

## FORWARD

Compared to real or cast stone, NextStone polyurethane products are designed for an easier and quicker installation because it requires fewer steps and does not require masonry skills.

This manual sets forth the basic guidelines for NextStone installation. Additionally it is recommended that installers review applicable building codes for variations that may apply to specific products or geographic areas.

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## **IMPORTANT NOTES**

The Manufacturer has provided these suggested instructions as installation guidelines. The manufacturer, however neither installs the panels nor has any control over the installation. It is the responsibility of the contractor and/or the installer to ensure panels are installed in accordance with these instructions and any applicable building codes. The manufacturer assumes no liability for either improper installation or personal injury resulting from improper use or installation.

## STORAGE AND TRANSPORTATION

Be sure to store all panels flat, in the box, until ready for installation. Store panels around 65° before installing when possible. While polyurethane has minimal expansion and contraction, the effects of expansion and contraction can be minimized by avoiding installation during periods of extreme heat or cold. Do not store in direct sunlight before installing.

## **INSTALLATION BASICS**

Never leave cut edges of NextStone products exposed. Exposed polyurethane will discolor with exposure to sunlight. Use NextStone touch-up paint or color match with a good quality latex paint. Any deviation from standard NextStone installation instructions must be made watertight by use of a vapor barrier behind the product and then sealed with caulk and painted with touch-up paint.

All products must be allowed to acclimate; removed from boxes and stored flat at the installation site for a minimum of 48 hours or until properly acclimated prior to installation. Heat and moisture cause expansion. Best results are obtained by installing cool, dry product. NextStone does not warrant against gapping caused by expansion and contraction.

## PANELS

**Random Rock Panel** - The original NextStone product with the look of quarried stone. Panels are  $15 \frac{1}{2}$ " x 48" and cover 4.75 square feet.

**Drystack Panel -** A more contemporary panel which provides the look of stacked stone in a

mortar-less system. Panels are 5" x 47 ¾" and cover 1.33 square feet each.

**Ledgestone Panel -** A larger stone panel which provides the look of stacked stone in a mortar-less system. Panels are  $6 \frac{5}{8}$ " x 47  $\frac{3}{4}$ " and cover 1.79 square feet each.

Slatestone Panel - Slatestone panels are  $43" \times 8'4" \times 1'4"$  and cover 2.14 square feet. Stones vary from 1'4" to 2" in height and have interlocking ends.

### **TRIM & ACCESSORIES**

**Starter Strip** 4' lengths-Used to begin the first (bottom) course of NextStone panels to secure the bottom of the panel and insure level installation.

**Door/Window Trim** 4' lengths-Used to trim out around doors and windows and to cap or end panels.

**Sandstone Outside Corner** 4' heights - Used on 90 degree outside corners. Installed prior to the panels so that the panels fit behind the corner

**Sandstone Inside Corner** 4' heights - Used on 90 degree inside corners. Installed prior to the panels so that the panels fit behind the corner.

Large and Small Accent Rocks - Add to Random Rock Panels for a castle stone effect. Large (11<sup>1</sup>/<sub>2</sub>" x 15 <sup>1</sup>/<sub>2</sub>") or small (7" x 15 <sup>1</sup>/<sub>2</sub>") Each box contains 3 rocks; light, medium, and dark.









# PRODUCT LINE

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**Drystack Outside Corner -** 40" lengths-Used on 90° outside corners. Installed prior to the panels so that the panels fit behind the corner.

**Drystack Inside Corner -** 40" lengths-Used on 90° inside corners. Installed prior to the panels so that the panels fit behind the corner.

**Ledgestone Outside Corner -** 40 ½" lengths - Used on 90° outside corners. Installed prior to the panels so that the panels fit behind the corner. (not pictured, similar to the Drystack shown above)

**Ledgestone Inside Corner -** 40 <sup>1</sup>/<sub>2</sub>" lengths - Used on 90° inside corners. Installed prior to the panels so that the panels fit behind the corner. (not pictured, similar to the Drystack shown above)

**Random Rock Outside Corner** - 4 pc per box. 11" x 15  $\frac{1}{2}$ " (Long side) and 7" x 15  $\frac{1}{2}$ " (Short side) Used to wrap corners with Random Rock Panels. Prevents the need for compound miter cuts and caulking 90° joints. Colors match the random rock color line. (shown here as 1 left & 1 right)

**Drystack Flush Outside Corner** - 4 pc per box.  $13\frac{3}{4}$ " x 5" (Long side) and  $4\frac{1}{4}$ " x 5" (Short side). Used to wrap corners with Drystack pattern. Prevents the need for compound miter cuts and caulking 90° joints. Colors match the Drystack line. (shown here as 1 left and 1 right)

**Ledgestone Flush Outside Corner -** 4 pc per box. 13<sup>3</sup>/<sub>4</sub>" x 6  $\frac{1}{3}$ " (Long side) and 5" x 4<sup>1</sup>/<sub>4</sub>" (Short side). Used to wrap corners with Ledgestone pattern. Prevents the need for compound miter cuts and caulking 90° joints. Colors match the Ledgestone line. (shown here as 1 right)

**Slatestone Outside Corner** - 4 pc per box. 12¾" x 8¼" (Long side) and 4 ¼" x 8 ¼" (Short side). Used to wrap corners with Slatestone pattern. Prevents the need for compound miter cuts and caulking 90° joint. Colors match the Slatestone line. (shown here as 1 left and 1 right)











# PRODUCT LINE

**Ledger** 48" lengths - Used as a water sill to transition to another product above NextStone in wainscot installations.

**Ledger Outside Corner** - 2 pc per box. 4<sup>1</sup>/<sub>4</sub>" x 6<sup>1</sup>/<sub>4</sub>" Used to wrap corners in conjunction with Ledgers. Prevents the need for compound miter cuts and caulking 90° joints.

Ledger Inside Corner - 2 pc per box. 9 <sup>3</sup>/<sub>4</sub>" x 7 <sup>5</sup>/<sub>8</sub>" Used to wrap corners in conjunction with Ledgers. Prevents the need for compound miter cuts and caulking 90° joint.

**Small Mounting Block** - 8" x 9" Used behind hose bibs, electrical boxes, small electrical fixtures, etc. to provide a flush mounting surface and watertight installation.

**Large Mounting Block** - 10" x 13" Numerous uses such as mounting large exterior lights or as a house number block. Provides a flush surface for watertight installations.

**Column Wrap Kit** - 4 piece kit 3' high (Each face measures 36" x  $6\frac{1}{2}$ " and stackable. Use to conceal 6 x 6 or smaller structural posts. Can be capped using the column wrap cap (  $10\frac{1}{4}$ " x  $10\frac{1}{4}$ ") or the 2 piece column wrap trim (  $10\frac{1}{4}$ " x  $10\frac{1}{4}$ " assembled) kit.

**8" or 16" Drystack / Ledgestone Column Wrap Kit** - 4 piece kit 36" high and stackable. Use to conceal or create posts and columns. Can be capped using the 1 pc cap for a post or a 2 pc cap for a column.

**22" Mailbox Enclosure -** 22" x 22" x 52", install over new or existing post, complete kit with solar lighting. Available in both Drystack (pictured left) and Random Rock (pictured right). Matching Pillar with solar lighting also available.

**12**" **Mailbox Enclosure -** 12" x 12" x 52", install over new or existing post, complete kit with solar lighting. Available in Ledgestone. Matching Pillar with solar lighting also available, as shown on the right.













# BASIC TOOLS /EQUIPMENT

## SAFETY EQUIPMENT

Always wear safety glasses for eye protection. Wearing a dust mask is recommended.

## HAND TOOLS

Circular saw with steel or carbide tip blade (NextStone does not dull blades and requires no special blade), 4' level, tape measure, chalk line, power or cordless drill with 4" bits or extension, framing square or speed square, jigsaw or sabre saw, wood rasp, and caulking gun.



## **FASTENERS**

Use #6 flat head screws depending on substrate, the length of the screw varies on the panel, trim or accessory piece being installed; verify length under section specific to product being installed. Using the screw guide points, screw through the substrate and into a stud, when practical, with a **minimum of 6 screws per panel and a screw no less than 1" from each end of the tongue as well as in the bottom right corner of the tongue**. For exterior applications, we recommend good quality deck screws or stainless steel screws. Applications to concrete require mechanical fasteners as well as adhesive to allow the adhesive to set up. There are numerous products on the market, such as concrete screws, to accomplish this as well as new adhesives which may not require mechanical fasteners. Plumbers tape is used to install outside corners. Allow 1 roll for 5 outside corners.

## ADHESIVE

The use of adhesives is optional however it may result in an easier installation process. NextStone recommends use of a <u>good quality</u> polyurethane adhesive such as Sonneborn CX- 948, PL Premium Construction Adhesive or Sonneborn Premium. Solvent based adhesives (most construction adhesives) are not compatible with polyurethane and should never be used. The surface where the adhesive is to be applied, must be sanded and cleaned with a vertical application of the glue. If using an adhesive other than those NextStone recommends, test on a panel prior to beginning installation.

## PREPARING THE WALLS

## **NEW CONSTRUCTION**

#### Step 1

Make sure all studs are straight and true to avoid bulges or dips in the finished wall which will result obvious panel joints on the finished NextStone product. Correct any bowed studs at this time.

#### Step 2

Make sure all sheathing is properly fastened to the framing according to building code requirements and/or the sheathing manufacturer's recommendations. NextStone should be applied over a sheathing that provides a smooth, flat, solid, non-expansive, stable surface. Consult local building codes for additional sheathing requirements.

#### Step 3

Make sure sub wall assembly is weather tight before applying NextStone. NextStone accessories alone may not constitute a waterproof installation. Wall sheathing should be weather-resistant, or covered with a weather-resistant barrier such as fanfold insulation, housewrap, or building paper. Independent studies indicate that the combination of a weather resistant barrier plus a housewrap results in improved weather performance. Some building code jurisdictions are currently requiring this protection. A weatherresistant covering should be properly fastened according to the manufacturer's instructions, and be smooth and even. Flashing and caulking should be added as needed in such areas as transition from NextStone ledgers to other siding products, windows, and doors to control moisture and protect the sub wall assembly.

## **EXISTING STRUCTURES**

#### Step 1

Secure or remove any loose siding and replace any rotten wood. Scrape off loose caulk and any other build-up that may interfere with NextStone installation. Remove all items such as downspouts, light fixtures, vents. etc. in the area to be covered.

#### Step 2

Install suitable sheathing, as needed, to provide a smooth, flat, and stable surface for the installation of the NextStone panels. See information in step 3 of the new construction section for additional instructions on sub wall protection and flashing.

# PREPARING THE WALL

## **OVER MASONRY SUB-SURFACE**

#### Step 1

A smooth, flat, stable surface is required for a proper installation of NextStone. Concrete walls may need some filling to accomplish this unless they are in good condition. Uneven walls may require furring strips to provide a flat surface.

#### Step 2

When applying NextStone directly to concrete walls the use of adhesive is recommended. In order to hold the NextStone panels in place until the adhesive sets up, mechanical fasteners, such as concrete screws, may be required. Please refer to page 8 for complete adhesive and fastener information. NextStone recommends testing these products or consulting with the manufacturer before using this or similar products.

# STARTER STRIP INSTALLATION

## STARTER STRIP

#### Step 1

In order for NextStone panels to be installed properly in a level fashion, the starter strip at the bottom of the wall must be level.

#### Step 2

Mark the wall horizontally where you want the bottom of the panel to rest. Measure up 3" and partially drive a nail at one corner for attaching your chalk line.

