

Installation

Installing Moulding Is Easier Than You Think

Step 1

The installation of moulding starts with having the right tools. The following are the most common tools needed for a safe installation of moulding:

- Miter Box, Miter Saw or Compound Miter Saw
- Finishing Nails, Nail Set, and a Hammer or Brad Nailer
- Wood Putty and Glue
- Tape Measure
- Coping Saw
- Framing Square
- Protractor
- Pen and Paper
- Utility Knife
- Ladder
- Safety Glasses
- Hearing Protection

Step 2

Start by measuring the length of each wall and be sure to subtract any doors, windows or openings. Add 15% to each wall to allow for miter cuts and waste. This will provide the amount of moulding needed for the project. It is also helpful to sketch the room noting dimensions and corners.

Step 3

After purchasing the moulding, determine which piece and wall to start with. Identify what miter cuts will need to be made along with any splicing that may be required. When measuring a piece of moulding which will be mitered, add the width of the moulding to the measurement to allow for the miter cut.

Step 4

Nail the moulding in place with finishing nails leaving the corners to nail at the end once all the moulding is installed. Install the moulding around the entire room and go back to nail the corners. If the moulding ends without running into a wall create a return. A return can be created from a scrap piece of moulding. Cut the proper angle on the one end of the moulding and a 90 degree angle on the other end forming a small triangular piece of moulding. Attach the piece with wood glue and tape until the glue dries.