

## Installation Instructions

**Items for smooth Installation:** You will need a fine tooth saw, miter box, level, carpenters square, hammer (or nail gun), nail set, 1" finish nails and paneling adhesive if desired.

**Condition Product:** Unwrap the Shiplap planks from packaging, and spread wood pieces out flat in the room they will be installed. This allows the wood to adjust to the ambient temperature and moisture conditions of your room. Take care when handling the planks not to damage the top and bottom Shiplap.

**Wall Preparation:** If your walls are in good condition you may glue or nail directly onto drywall, plywood or existing paneling.

**General:** It is not necessary to use both nails and adhesive. Angle all nails for greater holding power. Hammer nails to within 1/8" of face, then finish with a nail set. If nailing through the face of the product, leave a 1" buffer from the ends and edges of each board before nailing to prevent wood splitting (See Diagram Below). If nailing through the shiplap edge for a hidden fastener look, take care not to split the wood. If gluing, use a quality panel adhesive and follow the manufacturer's instructions. Check board ends for square to ensure a smooth and snug fit when joining boards together. Light sanding may be necessary with fine grit sand paper.

**Check for Level:** Most houses are not 100% square, so the first row or starter course must be installed level depending on whether the desired installation will be horizontal or vertical. Use a level to install the first row of Shiplap. Install Shiplap so that the front lap is against the floor (See Diagram Below). Complete the entire first row (starter course) of Shiplap before beginning the rows above. Prior to installation, arrange the planks for the desired visual effect.

### Suggested Applications

**Horizontal** - Starting from the bottom of your wall with the back lap facing up, level the first row. Work your way up the wall. At the beginning and end of each row use small coin size spacers to allow for expansion. Cover the lower Shiplap with the new row and continue to the desired height.

**Vertical** - Choose your starting point in the room. Make sure your first row (starter course) is perpendicular (90 degrees) to your flooring. At the top and bottom of each row use small coin size spacers to allow for expansion. With the back lap in the direction of installation, place the next board over the starter course and work your way to the desired end point.