#### Step 3

Attach a chalk line: go to the next corner, repeat step 2, and pull the line taut. Make sure the line is level by using a line level or 48" level.

#### Step 4

Snap the chalk line and repeat the procedure on each area to be covered.

#### Step 5

Backset the starter from the edge 1 <sup>3</sup>/<sub>4</sub>" for outside corners, 2 <sup>1</sup>/<sub>4</sub>" for door/window trim, 3 <sup>3</sup>/<sub>4</sub>" for inside corners or 2" for Random Rock Outside Corners.

#### Step 6

Place the top edge of the starter strip on the chalk line with the "v" at the bottom away from the wall. Screw the starter to the substrate using screws every 16". Check for level. This will give <sup>3</sup>/<sub>4</sub>" clearance from the bottom of the panel to the ground. If additional clearance is required, adjust the starter strip height accordingly.



# CORNER INSTALLATION

## OUTSIDE CORNER Sandstone, Drystack & Ledgestone

#### Step 1

Determine how you plan to finish the corner as this will dictate the length of the corner. Corners can be finished with ledger or ledger corners. For ledger finish the top of the corner (the end with the lip on top) should be  $1 \frac{3}{8}$ " below the top of the flange on the top panel.

Dry fit if the top panel must be cut horizontally.

#### Step 2

Cut 6 pieces of plumbers strap approx 6" long. With the corner upside-down so that the "stair-step" blocks are exposed, attach the strap to the top block on the left side so that it extends out at a right angle to the corner, do the same to the  $3^{rd}$  block and to the bottom block, then to the same three blocks on the right side.



#### Step 3

Apply the corner so that the bottom of the corner lines up with the bottom of the first panel and screw through the end of the strap into the structure. You may also wish to glue the corner using polyurethane adhesive.

#### Step 4

If more than one length of outside corner is required, stack the corners by locking the male end at the top of the corner to the female end on the bottom of the corner.





## INSIDE CORNER Sandstone, Drystack & Ledgestone

#### Step 1

Determine how you plan to finish the corner as this will dictate the length of the corner. Corners can be finished with ledger or ledger corners. For ledger finish, the top of the corner (the end with the lip on top) should be 1 %" below the top of the flange on the top panel. Dry fit if the top panel must be cut horizontally.

#### Step 2

Locate corner so that the bottom of the corner will be flush with the bottom of the bottom panel. Screw thru the recessed channel at top, bottom and middle of each side of the corner using at least a  $4\frac{1}{2}$ " screw. Adhesive maybe applied to the blocks on the back side of the corner, if appropriate for the installation.

#### Step 3

If more than one length of outside corner is required, stack the corners by locking the male end at the top of the corner to the female end on the bottom of the corner.



# CORNER INSTALLATION

## SANDSTONE FLUSH OUTSIDE CORNER

#### Step 1 - Install Moisture Barrier

Because flush mounted corners allow possible moisture infiltration between the panel and the corner, a moisture barrier is required behind the panels and corner extending a minimum of 4" from either side of the corner. A self-adhering flashing membrane such as Grace Vycor® is recommended.

#### Step 2 - Locate the Corner

Flush mounted outside corners are available in 4' heights. The placement of the corners will depend upon how the top of the corner is terminated. For applications which are over 48" in height, the corner pieces are stackable with the top

corner cut to the required height. For wainscot applications the corner is normally capped with a ledger attached to the tongue of the top panel and cut with a compound miter at a 45° angle. In this application the top of the corner should be placed 2" below the top of the tongue on the top panel.

#### Step 3 - Install the Corner

The corner has screw guides or dimples to help the installer position the screw using the correct angle. There are screw guides along the sides. All screws are installed at an angle and at a location where they will be concealed. Install two screws through the top and at least 4 on each side. Good quality exterior screws that are a #6 or #8 x 2  $\frac{1}{2}$ " are recommended.

#### **Step 4 - Install the Panels**

Install the rest of the accessories and the panels. The joints between the panels and the corner must be caulked using a good quality caulk to make a water-tight installation. Panel and accessory installation instructions are located in the box containing the panels or go to *www.NextStone.com* for more details.

NEVER LEAVE CUT EDGES OF NEXTSTONE PRODUCTS EXPOSED. ANY DEVIATION FROM STANDARD INSTALL INSTRUCTIONS MUST BE MADE WATER-TIGHT (VAPOR BARRIER) AND SEALED WITH CAULK AND TOUCH-UP PAINT.







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## **RANDOM ROCK OUTSIDE CORNER**

#### Step 1 - Attach Starter Strip

Measure 3" up the wall from the base at each end of area to be covered and mark.
 Snap a chalk line between two marked points.

3. This will provide  $\frac{1}{4}$ " clearance between bottom of panel and base or floor. If more clearance is required adjust accordingly.

4. Backset the starter strip from the corner 1 34".

5. After allowing proper width for accessories, position starter strip with **top edge** on chalk line and so that "v" is at bottom of starter strip and away from wall.

6. Attach starter strip with screws on 16" centers or into strong substrate

7. Check starter strip with level

#### Step 2 - Install Random Rock Outside Corners

**1.** Corners can be finished with a ledger (requires miter cutting) or Ledger Outside Corner pieces. Top of corner (end with lip on top) should be  $1\frac{3}{3}$ " below top of flange on top panel. Dry fit if top panel must be cut horizontally.

2. There are 4 designs, alternate design 1,2,3,4 and repeat if going higher up the wall. Be sure and alternate "left" and right" hand pieces to keep stagger and break up vertical lines.

**3**. Slide the corner piece down onto the starter strip snugly and screw the top nailing strip where indicated by screw guide points.

4.Slide the second corner over the top of the 1st piece and secure as described above.

#### Step 3 - Using the Converter strip for Random Rock Outside Corner.

If the job requires 2 outside corners to be finished with no breaks between them, when working from the left moving right, the final panel piece must be cut and converted to a "male" tongue for proper fit and grout lines to be maintained.

1.Measure the distance from the last panel tongue to the leading edge of the outside corner. Subtract  $\frac{3}{8}$ ".Cut the panel to this length.

2. Turn the panel over and measure in from the cut side  $\frac{1}{2}$ ". Scribe a line down the back. 3. Set the saw blade for  $\frac{3}{8}$  " depth and follow the scribed line (Fig. 1). Use a box knife or chisel to complete the dado channel in the back.

4.Attach the Converter strip using hot glue, Polyurethane adhesive, or super glue gel. Make sure the tongue matches in depth and height. (Fig. 2)











## RANDOM ROCK OUTSIDE CORNER, Cont.

5. After curing, fill any gaps between the panel face and converter piece with NextStone grout. Fill from the back side to insure a solid grout line is achieved (Fig. 3). Use putty knife along rock edges to achieve a smooth surface. After it becomes tacky, use touch up kit to paint the exposed edges and grout (Fig. 4).

6.Attach the piece as if it were a full panel (Fig. 5).









Figure 4



Figure 1

Figure 3 1 - If terminating the run on the right side with other trim follow these instructions- For 2 facing

Outside Corners follow Section 3 on previous page-Starting from the left, take a full panel and attach the bottom tongue into the starter strip groove, lock in place, and slide the panel left

behind the accessory piece. Using the screw guide points, screw through the substrate and into a stud, when practical, with a minimum of 6 screws per panel and a screw no less than 1" from each end of the tongue as well as in the bottom right corner of the tongue. Working left to right continue installing panels in the bottom course being sure each panel is properly seated in the starter strip. For the last panel in the course, measure from the edge of the grout line to the accessory piece and add 1" Cut the last piece and slide behind the accessory piece until the panel is locked in the starter strip, then slide panel back to the left until the shiplap sides are joined. Check for level.

2 - Install the remaining courses by beginning the course from the left with full panels, as the stagger is built in with the corner pieces. Slide the panel down over the tongue of the first row. Then slide the panel left behind the corner piece and screw in place as before. Install remaining panels in the course, end row as before, and check for level. Align panels using the alignment mark at each side on the tongue. Do not align panels using the top of the tongue. The remaining courses are installed the same way. Stagger the NextStone butt joints so that no two courses are aligned vertically unless separated by three courses. All exposed edges should be behind trim pieces. Any exposed edges must be painted or caulked,

3 - Cut panels around fixtures and other wall protrusions (hose bibs, electrical

boxes, dryer vents, etc) to accommodate NextStone Mounting Blocks. See Install instructions, page 25 or NextStone.com for details on how to cut panels and install the mounting blocks.

#### **OPTIONAL ADHESIVE INSTALLATION**

Step 1 - Lightly sand ridges on the back of the panel to remove any mold release agent that may have adhered to the panel. The mold release agent will interfere with the adhesion of the panel.

Step 2 - Apply a  $\frac{3}{8}$ " bead of adhesive along vertical ridges of the panel.

Step 3 - Remember to always use an adhesive which is of good quality and is compatible with polyurethane. In order for adhesives to set up, mechanical fasteners may be required to hold panels in place.





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## DRYSTACK/LEDGESTONE FLUSH OUTSIDE CORNER

#### <u>Always seat and attach panels tightly together.</u> Note: Pictures are of Drystack, but Ledgestone installation is identical.

**Starter Strip** - Determine the height above ground the bottom of the panels should be. Measure up  $2\frac{3}{4}$ " from this point and strike a level line. Attach the top of the starter strip on this line. End the strip 2" from each side of the corner.



## Determine which type of wall installation is required.

#### Paneling a wall with one outside corner on the right.

Dry fit the first corner into the starter strip. Secure with screws if necessary. Moving from right to left: dry fit panels tightly across the wall. Cut the left hand end of the final panel to be flush with the wall or trim piece. Remove the dry fit panels and corner piece. Continue from corner working left to right to finish wall.

#### Paneling a wall with outside corners on the right and left.

A. Working from the left outside corner (OC), seat the 1st panel against the OC and down against the starter strip. Continue as described in section 1.

B. Measure the distance from the last full panel to the edge of the outside corner.

C. Mark a line for the panel length scribing against the last full panel as shown.

D. Mark a second line for the dado of the back.

E. Cut the panel length using a table saw or compound miter set to  $30^{\circ}$ .





## Drystack/Ledgestone Flush Outside Corner, cont.

F. Use a box knife to dado out the back of the cut panel to fit over the next panels tongue.







G. Using touch up paint, paint the cut edge of the panel.



H. Slide the panel down and secure as previously described.





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## SLATESTONE OUTSIDE CORNER

#### Step 1

Start the 1st run from the outside corner of the wall. Place starter strip top 2 <sup>3</sup>/<sub>4</sub>" above the desired starting height of the wall, stopping the strip 2" from each side of the corner edge.

#### Step 2

Set the SlateStone outside corner piece against the corner and down against the starter strip. Use the screw guides and place at least 3 screws along the tongue. Place 2 screws in the right lap side of the panel where indicated.

#### Step 3

Attach the panels working out from each side of the corner as previously described.

**Note:** There are 4 patterns of the SlateStone Outside Corner. 2 Left hand patterns and 2 right hand patterns. Check for the number on the inside of the piece. They are numbered 1 though 4. Alternate left and right hand corners with each row to insure alternating panel offsets and to prevent pattern recognition.









