

# Primed MDF Beadboard or Ship-Lap Reversible Planking #61718

## PROJECT PLANNING

The planking in this carton is reversible, one side is a Beadboard profile and the other is flush Ship-Lap. Please read through all the installation instructions before starting your project.

# INSTALLATION INSTRUCTIONS

## ACCLIMATION REQUIREMENTS

**In order to minimize the expansion and contraction of your planks you must take the following steps prior to installation:**

Open all packages and place the planks flat with spacers in between the planks to allow air to circulate around each plank. Allow 36 hours for the planks to adjust to the humidity and temperature of the room in which they are being installed. Do not attempt to acclimate your planks in a damp unheated area which would not be representative of the true year round temperature of the room.

**IMPORTANT:** In rooms that are below grade, apply a vapor barrier between the studs and the planking. In rooms that have unusually high moisture conditions such as, bathrooms or laundry rooms, acclimation is necessary and paint must be applied. Expansion and contraction are inherent characteristics of all wood products due to changes in humidity within the room. The manufacturer cannot be held liable for any movement in the planks.

## WALL PREPARATION

If your walls are in good condition you may glue and nail the planking directly onto drywall, plywood or existing paneling. On uneven, cracked or very rough walls, repair and smooth out the wall so planking will lay flat against a sturdy wall.

## GENERAL

Nail planks to the wall only where necessary to hold the plank firm to the wall until the adhesive sets. Angle all nails for greater holding power. If hammering nails in, hammer nails to within 1/8" of face, then finish with a nail set. Glue each plank to the wall with a quality panel adhesive or double sided tape and follow the manufacturer's instructions. From time to time, check for plumb/level and if necessary, slightly angle the plank to make it level. Do not butt planks too tightly together to allow for normal expansion and contraction.

## CHECK FOR PLUMB OR LEVEL

The first row of planking installed is key to a successful and easy installation. Using a level, make sure the first plank is absolutely straight. Where necessary, scribe and then plane or cut the long edge to assure a level fit.

**APPLY PLANKING** with 1" finish nails, 18ga brad or 23ga pin nails, panel adhesive or double sided carpet tape.

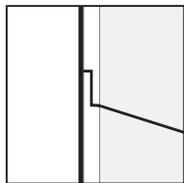
**TOOLS REQUIRED:** Fine tooth saw, miter box, hammer, ruler, level, carpenter's combination square.



## METHODS OF INSTALLATION

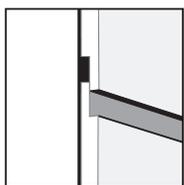
The ship-lap planks can be installed three different ways:

### Option #1) SHIP-LAP FLUSH:



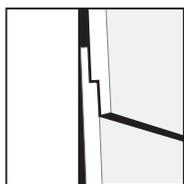
Planks are flush against the wall and joints are closed to show an eased edge between each plank.

### Option #2) SHIP-LAP CHANNEL GROOVE:



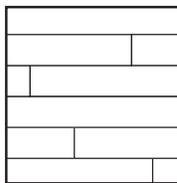
Top row of planks is flush to the top of the wall and then temporary spacers are placed between the rows to show a channel groove in between the plank lengths. The gap can be up to 3/8".

### Option #3) SHIP-LAP OVERLAY:



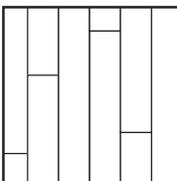
Planks are set against the wall at the top edges and overlap the plank below. This results in the ship-lap siding effect.

## HORIZONTAL SHIP-LAP APPLICATION



Install the first plank with the lap groove edge down and 1/4" off the floor. Make sure the bottom row of planking is level. As you install up the wall be sure to keep the plank ship lapped ends staggered. When installing the top plank, leave 1/4" between the ceiling and the planks.

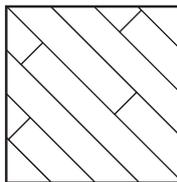
## VERTICAL APPLICATION



Leave 1/4" space at the corner, top and bottom and begin at an inside corner and work left to right if you are right handed work right to left if you are left handed. Keep the lap edge toward

the starting corner and the flat edges toward your work direction. Nail through the visible face of the plank only when necessary to hold the plank until the glue sets. Measure and fit the next planks carefully checking for plumb as you work across the wall. The last plank may have to be trimmed to fit into a corner.

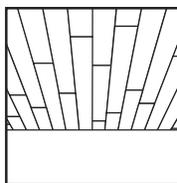
## DIAGONAL APPLICATION



Start the planking at an inside floor corner location. Cut and fit a triangular shaped piece at a 45° angle to the corner keeping the lap edge toward the starting corner and the flat edge toward the work

direction. Nail and glue the triangular piece into the corner. Proceed by marking, cutting and installing the remainder of the planks using the same as the above procedures.

## CEILING APPLICATION



Install the same as vertical or horizontal application.

**IMPORTANT:** Be sure, the planking is nailed and glued securely to a solid surface.



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## FINISHING

The surface of the planking is primed and ready to be painted in the color of your choice.