt against the wall.
 2. For the other piece, cut a 45° angle with a miter saw, then use a coping saw to trim along the cut edge, creating a tight fit.
 - Miter Method
 1. Miter each piece at a 45° angle creating a tight fit.
3. **Outside Corners:**
 - Cut both pieces at 45° angles so they meet cleanly at the corner.
4. **Scarf Joints:**
 - For sections that meet doorways or windows, make straight 90° cuts.

Tools and Materials Needed

- **Chair Rail moulding**
- Measuring tape
- Level or laser level
- Miter saw (or hand saw with a miter box)
- Nail gun or hammer with finishing nails
- Stud finder
- Caulk
- Wood filler
- Sandpaper
- Paint or stain
- Painter's tape

TIPS

- ✓ Work in sections, starting with the longest walls to minimize joints.
- ✓ Use scarf joints (angled joints) for long walls where two pieces of molding must meet. Cut each piece at opposing 45° angles for a seamless fit.
- ✓ For irregular walls, use a contour gauge or scribe the molding to ensure a snug fit.

Step 4: Attach the Chair Rail

1. **Position the moulding:** Hold the base molding against the wall, ensuring it sits flush with both the wall and the floor.
2. **Nail into studs:** Use a stud finder to locate the studs and drive finishing nails into the wall studs every 16–18 inches. Use a nail gun for faster, cleaner results, or hammer nails by hand and countersink them slightly.
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Step 5: Fill Gaps and Nail Holes

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