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PANEL INSTALLATION

## **RANDOM ROCK PANEL**

#### Step 1

Starting from the left, take a full panel and attach the bottom tongue into the starter strip groove, lock in place, and slide the panel behind the accessory piece. Using the screw guide points, screw through the substrate and into a stud, when practical, with a minimum of 6 screws per

panel and a screw no less than 1" from each end of the tongue as well as in the bottom right corner of the tongue. Working left to right continue installing panels in the bottom course being sure each panel is properly seated in the starter strip. For the last panel in the course, measure from the edge of the grout line to the accessory piece and add 1" Cut the last piece and slide behind the accessory piece until the panel is locked in the starter strip, then slide panel back to the left until the shiplap sides are joined. Check for level.



#### Step 2

Install the remaining courses by beginning the second course from the left with a portion of a panel, using the off fall from the previous course if possible. Slide the panel down over the tongue of the first row. Then slide the panel left behind the trim piece and screw in place as before. Install remaining panels in the course, end row as before, and check for level. Align panels using the alignment mark at each side on the tongue. Do not align panels using the top of the tongue. The remaining courses are installed the same way. **Stagger the NextStone butt joints so that no two courses are aligned vertically unless separated by three courses.** All exposed edges should be behind trim pieces.



#### Step 3

Cut panels around fixtures and other wall protrusions (hose bibs, electrical boxes, dryer vents,

etc) to accommodate NextStone Mounting Blocks. See page 25 for details on how to cut panels and install the mounting blocks.

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#### **OPTIONAL ADHESIVE INSTALLATION**

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**Step 3** - Remember to always use an adhesive which is of good quality and is compatible with polyurethane. See page 8 for manufacturer's recommendations. In order for adhesives to set up, mechanical fasteners may be required to hold panels in place.

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## DRYSTACK PANEL

#### Step 1

Starting from the left, take a full panel and attach the bottom tongue into the starter strip groove, lock in place, and slide the panel behind the accessory piece (Fig. 1).

#### Step 2

Using the screw guide points, screw through the substrate and into a stud, when practical, with a minimum of 6 screws per panel and a screw no less than 1" from each end of the tongue as well as in the bottom right corner of the tongue; (preferably 2 screws) should be installed through the lap on the side of the panel. PRESS DOWN AND PRESS PANEL FIRMLY AGAINST PIECE TO THE LEFT. Maintain continuous pressure to push the panels tightly together when attaching to the structure. (Fig. 2)

#### Step 3

For the last panel in the course, measure from the edge of the grout line to the accessory piece and add 1" Cut the last piece and slide behind the accessory piece until the panel is locked in the starter strip, then slide panel back to the left until the shiplap sides are joined. Check for level. (Fig. 3)

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Figure 2

PANEL INSTALLATION

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## **LEDGESTONE PANEL**

#### Step 1

Starting from the left, take a full panel and attach the bottom tongue into the starter strip groove, lock in place, and slide the panel behind the accessory piece (Fig. 1).



Using the screw guide points, screw through the substrate and into a stud, when practical, with a minimum of 6 screws per panel and a screw no less than 1" from each end of the tongue as well as in the bottom right corner of the tongue; (preferably 2 screws) should be installed through the lap on the side of the panel. PRESS DOWN AND PRESS PANEL FIRMLY AGAINST PIECE TO THE LEFT. Maintain continuous pressure to push the panels tightly together when attaching to the structure. (Fig. 2)

#### Step 3

For the last panel in the course, measure from the edge of the grout line to the accessory piece and add 1" Cut the last piece and slide behind the accessory piece until the panel is locked in the starter strip, then slide panel back to the left until the shiptap sides are joined. Check for level. (Fig. 3)

Figure 1



Figure 3

#### Step 4

Ledgestone panels have 6 unique panel configurations numbered, 1 through 6, molded into the back of the panel. Avoid placing like numbered panels next to or above each other. The illustration below shows a random installation using drops from the previous course to start each new course. If there are no drops, randomly cut the starting panel to length.

	2		3	4
3		4	5	6
	5	6		1 2
6	1		2	3
2		3	4	5
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#### **OPTIONAL ADHESIVE INSTALLATION**

**Step 1** - Lightly sand ridges on the back of the panel to remove any mold release agent that may have adhered to the panel. The mold release agent will interfere with the adhesion of the panel. **Step 2** - Apply a  $\frac{3}{8}$ " bead of adhesive along vertical ridges of the panel.

**Step 3** - Remember to always use an adhesive which is of good quality and is compatible with polyurethane. See page 8 for manufacturer's recommendations. In order for adhesives to set up, mechanical fasteners may be required to hold panels in place.

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## PANEL INSTALLATION

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## SLATESTONE PANEL

#### Always seat and attach panels tightly together

Starter Strip - Determine the height above ground the bottom of the panels should be. Measure up 2 3/4" from this point and strike a level line. Attach the top of the starter strip on this line.

## Determine which type of wall installation is required.

#### Paneling the wall from an inside corner to an inside corner.

Cut the left end of the first panel so that the panel will sit flush against the adjoining wall. Attach to the wall through the screw indicator marks on the top and right hand end tongues. Firmly press the next panel against the first panel and repeat attachment process across the wall. Cut the right hand end of the final panel in the course flush to the wall. Use the off fall from that panel to start the new row. Stagger the joints of the panel ends up the wall. If necessary, cut some additional length from the off fall piece to prevent panel ends from lining up vertically.

#### Paneling a wall with one outside corner on the right.

Dry fit the first corner into the starter strip. Secure with screws if necessary. Moving from right to left: dry fit panels tightly across the wall. Cut the left hand end of the final panel to be flush with the wall or trim piece. Remove the dry fit panels and corner piece. Panel the wall from left to right as in example 1. Reattach corner over right hand panel. Continue from corner to finish wall.







## SLATESTONE PANEL INSTALLATION, Cont.

#### Paneling a wall with outside corners on the right and left.

Working from the left outside corner (OC), seat the 1st panel against the OC and down against the starter strip, continue as described in section 1. Cut the right OC so there is a straight rock edge and attach. Measure the last piece on the row and cut this panel straight to fit snugly against the OC. Caulk the joint if necessary and use touch up paint. Work the right corner from left to right as described in section

1. Work the left OC as described in section 2.

**Option 2:** (*More skill required*) Working from the left outside corner (OC), seat the 1st panel against the OC and down against the starter strip, continue as described in section 1. Place the right OC in place for measure-



ment. Place a weather barrier cleat such as black tar paper, Tyvek or the equivalent to the substrate behind the joint. Measure the last piece on the row and cut this panel using the "T" design for the male tongue. Use an existing panel as a template. A carpenter knife and sabre saw is necessary. Attach against the OC and secure both pieces. Caulk the joint if necessary and use touch up paint. Work the right corner from left to right as described in section 1. Work the left OC as described in section 2.

Slatestone panels have 8 unique panel configurations with a number, 1 through 8, molded into the back of the panel. Avoid placing like numbered panels next to each other.

The illustration below shows a random installation using drops from the previous course to start each new course. If there are no drops, randomly cut the starting panel to length.

	8		7				3		2		5		
4		2			1			4			3		8
	5		8			2			1			4	
	4			6			7			3		5	

#### **Using Outside Corners to make Columns**

Please refer to the instructions on page 35 and 36 when using Outside Corners to make a Column.

# ACCENT ROCK INSTALLATION

## ACCENT ROCKS (Random Rock)

#### Step 1 - Designing the wall

There are 6 unique Accent Rocks to incorporate into any installation, 3 colors of the large Accent Rock and 3 colors of the small Accent Rock (Lava Gray has only 1 color so there are 2 unique rocks). The installation of Accent Rocks can be to-tally random (for example 2 Random Rock (RR) Panels, 1 large light Accent Rock (AR), 1 RR panel, 1 small medium AR, 3 RR panels, 1 small light AR, 2

RR panels, 1 large dark AR). Or make a pattern which repeats through out the installation (for example, 2 RR panels, 1 large dark AR, 2 RR panels, 1 small light AR, 2 RR panels, 1 Large medium AR, 2 RR panels, 1 small dark AR, 2 RR panels, 1 large light AR, 2 RR panels, 1 small medium AR). The installer must lay out the job to utilize the four Random Rock panel configurations



properly plus utilize the Accent Rocks. While this installation takes a little more planning and preparation the end result is a unique installation which is more realistic and effectively conceals joint lines between panels.

#### Step 2 - Installing the Accent Rock.

Install Random Rock panels up to the point where the first accent rock is needed. Follow Random Rock instructions for installing the full Random Rock panels. Starting from the left, take an Accent Rock panel and lock the bottom groove into the starter strip tongue (if Accent Rock is on the bottom course) or the panel tongue on the course below the one being worked on. Slide the Accent Rock

panel to the left so the accent rock lap locks over the random rock panel side shiplap joint. Using the screw guide points, screw through the substrate and into a stud, when practical, with 4 screws for the large Accent Rock and 3 screws for the small Accent Rock. Working left to right continue installing Random Rock panels until another Accent Rock panel is needed.



#### An installation example is below:

	RR-1 LAR RR-4				RR-3			RR-2			RR-I				
RR-4	RR-4 SA RR-3 SA R			RR-2 LAI			RR-1			RR-4					
RR-2		ł	R-4	LAR	RR-1		- i	SA R		RR-2		LAR		RR-4	
RR-1		RR-2	SA R		RR	RR-4		RR-3		Ĺ	AR	RR-2			

## TRIM INSTALLATION

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## DOOR / WINDOW TRIM

#### Step 1

Door/Window Trim can be used as a utility trim to terminate sections of NextStone panels, as a cap or as a trim piece around windows and doors. For most applications it needs to be installed prior to the panels.

#### Step 2

Measure the total height of the wall before the ledger attachment to determine quantity and length of pieces.

#### Step 3

Use a level when locating Door/Window Trim. Install with dado away from the frame. Screw at a 45° angle through the top of the piece and down along the inside edge, making sure to attach securely to the underlying substrate. To miter for use with ledger, cut the top of the piece on a 15° angle, with the long side of the angle against the wall.





#### Step 4

If desired a wood rasp can be used to round edges of the door/window trim to provide a more realistic look. Touch-up paint can be applied to the area formed with the rasp. Always use a finished end to start and terminate a section of door window trim. Cut ends can be butted tight and concealed with touch-up paint and caulk. End Ledger runs with factory finished ends. (See ledger installation).



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## LEDGER

#### Step 1

The Ledger makes an ideal transition to other materials. The Ledger can attach in 3 different ways: The most common installation is directly over the top row of the tongue. Alternate methods are discussed in the following pages.



#### Step 2

Measure the total length of Ledger required. It is important to end both sides of the wall with finished ledger ends. It is best to take the total length, and cut equal amounts from ledger pieces in the center of the wall. This allows a tight union between the pieces with finished edges on each side. Measure and cut each ledger required for a center union and cut each end square for a good fit. Use rasp to round edges on factory ends to enhance appearance. Use touch-up paint on the rasped area.

#### Step 3

Toe Screw the Ledger to the underlying substrate, with screws placed minimum 16" apart. Ledgers can also be attached by toe screwing underneath the ledger piece. Additionally, gluing is recommended. Before gluing, lightly sand the ledger gluing surface for better bonding.

#### Step 4

Exterior applications require flashing if other siding products are used above the ledger. Flashing can cover screws used to attach the ledger for professional results.



## TRIM - LEDGER, Cont.

#### Step 5

If the ledger is used to go over the top of outside or inside corner accessories a compound miter is required. (Ledger Inside and Outside Corners can be used and do not require mitering). This can be achieved using a chop saw or radial arm saw. Place the ledger on the saw table with the back of the ledger flush against the fence (just the way it sits when applied), and make a 45° miter cut. The corner will then require caulking and NextStone touch-up paint.



