

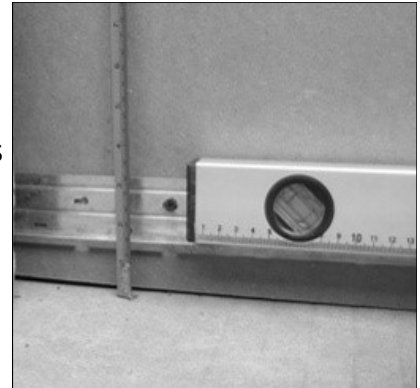
# PANEL INSTALLATION

**All products must be allowed to acclimate;** removed from boxes and stored flat at the installation site for a minimum of 48 hours or until properly acclimated prior to installation. Heat and moisture cause expansion. Best results are obtained by installing cool, dry product. **Manufacturer does not warrant against gapping caused by expansion and contraction.**

## COUNTRY LEDGESTONE PANEL

### Always seat and attach panels tightly together

**Metal Starter Strip** - Determine at what height above grade level you want the panel to sit on. Measure up 2 ¾" from this point and strike a level line. Attach the top of the starter strip on this line. End the strip 2" from each side of the corner.



### **Determine which type of wall installation is required.**

#### Paneling the wall from an inside corner to an inside corner.

Cut the left end of the first panel so that the panel will sit flush against the adjoining wall. Attach to the wall through the screw indicator marks on the top and right end tongues. Firmly press the next panel against the first panel and repeat attachment process across the wall. Cut the right end of the final panel in the course flush to the wall. Use the drop off from that panel to start the new row. Stagger the joints of the panel ends up the wall. If necessary, cut some additional length from the drop off piece to prevent panel ends from lining up vertically.

#### Paneling a wall with one outside corner on the right.

Dry fit the first corner into the starter strip. Secure with screws if necessary. Moving from right to left: dry fit panels tightly across the wall. Cut the left end of the final panel to be flush with the wall or trim piece. Remove the dry fit panels and corner piece. Panel the wall from left to right as in example 1. Reattach corner over right panel. Continue from corner to finish wall.



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**Paneling a wall with outside corners on the right and left.**

Working from the left outside corner (OC), seat the 1st panel against the OC and down against the starter strip, continue as described in section 1. Cut the right OC so there is a straight rock edge and attach. Measure the last piece on the row and cut this panel straight to fit snugly against the OC. Caulk the joint if necessary and use touch up paint. Work the right corner from left to right as described in section 1. Work the left OC as described in section 2.



**Option 2:** *(More skill required)* Working from the left outside corner (OC), seat the 1st panel against the OC and down against the starter strip, continue as described in section 1. Place the right OC in place for measurement. Place a weather barrier cleat such as black tar paper, Tyvek or the equivalent to the substrate behind the joint. Measure the last piece on the row and cut this panel using the “T” design for the male tongue. Use an existing panel as a template. A carpenter knife and sabre saw is necessary. Attach against the OC and secure both pieces. Caulk the joint if necessary and use touch up paint. Work the right corner from left to right as described in section 1. Work the left OC as described in section 2.

Ledgestone panels have 4 unique panel configurations with a number, 1 through 4, molded into the back of the panel. Avoid racking the panels by placing like numbered panels next to or on top of each other.

The illustration below shows a random installation using drops from the previous course to start each new course. If there are no drops, randomly cut the starting panel to length.

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