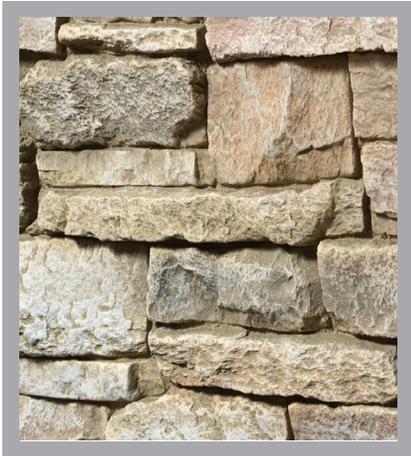


# Installation

Instructions for easy to install faux wall panels



**Questions?**

**Web chat, phone**

**or email us.**

## Easy Instructions For Use

We make easy to install faux wall panels that look amazingly realistic.

THINK IT'S HARD TO INSTALL?

All you need is a drill, screws/glue, a bit of caulk and you've got what you need.

# Tools You'll Need

Our wall panels are installed using tools found in almost everyone's tool box.



Screws\*



Construction Adhesive/Glue\*\*



Drill



Sandpaper/  
Sanding Block



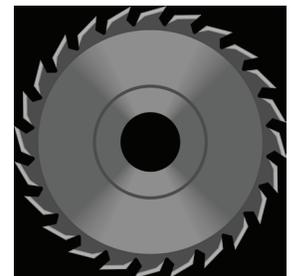
Caulking Gun



Color Match Caulk



Safety Glasses



*Optional:  
Saw, as needed*



*\* Use exterior grade screws/nails if used outdoors; use masonry self tapping screws/nails for installing over brick or concrete.*



*\*\*We recommend PL Polyurethane Premium Construction Adhesive.*

# How To Work With Panels

## About Panels

Faux wall panels are a high-density design and construction panel with more than 850 designs shipped around the globe. Panels do not absorb moisture and will not warp, rot or crack.

The following instruction guidelines will help provide the best installation results for your next project.

## Storing Panels

Store panels on a flat surface in order to avoid 'bowing'.

Acclimate (adjust) panels to the moisture and temperature conditions of the installation surface for 24 hours before installation.

## Hot Weather Installation

If panels have been stored under hot conditions, allow panels to adjust to normal temperature before installation.

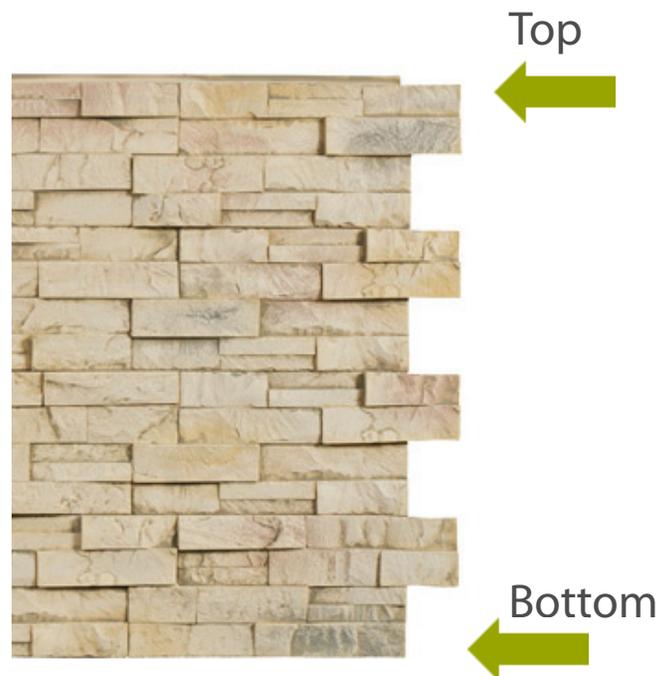
## Cold Weather Installation

If panels have been stored at room temperature, you may install panels immediately.

## General Guidelines For Installation

Panels are installed using construction adhesive and screws. However, they may expand/contract with temperature changes and must be installed tightly. To minimize the effect of expansion and contraction, install the panels as tightly as possible and follow the storage and installation instructions carefully.

- Be sure you are installing the panels on solid backing.
- Be sure the panels are oriented properly. The tongue part of the panel is the top; the groove portion of the panel is the bottom



- Panels are installed from the bottom right to the left of the wall you are covering.
- All joints including miters should be glued and caulked.
- Panel may require additional shimming/sanding for proper alignment
- As in all projects, be sure to follow all safety rules provided by tool manufacturers.
- Always follow any, and all, local, state and federal building codes.
- Always comply with any specific clearances required by manufacturers of stoves, fireplaces, furnaces and other heat sources.

# Three Easy Steps To Installation!

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## Step 1. Prepare The Fit

*Panels are installed using construction adhesive and screws. However, they may expand/contract with temperature changes and must be installed tightly. To minimize the effect of expansion and contraction, install the panels as tightly as possible and follow the storage and installation instructions carefully.*

1. First, be sure you are installing the panels on solid backing.
2. Create a loose fit by joining pieces on the floor.
3. In most cases, the panels are installed from the **bottom right to left of the wall you are covering**. (The 'tongue' of your panel should be on the top.) The right side of the first panel should be trimmed, removing the fingers and creating a straight edge.
4. Check the fit and sand the edges if needed. Cut to accommodate wall obstructions and sand the edges smooth.
5. For best results, double-check the fit again. Ensure that the seams are tight before moving to the glue step.