# INSTALL LEDGER ON CUT PANEL (ALTERNATE INSTALLATION METHOD)

If the top panel must be cut horizontally and the tongue removed, the ledger is installed using the flat portion on the bottom of the ledger. The ledger is then glued to the wall behind it and screwed using the methods described above.



## **LEDGER OUTSIDE AND INSIDE CORNERS**

Outside and Inside Corner Ledgers can be used for faster, caulk free installation. Theses pieces are molded for 90° angles.

Simply place the ledger over the top panel, using the "v" groove if the panel is full, or the bottom surface of the ledger if the panel has been cut for height.





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## INSTALL LEDGER USING MOUNTING BLOCKS (ALTERNATE INSTALLATION METHOD)



Ledgers can be installed using mounting blocks for a totally concealed fastening system. This installation method is primarily recommended for installations below a casement.

On the back side of the ledger below the tongue are three pockets. These pockets are made to accommodate wood blocks made from standard 1 x 6 nominal material cut 1  $\frac{1}{2}$ " long. Viewing the ledger from the front, the centerlines of the pockets are 8 5/16" from the right end, 21  $\frac{7}{8}$ " from the right end, and 35  $\frac{3}{8}$ " from the right end.

Dry fit ledger and mark location of the top and right end of the ledger. Blocks should be fastened to the wall and located to align with the pockets. The top of the blocks should be <sup>3</sup>/<sub>4</sub>" below the top of the ledger. The ledger is then placed on the panel as with the previously described methods.

After placing the ledger onto the mounting blocks, drive a screw from the bottom of the ledger into the mounting blocks. Adhesive should be applied to the blocks and to the ledger using the method illustrated on the previous page.

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# **TRIM INSTALLATION**

## **MOUNTING BLOCKS**

#### Step 1

Locate the center of the object to be mounted on the mounting block (outlet box, hose bib, electrical box, etc.). Next, locate on the previous course where the bottom of the panel to be cut out will fall when installed and mark. Then locate where the edge of the panel to be cut out will fall on the panel to the left and mark. Measure from the center of the object to the mark locating bottom of the panel and measure to the mark locating where the left edge of the panel

will fall.

#### Step 2

Transfer these measurements to the back of the panel being cut out and mark. This mark should correspond with the center of the object. Using this mark as center draw a rectangle 7 <sup>1</sup>/<sub>2</sub>" x 10

 $\frac{1}{2}$ " for the large mounting block or 5" x 6" for the small mounting block. Mounting blocks can be installed horizontally or vertically.

Step 3

Using the rectangle you drew on the back of the panel as a cutting guide, cutout the panel. Install the cutout panel in the standard fashion.

#### Step 4

On the back side of the mounting block you will see a preformed area molded into the block. On the large mounting block it is a round area for round outlet boxes. On the small mounting block are preformed areas for plumbing rough-in, single and double outlet boxes, and round fixture cutouts.

#### Step 5

Determine which cut out and what size is appropriate. Drill a hole on the side of the cut out area to use as a starter hole. Cut the pattern on the block using a sabre saw. Always cut from the back of the mounting block to avoid marring the surface of the mounting block. If necessary, use a wood rasp to fine tune the cutout.

#### Step 6

Apply caulk and/or adhesive to the back of the mounting block to seal between the mounting block and the panel. Put the mounting block in place and attach with 3" screws. Place screws where they will be concealed by the cover plate of the fixture, if possible.

#### Step 7

Attach electrical boxes to the face of the cover plate as applicable. Install the fixture and it's cover plate. Caulk around fixture as necessary.









# COLUMN WRAP INSTALL

## SANDSTONE COLUMN WRAP

#### Step 1

Each column wrap kit consists of 4 unique panels which are identified with a number molded into the back of the panel. Always avoid placing a panel of the same number directly above an identical panel. In addition to the 4 column wrap pieces, you will find 4 starter pieces and 4 center brace pieces which are taped to the back side of the 2nd piece in the box.

To install the first panel, first measure column or post to make sure it is  $5 \frac{1}{2}$ " x  $5 \frac{1}{2}$ " (plus or minus  $\frac{1}{4}$ "). If not, fir out or plane off as necessary. Next, draw a center line from bottom to top of the post to be covered on each side. Determine the starting height and mark a line around all sides of the post at that height using a Speed Square or T-Square to draw the line NextStone recommends starting column wraps  $\frac{1}{4}$ " from ground.

#### Step 2

Align the starter piece (T-shaped piece) on Center Line and Bottom line of the first side on the post and secure with 2 screws.



To locate the center brace mark a line around all four sides of the post 17" from bottom of starter piece again using a speed square or T-square. Place the Center Brace on center line and 17" horizontal line and secure with 2 screws.

#### Step 4

Mount the #1 panel of the column wrap by sliding it down onto the starter piece and center brace so both center brace and starter piece engage column wrap piece firmly. Each Column Wrap panel is designed to slide down the post face and "lock" into place over the center brace and starter piece. Then secure tongue on top with 2 screws, making sure the center mark of the panel lines up with the center line of the post. Occasionally, the pieces need to be tapped into place to firmly secure the panel to the starter piece and center brace. Using a scrap of wood and hammer, lightly tap the top of the piece until firmly in place.

#### Step 5

Install the remaining panels (#2, #3, #4) of the column wrap by repeating the above steps. Insure that the tongues on the sides of each piece properly interlock with the groove on the side of the preceding piece. This will complete the first course.





## SANDSTONE COLUMN WRAP, Cont.

#### Step 6

Additional rows require only the center brace as the tongue of the lower piece acts as the starter. Mark a line around column 17" from top of previous row as measured from top of the piece not the top of tongue. Align the center brace on center line and 17" Line and secure with 2 screws as before. Place a # 2 panel on top of Panel #1. Lock panel in place making sure center brace and top of lower row engage the column wrap firmly. Repeat process using panels #3, #4 and #1 in same direction as 1st row was applied remembering not to place identically number panels above each other. Continue adding courses until the desired height is achieved.

### **TERMINATION OF THE COLUMN WRAP: FULL COLUMN**

Cut the column wrap pieces on the final course to the desired height. Use and install the center brace if final piece is taller than 18". If the final course height is less than a full piece, face screw the top of the piece and caulk the screw holes. Flash as necessary.

# TERMINATION OF THE COLUMN WRAP: POST CAP

Cut the column wrap pieces on the final course to the desired height. Use and install the center brace if final piece is taller than 18". If the final course height is less than a full piece, face screw the top of the piece and caulk the screw holes. Place Post Cap (separate 1 piece set) over last row on the top of the post and use caulk and/or polyurethane adhesive to seal and secure the cap.



## SANDSTONE COLUMN WRAP, Cont.

### **TERMINATION OF THE COLUMN WRAP:** WAINSCOT APPLICATION - 2 PIECE TRIM KIT

#### Step 1

Cut the column wrap pieces on the final course to the desired height. Use and install the center brace if final piece is taller than 18". If the final course height is less than full piece, face screw the top of the piece and caulk the screw holes. Place Column Wrap Trim Kit (separate 2 piece set) over last row. The trim kit is designed to interlock with the tongue on the panels and the dove tail ends of the 2 pieces interlock together. If the tongue is present, apply adhesive to the tongue and interlock with the trim kit. If the tongue is not present, the trim kit can be attached using finish nails or trim head screws and/or adhesive. Caulk any nail or screw holes and caulk to seal and secure cap, as necessary. Flash over trim kit as necessary.

#### Step 2 (if required)

With posts that are over  $5\frac{1}{2}$ ", the Column Wrap Trim Kit may need to be trimmed to give a larger inside opening. This can be achieved with a table saw, skill saw, carpenters knife, rasp, or a combination of these tools. Using a table saw, remove the desired amount from the inside of the Column Wrap Trim Kit After using a table or skill saw, remove the final excess with a knife or rasp. After doing a "dry fit" to make sure the Column Wrap Trim Kit fits snugly, apply adhesive to the column wrap kit bottom, and lock the 2 pieces together using the dove tail ends of the 2 pieces.



# COLUMN WRAP INSTALL

## **16" DRYSTACK COLUMN WRAP**

#### Step 1

Frame out the post or column to 12 ¼" x 12 ¼". Identify panels 1-4, make sure arrows point up. Attach panel 1 making sure it is square and plumb to the post.

#### Step 2

To attach use 2 1/2" decking screws. Screw through the rock, selecting recessed rock faces preferably of the same color (to make touch up easier).

#### Step 3

Attach the panels moving counter clockwise around the post with panel 2, then 3, then 4. Make sure panels are the same height to maximize the rock alignment.

#### Step 4

If additional height is needed, simply stack the next row flush to the top of the first row. Attach the same way.

#### Step 5

If covering a post, simply cut the panels to the desired height, attach as described above, and attach the 1 piece post cap, using Polyurethane adhesive or screws. If covering a column, at the point of transition, attach the 2 piece post cover.

#### Step 6

Measure the diameter of the post and cut out each side of the post cover. For 4x4and 6x6 posts, use the prescribed marks on the inside of the post cap. Attach using Polyurethane adhesive or screws. Be sure to caulk all seams for weather proofing before flashing.





Measure post









Fir out Post

Arrow and panel



## 16" COLUMN WRAP, Cont.

#### Step 7

Touch up all screw heads and unwanted gaps with NextStone's textured grout. Apply a small amount to each spot, and feather out the grout for a smooth transition.

#### Step 8

Wait for the caulk to get tacky (it does not get hard). Using the touch up Paint Kit, apply the appropriate color to each spot. (There are 4 colors, light, medium, dark and trim. Make sure to check for color before continuing).



Touch Up Paint Kit

#### Step 9

Feather out the paint onto the rock surface for realistic results.

Note: If the color does not match exactly, paint the entire rock for a more natural look



Exposed Screw Head



Feather Caulk



Feather paint



2 Piece Cap Installed



1 Piece Cap Installed

## COLUMN WRAP INSTALL

### SLATESTONE COLUMN WRAP

#### 1) Fir out the desired column to 12 <sup>3</sup>/<sub>4</sub>" x 12 <sup>3</sup>/<sub>4</sub>".

2) Starter Strip- Determine the height above ground the bottom of the column should be. Measure up  $2\frac{34}{7}$  from this point and strike a level line. Attach the <u>top</u> of the starter strip on this line. Level and Attach starter strip on each face, stopping  $2^{"}$  from each corner.

3) Each box contains 2 left hand (L-2,L-4)and 2 right hand corners(R-1, R-3). 2 boxes are needed per 2 courses. Use 4 right hand pieces for 1 course and 4 left hand pieces for the next course. Dry fit corners R-1, R-3 and R-1, R-3. Slide down onto the starter strip and attach all pieces where indicated on the screw hem.

4) Attaching the Corners- There are 3 screw points on the long side of the corner, and 2 on the shorter end. Be sure and use 5 screws per corner. Hold the bottom edge of corner snug against the substrate while placing the screws to prevent over tightening of the screw hem. This prevents the bottom edge from kicking out.

**5)** Dry fit corners L-2, L-4 and L-2, L-4. Slide down and attach as described above.

6) For the next course, use corners R-3, R-1 and R-3, R-1 to prevent pattern recognition. Finally use corners L-4, L-2 and L-4, L-2 for the 4th row. Continue to alternate as needed until the desired height is achieved.

**Note to Installer:** Do not over tighten the screws when attaching the corner pieces. When over tightened, the corner piece will "kick out" at the bottom and create a gap. If the gap is

present, pull the corners together to minimize the gap, then face screw through the female tongue, through the male base plate, and into the substrate. Use a 3" deck screw for this

purpose. Use NextStone caulk to fill screw head and NextStone touch up paint for a professional finish.










