

Dakota Rustic Collection

Installation Instructions

Figuring # of bundles needed

Using a tape measure, measure the height and width in inches of the area you want to cover. Multiply the height and width together then divide that number by 144 to get your square feet to be covered. Multiply the total by 1.10 to account for the waste from cutting boards to size. Take the total square feet and divide by square footage on the package to get number of packages you will need for your project.

Prepare the Surface

The surface must be clean, dry, flat and structurally sound. You may want to cover the wall with a dark color to prevent seams from sticking out. Outlets should not be covered up.

Choose a Pattern You Like

The most common patterns include diagonal, staggered horizontally or vertically and herringbone.

Locate Supporting Studs

For best results, a combination of high quality industrial adhesive and finish nails is recommended. Use a stud finder to locate supporting studs and mark location of studs.

Create a Starting Line

No matter which pattern you install, a starting line must be determined. For horizontal wall board installations, start at the top or bottom of the installation. For vertical installations, Draw the starting line at the left or right edge of the installation. For herringbone or diagonal installation, start in any corner. Use a level to insure a proper finished look.

Start the pattern

First apply construction adhesive to the back of a board. Place the board on the installation side of your starting line, press firmly, then nail into place. Make sure the nails go into studs to allow for proper support. Double check the angle of the board for accuracy as it will affect the appearance of the finished project.

Build the Wall

Keep adding boards along the starting line until the desired coverage has been completed. Use a miter saw to cut the last board so it matches the edge of the installation. As more rows of boards are added, vary the color pattern and make sure to alternate the board ends so they do not align directly from one board row to the next. Also, check each row with a level as you build it to insure they are all parallel to each other throughout the installation.

Outlets

To accommodate electrical outlets, make a template that is the size of the outlet box. Measure the distance from the end of the last, closest board to the outlet. Place the template on the board that will cover the outlet so that the template is at the correct distance from the end and mark the template on the board. Use a jig-saw to cut out the marked area of the board.

Trim

The wall may be finished in several ways, including using trim or a cut-down portion of an extra board

What You Need

Air Compressor

Nail Gun

Nails

Caulking Gun

Dust Mask

Hammer

Jigsaw

Level

Chalk line

Tape Measure

Stud Finder

Safety Glasses

Roller and Roller pan

Pencil

Miter Saw or Miter Box