## Step 2. Adhere the Panel With Glue/Screws

*NOTE: If this is an exterior installation over house wrap/Tyvek, do not glue. Use exterior grade screws instead.*

6. Cover the perimeter of each panel and panel-end with glue
7. Use your discretion to glue any special areas that require additional glue (such as uneven wall surfaces).
8. Use enough adhesive so that the entire surface of the cut edge at each end is covered.
9. Screw into wall using drywall screws or finish nails. Use enough screws to make the panel secure and ensure a flat surface. Try to place screws in grout lines or crevices, as when you cover screws with caulk, it will provide a more realistic look.

*10. TIP: We strongly recommend use of construction adhesive and screws in every joint.*

*11. Fit the next panel, glue and screw in place. Repeat until the row is complete.*

*IMPORTANT TIP: Save the trimmed edge of the last panel to begin the second row.*

12. **Begin the second row with the excess of the last panel used in the first row. This will save materials and make it easy to begin the next row.**

## Step 3. Finish With Caulk

13. Use the color-matched caulk to fill all screw holes and any gaps.
14. Smooth the caulk and wipe away any excess (a wet rag works well) and finish the seams of the wall to complete the project.

*TIP: Be gentle when wiping the caulk as the caulk contains sand which can mar the finish*

*TIP: All joints should be butt joints on straight runs and mitered joints in corners.*

*NOTE: The panels may require additional shimming and trimming for alignment.*

# How to Cover A Wall - Using the Interlock Panels

## Step 1. Prepare The Fit

Panels are installed using construction adhesive and screws. However, they may expand/contract with temperature changes and must be installed tightly. To minimize the effect of expansion and contraction, install the panels as tightly as possible and follow the storage and installation instructions carefully. Remember to install the panels on solid backing.



1. Acclimate & assemble pieces.



2. Create a loose fit by joining pieces on the floor.



3. Cut to accommodate wall obstructions.



4. Sand the edges to smooth.



5. Check the fit and sand the edges if needed.

**TIP: For best results, double-check the fit again. Ensure that the seams are tight before moving to the glue step.**

## Step 2. Adhere the Panel With Glue/Screws

Now you're ready to start installing! In most cases, the panels are installed from the **bottom right to left of the wall you are installing**. (The 'tongue' of the panel should be on the top.) The right side of the first panel should be trimmed, removing the fingers and creating a straight edge. We strongly recommend use of construction adhesive and screws in every joint. Use enough screws to make sure panels are flat and secure.

*NOTE: If this is an exterior installation over house wrap/Tyvek, do not glue. Use exterior grade screws instead.*

### GLUING TIPS:

Use your discretion to glue any special areas that require additional glue (such as uneven wall surfaces). Use enough adhesive so that the entire surface of the cut edge at each end is covered.



6. Cover perimeter of each panel and panel-end with glue.



7. Screw into wall using drywall screws or finishing nails. For best look, place them in grout lines or crevices.



8. Fit the next panel and glue and screw in place. Repeat until the row is complete.



9. Begin the second row with the excess of the last panel used in the first row. This will save you materials and make it easy to begin the next row.

**IMPORTANT TIP:** Save the trimmed edge of the last panel to begin the second row.

## Step 3. Finish With Caulk



10. For a final finish, use the color-matched caulk to fill all screw holes and any gaps.

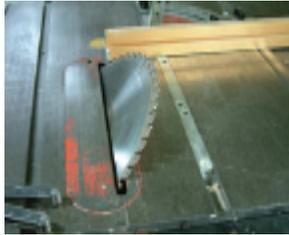
Smooth the caulk and wipe away any excess (a wet rag works well) and finish the seams of the wall to complete the project

*TIP: Be gentle when wiping the caulk as the caulk contains sand which can mar the finish.*

All joints should be butt joints on straight runs and mitered joints in corners.

The panels may require additional shimming and trimming for alignment.

## Get A Clean Look When You Miter Your Corners Here's How!



1. First, set a table saw blade to a 45-degree angle.



2. Cut the panel at a 45 degree angle. TIP: A simple panel cutting jig helps to do this on a table saw.



3. Take the leftover panel and flip it around 180 degrees. You will be cutting a 45 degree angle reversed to the last cut.

*TIP: Make the cut as close to the end of the panel as possible to help keep the pattern matched.*



4. Check the two pieces for final fit.



5. Then take the first piece and apply glue to the back of the panel.



6. Fit the glued piece. Screw it to the wall.



7. Fit the second piece making sure the miter is nice and tight.



8. Then glue and screw in place.



For a final finish, use the color-matched caulk to fill all screw holes and any gaps.

Smooth the caulk and wipe away any excess (a wet rag works well) and finish the seams of the wall to complete the project.

**It's That Easy To Get Great Looking Corners!**

*HANDY TIP: Need to do an inside corner? Follow the same steps, just cut the panel with the opposite angle.*

# How To Use Easy To Install Molded Corners

Choose either an overlaid or a butt joint.

Pick the look that's right for you.



## A. INSTRUCTIONS FOR AN OVERLAID JOINT



1. First, finish the walls with panels.



2. Next, overlay the molded corner directly on top of the panel.



3. Apply glue to the back of the corner panels and screw into wall.

## B. INSTRUCTIONS FOR A BUTT JOINT



1. First, attach molded corner to wall by applying glue to the backside of the corner and screwing into wall.



2. Align a **standard** panel (or trim an **interlock** panel) to the molded corner.

3. Apply glue to the panels and screw into wall.



Then, follow [Step C \(Finish\)](#) below and you're done!

## C. FINISHING INSTRUCTIONS



For a final finish, use the color-matched caulk to fill all screw holes and any gaps.

Smooth the caulk and wipe away any excess (a wet rag works well) and finish the seams of the wall to complete the project.

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