# SLATESTONE COLUMN WRAP, Cont.

The 18" Post Cap is designed to fit over the SlateStone Column if the top course of corners ends with the screw hems attached or with the screw hems removed.

**Screw Attachment:** Drive one screw per side through the bottom lip of the cap all the way into the substrate. Be Careful to angle the Screws so they don't run through the top of the cap. Do not overdrive screws.

#### **Adhesive Attachments:**

1) If the top course ends with the screw hem attached: Place adhesive in each corner of the cap and secure. (Fig. 1).





Adhesive Points

2) If the top course of corners has the screw hems cut off, face screw each piece 1" from the top so that the cap covers the screw heads. Place adhesive on inside cutouts as shown (Fig. 2).





# COLUMN WRAP INSTALL

## DRYSTACK/LEDGESTONE COLUMN WRAP

1) Fir out the desired column to 13 %" x 13 %".

2) Starter Strip- Determine the height above ground the bottom of the column should be. Measure up 2 3/4" from this point and strike a level line. Attach the top of the starter strip on this line. Level and Attach starter strip on each face, stopping 2" from each corner.

3) Each box contains 2 left hand (L-2,L-4)and 2 right hand corners(R-1, R-3). 2 boxes are needed per 2 courses. Use 4 right hand pieces for 1 course and 4 left hand pieces for the next course. Dry fit corners R-1, R-3 and R-1, R-3. Slide down onto the starter strip and attach all pieces where indicated on the screw hem.

4) Attaching the Corners- There are 3 screw points on the long side of the corner, and 2 on the shorter end. Be sure and use 5 screws per corner. Hold the bottom edge of corner snug against the substrate while placing the screws to prevent over tightening of the screw hem. Be sure and place 1 screw in the right shiplap side of each panel. This prevents the bottom edge from kicking out.

**5)** Dry fit corners L-2, L-4 and L-2, L-4. Slide down and attach as described above.

6) For the next course, use corners R-3, R-1 and R-3, R-1 to prevent pattern recognition. Finally use corners L-4, L-2 and L-4, L-2 for the 4th row. Continue to alternate as needed until the desired height is achieved.

Note to Installer: Do not over tighten the screws when attaching the corner pieces. When over tightened, the corner piece will "kick out" at the bottom and create a gap. Placing a screw in the right side tongue near the bottom will minimize this problem. Use NextStone caulk to fill screw head and NextStone touch up paint for a professional finish.











# DRYSTACK/LEDGESTONE COLUMN WRAP, Cont.

The 18" Post Cap is designed to fit over the Drystack/Ledgestone Column if the top course of corners ends with the screw hems attached or with the screw hems removed.

**Screw Attachment:** Drive one screw per side through the bottom lip of the cap all the way into the substrate. Be Careful to angle the Screws so they don't run through the top of the cap. Do not overdrive screws.

#### Adhesive Attachments:

1) If the top course ends with the screw hem attached: Place adhesive in each corner of the cap and secure. (Fig. 1).





2) If the top course of corners has the screw hems cut off, face screw each piece 1" from the top so that the cap covers the screw heads. Place adhesive on inside cutouts as shown (Fig. 2).







# COLUMN WRAP INSTALL

## **RANDOM ROCK COLUMN WRAP**

1) Fir out the desired column to 14 <sup>3</sup>/<sub>4</sub>" x 14 <sup>3</sup>/<sub>4</sub>".

2) Starter Strip- Determine the height above ground the bottom of the column should be. Measure up  $2\frac{3}{4}$ " from this point and strike a level line. Attach the <u>top</u> of the starter strip on this line. Level and Attach starter strip on each face, stopping 2" from each corner.

3) Each box contains 2 left hand (L-2,L-4)and 2 right hand corners(R-1, R-3). 2 boxes are needed per 2 courses. Use 4 right hand pieces for 1 course and 4 left hand pieces for the next course. Dry fit corners R-1, R-3 and R-1, R-3. Slide down onto the starter strip and attach all pieces where indicated on the screw hem.

4) Attaching the Corners- There are 3 screw points on the long side of the corner, and 2 on the shorter end. Be sure and use 5 screws per corner. Hold the bottom edge of corner snug against the substrate while placing the screws to prevent over tightening of the screw hem. This prevents the bottom edge from kicking out.

**5)** Dry fit corners L-2, L-4 and L-2, L-4. Slide down and attach as described above.

6) For the next course, use corners R-3, R-1 and R-3, R-1 to prevent pattern recognition. Finally use corners L-4, L-2 and L-4, L-2 for the 4th row. Continue to alternate as needed until the desired height is achieved.

**Note to Installer:** Do not over tighten the screws when attaching the corner pieces. When over tightened, the corner piece will "kick out" at the bottom and create a gap. Placing 2 screws along the right shiplap tongue will help minimize any kick out. Be sure to place the screws on the edge of the tongue, so they do not show in the grout line between corners. Use NextStone caulk to fill screw head and NextStone touch up paint for a professional finish.











# RANDOM ROCK COLUMN WRAP, Cont.

The 18" Post Cap is designed to fit over the Random Rock Column if the top course of corners ends with the screw hems attached.

#### **Adhesive Attachments:**

To seat the cap, a slight modification is required.

1) Place the cap on a soft surface to prevent marring the top of the cap. (Fig. 1)



Fig. 1

2) Using a chisel or carpenter's knife, remove the 4 corner landings (Fig. 2)



Landings removed



Fig. 2

3) After the landings are removed, dry fit the cap to make sure it seats properly.

4) Use adhesive on the 4 modified landing points to secure the cap. (Fig 3)





Column with Cap installed

# MITERED CORNER

## MITERED OUTSIDE CORNER

#### Step 1

In some situations the installer may prefer to do a miter cut at the corner rather than use the outside corner accessory pieces. This application is most common when the corner is not a 90° corner but it works equally well on 90° corners.

#### Step 2

In exterior applications the corner must first be made water-tight by installing a moisture barrier prior to installing the NextStone panels.

#### Step 3

Both sides of the corner should be cut from the same panel or another panel of the same configuration (the number on the back is the same). In this way the individual "rocks" will wrap around the corner. You will have to lay out the first course so that the last



panel that will be used to form the corner is at least 8" too long. Cut the panel at the appropriate angle (one half of the angle of the corner) and install as previously explained. Next cut the drop at the same angle and install the other side of the corner making as tight a joint as possible. For example, if you were installing NextStone on a 7' wide wall with a 90° corner, the second panel would make the corner. You would cut the panel on a 45° miter so that it was 3' measured on the short side and install. You would then cut the drop-off piece (1') at 45° and install it on the other side of the corner. Be sure you stagger each course so that the corner cut does not fall at the same place on the panel used to make the corner.

#### Step 4

In exterior applications run a bead of caulk along the joint where the panels butt together. This can be concealed with touch-up paint if you wish.

#### Step 5

There is variation in thickness within each individual "rock", therefore, there will be small areas of exposed polyurethane where the panels were cut which must be coated with touch-up paint. In addition, you may wish to conceal the caulk line by painting with touch-up paint.

# MITERED CORNER

## USING DOOR/WINDOW TRIM TO MAKE A CORNER EITHER MORE OR LESS THAN 90°

#### Step 1

If your application calls for a corner trim that is not a 90° right angle, you can construct a corner on any angle using two pieces of door/window trim back to back. With a table saw cut the back side (the side that would be away from the panel and against a door) of the door/window trim pieces length-wise at an angle half that of the wall, i.e. if the adjoining wall was at a 45° angle, you would cut the trim piece at a 22  $\frac{1}{2}$ ° angle.

#### Step 2

Install the door/window trim pieces so that the back (cut) sides are firmly against each other.



#### Step 3

Install the panels in the usual fashion by sliding them behind the flange of the trim piece. Run a bead of caulk along the joint where the trim pieces butt together on the top and front. Paint over caulk for finished look.





#### Unpack and Verify Materials:

1 - Mailbox Enclosure 1 - Solar Collector

- 1 Mailbox Cover
- 1 Metal Mailbox 2 - Removable Brackets (1 top & 1 bottom)

#### The Hardware Package Contains:

- 8-2" Screws 4 - Butterfly Screws
- 4-2 <sup>3</sup>⁄<sub>4</sub>" Screws 4 - Washers
- 2 Nuts and Bolts (Mailbox door pull)
- 2-Velcro strips

Please contact the vendor if any materials are missing.

#### **Consider these Points Before Installing:**

- A) Follow any USPS setback requirements.
- B) The front and side edges of the post will end up at 9" back from the finished front and sides of the mailbox enclosure when installed. Allow for a 24" x 24" overall footprint making sure that the ground is clear and level.

#### Do not install in grass areas or lawn. Damage caused by lawn or garden equipment is not covered under the warranty.

#### **Step 1 - Prepare the Post**

- A) The mailbox enclosure is designed to fit over a standard 4" x 4" pressure treated post. Make sure the front post is EXACTLY parallel to the direction you want the mailbox to face. If the post is off the mailbox will not face the desired direction.
- B) Make sure the post is plumb in both directions. If the post is not plumb, the mailbox may appear crooked or skewed once the installation is finished.
- C) If possible leave the post long until the exact height has been measured. Set into the concrete approximately 18" with an above ground height of at least 36".

#### Step 2 - Attach the Bottom Bracket

Before removing the top and bottom brackets, mark one side for proper orientation when replaced. (fig. 2A) This will make the screws go back in much easier. Remove the

12 screws holding the bottom bracket into the enclosure. Slide the bottom bracket over the post keeping the lip on the bottom side. Level the bracket at the desired base height and attach to the post with 1 -

2" screw per side. Secure through the inner ring of the bracket into the side of the post. (2B)

#### Step 3 - Measure and Cut Post

Measure 35" up from the top of the attached bottom bracket. Use a speed square to mark all 4 sides of the post. Cut the post at this height. Be careful to make the top of the post level.

#### Step 4 - Setting the Mailbox Enclosure

- A) Slide the mailbox enclosure over the post, being careful not to bind the second bracket as it slides down the post.
- B) Seat the bottom of the enclosure onto the bottom bracket. Make sure the lip is snug against the rim of the enclosure as the 3rd bracket locks down onto the top of the post.
- C) Secure the bottom of the enclosure to the bracket using the  $12 2\frac{1}{2}$ " screws that were removed in step 2. Drive screws through the face and into the bottom bracket. 44







Cutaway showing the 3 Support Brackets (Top bracket removed)







# 22" MAILBOX INSTALLATION, Cont.

#### Step 5 - Attach to Post

- A) Remove the 12 screws holding the top bracket and remove the bracket. Slide the mailbox forward to expose the top of the third bracket. DO NOT remove the mailbox from the enclosure. Leave the block of foam under the mailbox attached, as this helps fill the gap between the mailbox and the enclosure ...
- B) Drive 4 -2" screws through the top of the mailbox mounting plate (3rd bracket) into the top of the post. Slide the metal mailbox back over the mounting plate. Align the holes in the mailbox with the preset threads in the mounting plate.
- C) Finger tighten 4 butterfly screws and washers to secure mailbox to the mounting plate.
- D) Attach the front pull and back latch to the face of the mailbox with 2-3/4" nuts and bolts.

#### Step 6 - Attach the Top Bracket

- A) Bring both the connector and plug wires up through the center opening of the 4th bracket. Move them off to one side. Place the bracket into the top of the enclosure. Make sure the top seats firmly down into the mailbox enclosure.
- B) Secure the top bracket into the enclosure using the 12 screws that were removed in step 5.

