

HOW TO INSTALL STUCCO MOULD/CASING

Stucco mould is used as an exterior door and window casing on homes/buildings that have a stucco exterior. The moulding is installed around the doors and windows, and the stucco is then floated/installed into the key (curved portion) of the stucco mould.

1. Measure for the head casing. (upper portion of the doorway or window) Measure the distance from the inside of the right door jamb to the inside of the left door jamb. Add twice your reveal to this measurement. For instance, if the inside-to-inside measurement is 36 inches, and the reveal is $\frac{3}{16}$ inch, the total measurement is $36 + \frac{3}{16} \times 2 = 36 \frac{3}{8}$ inches. This is the distance from the short point to the short point of the head casing.
2. Cut the head casing. Set the casing in the miter saw, with the key (outside) edge against the saw's fence. Set the saw to cut a 45-degree angle to the left, and make a cut on one end of the casing. From the short point (the inside edge) of the cut, measure the distance calculated in Step 1, and make a mark. Now, set the saw for a 45-degree cut to the right, and cut at your mark.
3. Install the head casing. Make sure the key (curved side) is pointing away from the door or window opening. Center the head casing on the door jamb or upper part of the window, and holding the proper reveal, nail the casing in place. Use three or four #3 or #4 finish nails along the inside edge to nail the casing to the jamb, and four or five #6 finish nails along the outside edge to nail the casing to the wall.
4. Measure the length of the side casing. Measure from the top of the head casing to the floor, this is the overall length of the side casing. Measure both sides independently; if the floor or door jamb is out of level, the two casings will be different lengths.
4. Cut the side casings. For the right casing, set the saw to 45 degrees right, for the left casing, set the saw to 45 degrees left. Make the miter cut first, then measure from the long point, and make a 90-degree cut at the end.
6. Install the side casings. Spread a small amount of glue on the mitered end of the casing, and line up the mitered end with the miter on the head casing. Nail the side casing every 16 inches, with a #3 or #4 finish nail into the jamb, and a #6 finish nail into the wall. Be careful to keep the reveal uniform. Finally, if the casing is thick enough, drive a #3 finish nail through the edge of the side casing into the head casing to lock the miter together.
7. Using a nail set, set the nails $\frac{1}{8}$ inch below the surface of the wood.
8. Stain or prime and paint the wood to seal and finish the job.