



the **PERFECT ACCENT**  
to any room

# IP Prefinished Moulding Easy Installation



## BEAUTIFUL RESULTS REALLY ARE EASY.

That's because working with IP Prefinished Moulding is easy. They install easily, even to slightly imperfect walls. They're free of knots and resist the warping, splitting and splintering associated with traditional wood mouldings. And every piece is engineered to be consistent, making every piece one you can use. They don't need to be sanded, painted or stained. You can install IP Prefinished Moulding with just a few standard tools, but there are a few tips you should know. Just keep reading. Then create the room you've always wanted.

## HOW TO INSTALL IP PREFINISHED MOULDING

- Determine the height placement on the wall for chair rails or caps, if you're using them. Once you've determined this measurement, use a level and a pencil to trace a line around the room as a guide for installation.
- Then installing any moulding is simple, just begin from any corner in the room and nail in place. All IP Prefinished Moulding can be nailed without the need for pre-drilling. If you have one available, a power nail gun, set at 95 PSI or less, can speed up your project.
- Drive nails to within 1/4" of the surface of the moulding to prevent scarring the moulding face. With the appropriate sized nail set, drive all nails below the surface of the moulding.
- All joints and splices may be filled with caulk, if desired. On crown mouldings, it's helpful to add a bead of caulk along the ceiling and wall edges to hide imperfections.

## HOW TO FINISH PREFINISHED MOULDING

- Since our moulding is prefinished, simply touch-up nail holes and joints with a color coordinated putty, caulk or spackling. Shoe polish, latex stain, a felt marker or crayons can also be used. Avoid wood fillers that contain solvents harmful to the moulding's finish.
- We understand you may need to coordinate your moulding to existing trim. Fortunately, our Crystal White moulding's finish will accept other coatings, so you can simply use your favorite high quality interior latex paint.
- That's all there is to it! Once you get the hang of it, you can stand back and be proud of the warmth and personality you created. Give it a try. Make it your own. You'll love it!

## TOOLS REQUIRED

- You only need a few basic tools to complete any moulding project.
  - Pencil
  - Tape measure
  - Safety glasses
  - Hammer
  - Miter box
  - Level
  - Sandpaper or hand file
  - Color matched putty, caulk or spackling
  - Fine-tooth backsaw or miter saw
  - Finishing nails (4d or 6d)
  - Nail set (to punch nail heads below the moulding surface)
  - Stud Finder
- For larger projects, the following tools would be helpful—though not essential for installation.
  - Power miter saw (Sharp fine tooth blade)
  - Coping saw
  - Power nail gun (95 PSI or less)
  - Caulk gun

## HANDLING

Once you bring your moulding home, acclimate it to room temperature for 24 hours prior to installation.

## FOLLOW THESE STEPS FOR A BETTER CUT

### MITER JOINTS



Most moulding joints are cut at 45° angles. To create a tight joint, be sure each piece is being cut in the correct direction, at opposite angles. For the best results, cut into the finished face of the moulding using a power miter saw and a short chop stroke to cut the moulding.

### COPING



Use this method for a perfect fit between moulding sections that meet at inside corners. Install the first piece so that the end is tightly butted into the corner. Placing the moulding in the miter box, miter the second piece. Clamp that piece on a table or bench with the mitered end free. Holding the coping saw with a slight inward angle, carefully trim the mitered edge following the moulding profile. Smooth cut edge with sandpaper or file, and install moulding with coped edge butted firmly against the first piece.

### SPLICING



To span longer lengths, you may have to splice the moulding. The two pieces can be jointed using a vertical 'butt' splice or a 45 degree diagonal splice (shown above). The diagonal splice can be accomplished by placing the moulding with the flat bottom side against the bottom of the miter box. Cut using the appropriate 45 degree angle slots to guide the saw. For best results, make sure the splice is installed over a stud so that the nails attach firmly.

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