#### Step 7 - Attach the Cap

- A) Switch the solar collector to "Auto". Place the collector in the cap with Velcro provided. Firmly press the collector into the cutout of the cap to secure.
- B) Attach the threaded male connector from the cap to the female connector of the address block. Hand tighten the plastic nut . Locate the remaining wire. Insert the male lead into the back of the collector to complete the circuit. For maximum battery charge, place the cap so the collector faces south.
- C) Seat the cap over the enclosure. Check for light placement prior to placing the screws or you may drill into one of the lights or the cord Attach the cap by driving  $4-2\frac{3}{4}$ " screws at a steep angle through the bottom lip of the cap into the enclosure. DO NOT drive through the top of the cap. DO NOT over drive the screws. DO NOT use sealant on the cap to secure it, as you will need to access the solar collector for periodic battery replacement..

#### Step 8 - Touch Up - (Optional) and Battery Maintenance

- A) Caulk around the metal mailbox if there are any gaps to keep out insects. Fill in any exposed screw heads.
- B) After the caulk has set, cover with the appropriate paint color and feather the paint out over the rock face. Add more texture by using the paint brush to dab a small amount of sand onto the painted surface. Paint Kit sold separately.
- C) From time to time the batteries will need to be replaced in the Solar Collector. Use 3 AA Ni-MH rechargeable batteries or equivalent. Batteries can be purchased from NextStone. Use 1200 mAh rating. Remove the 6 screws and open the back cover. Be careful not to disturb the wires or the motherboard. Put in fresh batteries and replace cover.

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# MAILBOX INSTALLATION

## **12 LEDGESTONE MAILBOX**

#### **Post Preparation**

The mailbox is designed to fit over a standard 4" x 4" pressure treated post. Please consider these points before installing. The post should be set in concrete 18" below ground level. Front edge of post should be 4" back from finished front of mailbox. Side edge of post should be 4" from finished side of mailbox. Make sure front post face is EXACTLY parallel to direction you want mailbox to face. Orientation of Mailbox cannot be changed once it is on post. If post is off, mailbox will not face the desired direction. Make sure post is plumb in both directions. If post is not plumb, mailbox will be crooked or skewed. Leave the post long, until exact height has been measured. It should be at least 36" above ground.

### Step 1 - Unpack Kit

Remove upper and lower rings, and remove mailbox and rock extension from each cavity. Remove hardware pack, paint kit, horseshoe ring and solar collector from the inside of the mailbox.

#### Step 2 - Attach Bottom Ring

Remove bottom ring of mailbox and slide down over post with lip facing down. Level ring at desired height and secure using 4 (four) 2" screws.

### Step 3 - Cut Post to Correct Height

Measure up 35" from top of attached bottom ring. Use a speed square and mark a line at this height. Cut post to this height, being careful to cut top of post top level. Note: If you cut long, it is easy to backfill bottom after installation.

### Step 4 - Place the Mailbox Enclosure

Slide Mailbox assembly over post, making sure to line up second inner ring and post. Seat bottom of assembly onto bottom Ring. Make sure lip seats against rim of assembly. Attach enclosure to rings with 2" screws. Seat 3rd ring firmly over top of post. Place 4 2" screws through top of 3rd ring into top of post.









## 12" MAILBOX ENCLOSURE, Cont.

### Step 5 - Attach Metal Mailbox

Tilt mailbox so rear top lip passes through opening first, then slide mailbox across mounting block until mailbox side holes line up with preset threads on mounting. Attach rock extension, sliding bottom slot over bottom mounting block, then attach top with 2 thumb screws. Secure back of mailbox with mounting collar and thumb screws.



#### Step 6 - Attach the 4th Ring

Fish both the connector and the plug wires up from the address plaque, and set the 4th ring, making sure the lip of the ring seats firmly into the mailbox enclosure. Secure with two (2) - 2" screws per side.



#### Step 7 - Attach the Cap

Place a small amount of clear silicone adhesive around the bottom of the solar collector and firmly press into the depression of the cap. Plug the wire into the input of the collector, Attach the connector from the address block lights to the connector from the cap. For best results, place the cap so the collector faces south. Put the cap in place, making sure the cap is fully seated and level. Use four (4) 2" screws to attach the cap. Use one (1) screw per face. Start the screw from the bottom of the cap lip, and drive the screw at a steep angle so as to pass through the rock face into the cap. **DO NOT go through the top of the cap. DO NOT over tighten.** Do not use sealant on the cap to secure it, as you will need to access the solar collector for battery changes. When necessary, back out the 4 2" screws and remove the cap.



#### Step 8 - Touch up

Caulk around the mailbox and also fill the exposed screw heads along the bottom of the mailbox. Fill the screw heads, feathering the caulk slightly over the rock face to insure smooth transition.





#### Unpack and Verify Materials:

- 1 Solar Collector
- 2 Removable Brackets (1 top & 1 bottom)

#### The Hardware Package Contains:

- 8- 2" Screws Wiring Harness
- 4-2 3/4" Screws
- 2- Velcro strips

**Note:** The Solar Collector, Wiring Harness and Hardware Package are located below the top bracket on top of the 3rd Support Bracket Please contact the vendor if any materials are missing.

#### **Consider these Points Before Installing:**

A) The front and side edges of the post will end up at 9" back from the finished front and sides of the pillar when installed. Allow for a 24" x 24" overall footprint making sure that the ground is clear and level.

#### Do not install in grass areas or lawn. Damage caused by lawn or garden equipment is not covered under the warranty.

#### Step 1 - Prepare the Post

- A) The pillar is designed to fit over a standard 4" x 4" pressure treated post. Make sure the front post is EXACTLY parallel to the direction you want the pillar to face. If the post is off the pillar will not face the desired direction.
- B) Make sure the post is plumb in both directions. If the post is not plumb, the pillar may appear crooked or skewed once the installation is finished.
- C) If possible leave the post long until the exact height has been measured. Set into the concrete approximately 18" with an above ground height of at least 36".

#### Step 2 - Attach the Bottom Bracket

Before removing the top and bottom brackets, mark one side for proper orientation when replaced. (fig. 2A) This will make the screws go back in much easier. Remove the 12 screws holding the bottom bracket into the enclosure. Slide the bottom

bracket over the post keeping the lip on the bottom side. Level the bracket at the desired base height and attach to the post with 1 - 2 " screw per side. Secure through the inner ring of the bracket into the side of the post. (fig. 2B)

#### Step 3 - Measure and Cut Post

Measure 35" up from the top of the attached bottom bracket. Use a speed square to mark all 4 sides of the post. Cut the post at this height. Be careful to make the top of the post level.

#### Step 4 - Setting the Pillar

- A) Slide the pillar over the post, being careful not to bind the second bracket as it slides down the post.
- B) Seat the bottom of the enclosure onto the bottom bracket. Make sure the lip is snug against the rim of the enclosure as the 3rd bracket locks down onto the top of the post.
- C) Secure the bottom of the enclosure to the bracket using the 12 2 <sup>1</sup>/<sub>2</sub>" screws that were removed in step 2. Drive screws through the face and into the bottom bracket.







Cutaway showing the 3 Support Brackets







# PILLAR INSTALLATION, Cont.

#### Step 5 - Attach to Post

- A) Remove the 12 screws holding the top bracket and remove the bracket.
- B) Drive 4 -2" screws through the top of the mounting plate (3rd bracket) into the top of the post

#### Step 6 - Attach the Top Bracket

- A) Place the bracket into the top of the enclosure. Make sure the top seats firmly down into the pillar enclosure. Use earlier alignment mark to orient the bracket with the Pillar.
- B) Secure the top bracket into the enclosure using the 12 screws that were removed in step 5.

#### Step 7 - Attach the Cap

- A) Switch the solar collector to "Auto". Place the collector in the cap with Velcro provided. Firmly press the collector into the cutout of the cap to secure.
- B) Attach the threaded male connector from the cap to the female connector of the wiring harness. Hand tighten the plastic nut. Locate the remaining wire. Insert the male lead into the back of the collector to complete the circuit. There are 4 LED lights in the wiring harness. These are used for the address plaque in the matching mailbox. They are not necessary for this application. For maximum battery charge, place the cap so the collector faces south.
- C) Seat the cap over the enclosure. Check for light placement prior to placing the screws or you may drill into one of the lights or the cord Attach the cap by driving 4 -2 <sup>3</sup>/<sub>4</sub>" screws at a steep angle through the bottom lip of the cap into the enclosure. DO NOT drive through the top of the cap. DO NOT over drive the screws. DO NOT use sealant on the cap to secure it, as you will need to access the solar collector for periodic battery replacement..

#### Step 8 - Touch Up - (Optional) and Battery Maintenance

- A) Caulk around any gaps to keep out insects. Fill in any exposed screw heads.
- B) After the caulk has set, cover with the appropriate paint color and feather the paint out over the rock face. Add more texture by using the paint brush to dab a small amount of sand onto the painted surface. Paint Kit sold separately.
- C) From time to time the batteries will need to be replaced in the Solar Collector. Use 3 AA Ni-MH rechargeable batteries or equivalent. Batteries can be purchased from NextStone. Use 1200 mAh rating. Remove the 6 screws and open the back cover. Be careful not to disturb the wires or the motherboard. Put in fresh batteries and replace cover.













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## FINISHING THE JOB FOR A PROFESSIONAL APPEARANCE

TOUCH UP

Cuts which result in exposed polyurethane must be coated to prevent discoloration which will be quite noticeable over time. The NextStone Touch Up Kit contains paint, instructions and brushes. Each kit is specific for color and rock profile.



Touch Up Paint Kit

#### Step 1

Inspect the job closely for any nicks, scratches or exposed cut edges of panels and apply the appropriate touch-up paint. Some applications may require caulking which can be concealed with touch-up paint. Any areas where deviation from standard NextStone installation practices is required must be caulked and touched up.

#### Step 2

NextStone touch up paint is a latex base and can be cleaned-up with warm, soapy water. Clean hands, spills and tools immediately after use. The paint has been thinned to be used with the spray gun however additional thinning, if necessary, can be done by adding water. Protect from freezing.

#### Step 3

Touch – up paint can be applied by using the brush provided. Be sure to shake bottles well before using.

The natural appearance of NextStone products are maintained with little effort. Although NextStone products will get dirty, like anything exposed to the atmosphere, a heavy rain or a simple washing with a garden hose will do wonders. If additional cleaning is required the following steps outline the recommended cleaning procedure.

**CLEAN UP** 

#### Step 1

Any liquid soap or a light spray of simple green or the equivalent, followed by light brushing with a soft bristle brush will work with our product. NextStone recommends using whatever product you choose on a small area first, to check for color fastness. You can either use a soft bristle brush with a garden hose or a pressure washer, but if you use a pressure washer, be SURE not to get closer than 12 inches and not more than 1500 PSI.

#### Step 2

For mildew we recommend the cleaning solution X-90. It is very effective in removing mildew from vinyl siding, and will work on our product. NextStone products are designed to be resistant to the elements as well as all but the most caustic man - made products but it would be prudent to test a small area first with any new product.

# FREQUENTLY ASKED QUESTIONS

#### Q. What is the NextStone product made from?

NextStone products are manufactured with advanced hybrid polyurethane composites which allows us to reproduce the most realistic synthetic stone texture and look available.

#### Q. What is required to cut the NextStone product?

NextStone products are easily cut with a hand saw, circular saw, or virtually any kind of carpentry saw cutting device.

#### Q. What type of fastener is used to install NextStone products?

NextStone was designed with ease of installation in mind therefore, depending on the substrate a good quality deck type screw will work.

#### Q. How are the NextStone products installed?

NextStone is a mortar-free product that can be easily installed by one or two people using basic hand or power tools.

#### Q. How do you avoid repeating color and stone pattern during installation?

NextStone panels were designed with four basic stone patterns, each numbered from one to four on the back of each panel. There are also four color palettes to help eliminate a repeat of patterns and color during installation.

#### Q. What preparation is required to install NextStone panels?

NextStone's only requirement is a clean, dry substrate.

#### Q. What can I apply NextStone to?

NextStone can be easily applied to virtually any substrate including block, concrete, stucco, or wood framed sheathed walls.

#### Q. What size panels are available?

NextStone Random Rock face panels are sold in  $15 \frac{1}{2}$ " x 48" panels. Drystack panels are 5" x 47  $\frac{3}{4}$ ". Ledgestone panels are 6  $\frac{5}{8}$ " x 47  $\frac{3}{4}$ ". Slatestone panels are 8  $\frac{1}{4}$ " x 43".

#### Q. Is NextStone easy to clean?

Because of the closed cell hybrid polyurethane formulation developed by NextStone, all products are easily cleaned with a standard garden hose.

#### Q. Does the product have any R-value?

Yes. Because of NextStone's polyurethane formulation, the R value is approximately 4.5 per inch thickness.

#### Q. How much does the product weigh?

NextStone weighs approximately one pound per square foot making it extremely easy to handle and install, thus eliminating the need for a forklift.

#### Q. What applications are best suited for NextStone?

NextStone is perfect for almost all commercial and residential, exterior or interior applications.

# FREQUENTLY ASKED QUESTIONS

#### Q. What maintenance will be required down the road?

Because of the NextStone polyurethane formulation and its durable coating there is virtually no maintenance required.

#### Q. How will NextStone handle the elements?

NextStone products have been tested equivalent to 20 years in an advanced weather testing chamber with very little discoloration to the products.

# Q. How does NextStone compare in price to the cultured stone type products currently available on the market?

NextStone products have been competitively priced and will generally cost less than cast stone type products. The real savings for the contractor comes from the cost of labor for installation by a carpenter vs. the cost of labor and material provided by a mason. With the NextStone product the value is added and the profit is retained by the contractor. For the do-it-yourselfer, the savings come to those who can install NextStone products themselves.

#### Q. Who can install the NextStone panels?

Anyone with a basic understanding of carpentry can easily install NextStone products.

#### Q. Is NextStone easy to clean?

Any liquid soap or a light spray of simple green or the equivalent, followed by light brushing with a soft bristle brush will work with our product. NextStone recommends using whatever product you choose on a small area first, to check for color fastness. You can either use a soft bristle brush with a garden hose or a pressure washer, but if you use a pressure washer, be SURE not to get closer than 12 inches and not more than 1500 PSI. There is a special mildew cleaning solution called X-90. It is very effective in removing mildew from vinyl siding, and will work on our product. NextStone products are designed to be resistant to the elements as well as all but the most caustic man made products but it would be prudent to test a small area first with any new product

#### Q. Is NextStone flammable and what do all those fire test numbers mean?

First, **Flame Spread Factor** is the distance that the flame spreads across the specimen piece during the test. This is calculated by measuring the distance across the panel the flame spreads every 3 seconds during the test. They then compile the total distance and come up with the Flame Spread Factor. Our product tested at an average of 30.78. Second is the **Flame Spread Index**. This is a mathematical calculation using calculus and area under a curve to compute a number relative to two points: Cement and Red Oak. In this index, Red Oak is 100 and cement is 0. There is some confusion between the tests as our 162 Test now calls this number the **Radiant Panel Index**. Ours is 191.13. In the vinyl siding world, anything under 200 can be placed on wall surfaces. Regardless of tests and numbers, we do not recommend putting any NextStone product near open flames. Although it is not flammable, it will combust in the presence of flame. We recommend that our product be placed no closer than 12 inches from areas where an open flame may be encountered. You may see similar products claiming to have passed the E-84 flame spread test. This is only a portion of E-84 testing and should not be considered as meeting E-84 requirements.

# TAKE-OFF SHEET

### PANELS

## Slatestone Panel dimensions are 8 1/4" x 43" x 1 1/2". Each Panel covers 2.14/sq. ft.

Configure Square Footage of area to be covered.

Total Square Feet \_\_\_\_\_ / 2.14sq.ft. = \_\_\_\_\_ number of Panels necessary.

• Round total to nearest box quantities of eight (8) panels per box.

#### Random Rock Panel dimensions are 15 1/2" x 48" x 1 1/2". Each Panel covers 4.75/sq. ft. Configure Square Footage of area to be covered.

- Total Square Feet \_\_\_\_\_ / 4.75sq.ft. = \_\_\_\_\_ number of Panels necessary.
- Round total to nearest box quantities of four (4) panels per box.

### Ledgestone Panel dimensions are 6 5/8" x 47 3/4" x 1 1/2". Each Panel covers 1.79/sq. ft.

Configure Square Footage of area to be covered.

Total Square Feet \_\_\_\_\_ / 1.79sq.ft. = \_\_\_\_\_ number of Panels necessary.

• Round total to nearest box quantities of twelve (12) panels per box.

### Drystack Panel dimensions are 5" x 47 <sup>3</sup>/<sub>4</sub>" x 1 <sup>1</sup>/<sub>2</sub>". Each Panel covers 1.33/sq.ft.

Configure Square Footage of area to be covered.

- Total Square Feet \_\_\_\_\_ / 1.33sq.ft. = \_\_\_\_\_ number of Panels necessary.
- Round total to nearest box quantities of sixteen (16) panels per box.

### CORNERS

#### Ledgestone Flush Outside Corner dimensions are 13 34" x 4 14" x 6 58"

Configure Vertical Linear Inches.

Total Linear Inches \_\_\_\_\_ /  $6 \frac{5}{8}$  = \_\_\_\_ number of pieces of corners.

• Ledgestone Flush Outside Corners sit flush with the Ledgestone Panel. Four (4) corners per box, 2 Left / 2 Right.

#### Drystack Flush Outside Corner dimensions are 13 3/4" x 4 1/4" x 5"

Configure Vertical Linear Inches.

Total Linear Inches \_\_\_\_\_ /  $5'' = ____ number of pieces of corners.$ 

• Drystack Flush Outside Corners sit flush with the Ledgestone Panel. Four (4) corners per box, 2 Left / 2 Right.

#### Sandstone Flush Outside Corner dimensions are 3<sup>1</sup>/2" x 3<sup>1</sup>/2" x 48"

Configure Vertical Linear Inches.

Total Linear Inches \_\_\_\_\_ /  $48'' = _____ number of pieces of corners.$ 

Sandstone Flush Outside Corners can be used with any rock profile, except Slatestone, and sit flush to panel ends. Outdoor applications may need caulk or weather seal. Two (2) corners per box.

# TAKE-OFF SHEET

### **CORNERS** cont.

Slatestone Outside Corner dimensions are  $12 \frac{34}{2} \times 4 \frac{1}{2} \times 8 \frac{1}{4}$ " Configure Vertical Linear Inches.

Total Linear Inches \_\_\_\_\_ /  $8 \frac{1}{4}$ " = \_\_\_\_\_ number of pieces of corners.

• Slatestone Outside Corners sit flush with each panel. Four (4) corners per box, 2 Left/2Right.

#### Random Rock Outside Corner dimensions are 7" x 11" x 15 1/2"

Configure Vertical Linear Inches.

Total Linear Inches \_\_\_\_\_ /  $15 \frac{1}{2}$  = \_\_\_\_ number of pieces of corners.

• Random Rock Outside Corners sit flush with each panel. Four (4) corners per box, 2 Left/2Right.

#### Ledgestone Outside Corner dimensions are 4 1/2" x 4 1/2" x 40 1/2"

Configure Vertical Linear Inches.

Total Linear Inches \_\_\_\_\_ /  $40 \frac{1}{2}$  = \_\_\_\_ number of pieces of corners.

• Ledgestone Panels fit behind the Ledgestone Outside Corner. Two (2) corners per box.

#### Drystack Outside Corner dimensions are 5 1/2" x 5 1/2" x 40"

Configure Vertical Linear Inches.

Total Linear Inches \_\_\_\_\_ /  $40'' = _____$  number of pieces of corners.

• Drystack Panels fit behind the Drystack Outside Corner. Two (2) corners per box.

#### Sandstone Outside Corner dimensions are 5 1/2" x 5 1/2" x 48"

Configure Vertical Linear Inches.

Total Linear Inches \_\_\_\_\_ / 48" = \_\_\_\_\_ number of pieces of corners.

• Sandstone Outside Corners can be used with any rock profile, except Slatestone. The Panel will fit behind the corner. Two (2) corners per box.

#### Ledgestone Inside Corner dimensions are 4 3/4" x 4 3/4" x 40 1/2"

Configure Vertical Linear Inches.

Total Linear Inches \_\_\_\_\_ /  $40 \frac{1}{2}$  = \_\_\_\_\_ number of pieces of corners.

• Panels fit behind Corners. Two (2) corners per box.

#### Drystack Inside Corner dimensions are 4 3/4" x 4 3/4" x 40"

Configure Vertical Linear Inches.

Total Linear Inches \_\_\_\_\_ /  $40'' = _____$  number of pieces of corners.

• Panels fit behind Corners. Two (2) corners per box.

#### Sandstone Inside Corner dimensions are 3 1/2" x 3 1/2" x 48"

Configure Vertical Linear Inches.

Total Linear Inches \_\_\_\_\_ / 48" = \_\_\_\_ number of pieces of corners.

• Panels fit behind Corners. Two (2) corners per box. Sandstone Inside Corners can be used with any rock profile except Slatestone.

# TAKE-OFF SHEET

### ACCESSORIES

#### 1. Sandstone Ledger dimensions are 2 1/2" x 4" x 48"

Configure Horizontal Linear Feet.

Total Linear Feet \_\_\_\_\_ / 4' = number of pieces of Ledger.

• This accessory is used to trim out the top row and can be used with any rock profile. Four (4) Ledgers per box.

#### 2. Sandstone Window/Door Trim dimensions are 2 1/4" x 3 1/2" x 48"

Configure Vertical and Horizontal Linear Feet.

Total Linear Feet \_\_\_\_\_ / 4' = number of pieces of window/door trim.

• Window/Door Trim will be used on all four window sides as well as the top and sides of door openings and can be used with any rock profile. Four (4) Trim per box.

#### 3. Sandstone Ledger Outside Corner dimensions are 4 1/4" x 6 1/4" x 2 1/2"

#### Sandstone Ledger Inside Corner dimensions are 9 3/4" x 7 5/8" x 2 1/2"

Ledger Outside and Inside Corners are used to cap corners and show a continuous run of the Ledger trim piece. Number of pieces depend on number of corners. Two (2) per box, 1 Left / 1 Right.

#### 4. Metal Starter Strips are in 4' lengths.

Configure Horizontal Linear Feet of area to be covered.

Total Linear Feet \_\_\_\_\_ / 4' =\_\_\_\_\_ number of pieces of starter strip.

- Used to begin the bottom row, Starter Strips are suggested under each panel in order to avoid face screwing.

# 5. 12oz. Tubes of Grout \_\_\_\_\_. (Depending on project, grout/caulk, may or may not be required).

#### 6. Touch Up Paint Kit \_\_\_\_.

Drystack, Ledgestone, and Random Rock Touch up Paint Kits contain Four 120 cc bottles of paint, one for each panel color and 1 trim color, plus 4 brushes.

Slatestone Touch Up Paint Kits contain One 120cc and 2 60cc bottles of paint, plus 1 brush.

# SPEC DATA

#### **Product Description:**

NextStone's masons and master craftsmen have created products that are the ideal combination of stone textures and sizes, melding them artistically into an extremely easy to install paneling system. NextStone products are a light weight veneer wall panel system, providing a very realistic "rock wall" appearance. These products are intended for exterior application over masonry, wood framed, or metal framed construction, be it residential or commercial. The products have been engineered so that no additional structural or foundation support is required. The basic system requires no caulking.

NextStone products are made of uniquely formulated closed cell polyurethane, incorporating UV inhibitors and fire retardants. The panels and accessory pieces have been cast from real stone giving them a remarkably realistic rock look. A specially formulated In Mold Coating is chemically and mechanically bonded with the molded surface of the panel. The result is a lightweight, durable wall panel system with a realistic rock finish.

#### Limitations:

NextStone products are intended as wall coverings only and should not be used as pavers or subjected to foot traffic. NextStone products do not add to the structural load bearing capacity of the substrate to which it is applied. If NextStone products are used below grade or water level, discoloration of the product can occur from the leaching of minerals and chemicals from the soil and water. The product will not be altered or degraded, but color fastness is not guaranteed. Avoid installing in locations which will be repeatedly subjected to abrasion, or repeated contact such as lawn mowers and string trimmers.

#### Note: In all spec data information, weights and dimensions are approximate. Individual pieces may vary due to the manufacturing process.

Flame Spread Factor, F9:	Heat Evolution Factor, Q:	Flame Spread Index, 18:	Ave Temp, Rise:
30.78	6.23	191.13	53.8 c

#### Technical Data:

Color Fastness (per ANSI Z 124 xenon arc test): color change @ 2000 hours: 0 Specific Gravity: .6 Insulation value: R 4.5 per inch of thickness Hardness (durometer D): 68 Coefficient of Expansion (in. /in. F): 4.8"/in./C x 10(-5) (varies depending upon substrate attached to). Fuel Contributed: 0 Flame Spread (per ASTM E162): Flame Spread Index 191.13 Wind Load Test-( per ASTM E330-02)- Withstands Positive and Negative winds over 200 MPH.

Installation: Detailed installation instructions are available from your local distributor or on line at: www.NextStone.com.

**Maintenance:** NextStone products require minimal maintenance. Occasional rinsing with water is recommended. Prior to using any chemical products on NextStone, test a small inconspicuous area, verifying that no undesired side effects have occurred.

Warranty: Warranty information is available from your local distributor or online at: www.NextStone.com. Important: The information and data herein are believed to be accurate and have been compiled from sources believed to be reliable. It is offered for you consideration, investigation and verification. Due to the inherent manufacturing characteristics of polyurethane, and the In Mold coating coloring process of our product, dimensions and weights are approximate and the colors, as with natural stone, will vary.

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Product Type	Length (inch)	Width (inch)	Thickness (inch)	Coverage Per Piece	Weight Per Piece	Qty Per Carton
Random Rock Panel	48"	15.5"	.88" - 1.5"	4.75 sq. ft.	5.1 lbs.	4
Drystack Panel	47.75"	5"	.88" - 1.5"	1.28 sq. ft.	1.3 lbs.	16
Ledgestone Panel	47.75"	6.63"	.88" - 1.5"	1.78	1.9 lbs.	12
Slatestone Panel	43"	8.25"	.88" - 1.5"	2.46 sq. ft.	2.5 lbs.	8
Accent Rocks, Large	11.5"	15.5"	1.5"	1.2 sq. ft.	.94 lbs.	3
Accent Rocks, Small	7"	15.5"	1.5"	.63 sq. ft.	.71 lbs.	3
Ledger	48"	4"	2.5"	.6 sq, ft.	2,9 lbs.	4
Outside Ledger Corner	6.25" x 4.25"	4"	2,5"	10.25"	.65 lbs.	2
Inside Ledger Corner	9.75" x 7.63"	4"	2.5"	17.5"	.67 lbs.	2
Sandstone Window/Door Trim	48"	3.5"	2.25"	1.4 sq. ft.	2.5 lbs.	4
Sandstone Inside Corner	48"	3.5" each log	2.63"	2.0 sq. ft.	5.1 lbs.	2
Sandstone Outside Corner	48"	5.5" each leg	2.63"	4.0 sq. ft.	6.0 lbs	2
Flush Mount Outside Corner	48"	3"(each side)	1.5"	2.0 sq. ft.	2.47 lbs.	2
Random Rock Outside Corner	7" x 11"	15.5"	1.5"	1.7 sq. ft.	1.69 lbs.	4
Drystack Inside Corner	40"	4.75" each leg	1.5"	2.64 sq. ft.	2.42 lbs.	2
Drystack Outside Corner	40"	5.5" each leg	1.5"	3.23 sq. ft.	3.08 lbs.	2
Drystack Flush Ontside Corner	4.25" x13.75"	5"	1.5"	.52 sq. ft.	.5 lbs.	4
Ledgestone Inside Corner	40.5"	4.5" each leg	1.5"	2.67 sq. ft.	2.42 lbs.	2
Ledgestone Outside Corner	40.5"	4.5" each leg	1.5"	2.67 sq. ft.	2.86 lbs.	2
Ledgestone Flush Outside Corner	4.25" x13.75"	6.63"	1.5"	.793 sq. ft.	.88 lbs.	4
Slatestone Outside Corner	4.5" x 12.75"	8.25"	1.5"	l sq. ft.	1.0 lbs,	4
Mounting Blocks Large	10"	13"	2.25"	л/а	1.75 lbs.	1
Mounting Blocks Small	8"	9"	2.25"	n/a	l lbs.	1
Sandstone Column Wrap	36"	6.5"	1"	n/a	1.5 lbs.	1 kît
Sandstone Column Wrap Cap	10.5"	10.5"	1.25"	n/a	1.5 lbs.	
Sandstone Column 2Pc Split Cap	10.5"	10.5"	1.25"	n/a	1.38 lbs.	
Starter Strip (10/sleeve)	48"	2.25"	26 gauge	n/a ·	.9 lbs.	40
8" Drystack Column Wrap	36"	8"	1.75"	1.44	1.76 lbs.	I kit
8" Drystack Column Wrap Cap	10.5"	10.5"	1.25"	n/a	2.0 lbs.	1
8" Drystack Col. 2 pc Split Cap	10.5"	10.5"	1.25"	n/a	1.5 lbs.	, 
16" Drystack Column Wrap	36"	15.5"	1.75"	3,88 sq. ft.	3.52 lbs.	I kit
16" Drystack Column Wrap Cap	17.5"	17.5"	1.5"	2.13 sq. ft.	2.64 ibs.	
16" Drystack Col. 2 pc Split Cap	17.5"	17.5"	1.5"	2.13 sq. ft.	2.64 lbs.	<u> </u>
18" Solid Cap	18.5"	18.5"	1.5			
22" Drystack Mailbox Kit	52"	18.5 22" x 22"	1	2.38 sq. ft.	2.84	1
22" Drystack Pillar	52"		1.5"	n/a	42.9 lbs.	1 kit
-		22" x 22"	1.5"	n/a	35 lbs,	l kii
22" Drystack Mailbox Cap	23"	23"	4.75"	n/a	3.96 lbs.	1
22" Random Rock Mailbox Kit	52"	22" x 22"	1.5"	n/a	36.5 lbs.	I kit
22" Random Rock Pillar	52"	22" x 22"	1.5"	n/a	29.5 lbs.	l kit
22" Random Rock Mailbox Cap	23"	23"	4.75"	n/a	4.4 lbs.	1
12" Ledgestone Mailbox Kit	52"	12" x 12"	1.5"	n/a	21.12 lbs.	l kit
12" Ledgestone Pillar	52"	12" x 12"	1.5"	n/a	14.25 lbs.	1 kit
12" Ledgestone Mailbox Cap	13.25"	13.25"	2.75"	n/a	2.2 lbs.	1

Listed below are the types and colors of NextStone Panels and color codes available and their suggested coordinating trim pieces.

SPEC DATA

## **Random Rock Color Specs**

Product Color	Trim Color
Desert Buff (DB)	Buff <b>(B)</b>
Lava Gray (L <b>G</b> )	Gray <b>(G)</b> , Charcoal <b>(C)</b>
Mountain Shadow (MS)	Charcoal (C)
New England Mocha (NEM)	Brown (BR), Buff (B)
Sedona Red (SR)	Red (R)
Tri Buff <b>(TB)</b>	Buff <b>(B)</b>
Tri Gray <b>(TG)</b>	Gray <b>(G)</b>

## **Drystack / Ledgestone Color Specs**

Product Color	Trim Color
Carolina Cocoa <b>(CC)</b>	Buff (B), Brown (BR)
Durango Red (DR)	Red (R)
Kentucky Gray (KG)	Gray (G)
Mountain Shadow (MS)	Charcoal (C)
Santa Fe Adobe <b>(SFA)</b>	Buff (B)
Western Taupe <b>(WT)</b>	Buff (B)

### **Slatestone Color Specs**

Product Color	Trim Color	
Brunswick Brown (BB)	Brown (BR)	
Canyon (CN)	Red (R)	
Midnight Ash (MA)	Charcoal (C)	
Mojave (MJ)	Buff (B)	
Pewter (PW)	Gray (G)	
Rundle Ridge* (RUR)	Charcoal <b>(C)</b> ,Gray <b>(G)</b>	
Rocky Mountain Graphite*(RMG)	Graphite (GPH)	

\* Denotes Regional Availability

# NextStone Material Safety Data Sheet

Effective date: 5/28/04 Supersedes: n/a

#### Section 1: PRODUCT AND COMPANY IDENTIFICATION:

Product:	Polyurethane siding panels and accessories
Product Use:	Exterior and interior siding product
Distributor:	NextStone
	P.O. Box 39914
	Denver, Co. 80239-0914
	(303) 371-8232
	(303)371-8296 (fax)
	www.nextstone.com

#### Section 2: COMPOSITION INFORMATION ON INGREDIENTS: \*No Hazardous Ingredients\*

Component:	% Weight	Case No.
Polyurethane (rigid)	94.8%	None Assigned
Proprietary Ingredients	5.1%	n/a (non hazardous)

These rigid urethane panels are manufactured from polyurethane, inert fillers, process aids, waxes, colorants and fire retardants.

#### Section 3: PHYSICAL / CHEMICAL CHARACTERISTICS:

Solid, odorless panel, various colors
Not applicable
Solid, Not applicable
0
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Not applicable
Not applicable

Section 4: FIRE AND EXP	LOSION DATA:
Flash Point:	Not applicable
Auto-ignition temperature:	500 degrees Fahrenheit
Extinguishing Media:	Water, CO2, or sand
Special Procedures:	Firefighters and others who may be exposed to products of combustion should wear full protective clothing including self-contained breathing apparatus.

Section 5: REACTIVITY DATA: Stability: Incompatibility (Materials to avoid);

Stable under normal conditions

Avoid open flame. Avoid contact with oxidizing agents. Product may autoignite at temperatures in excess of 450 degrees Fahrenheit. Thermal and / or thermal oxidative decomposition can produce irritation and toxic fumes and gasses including carbon monoxide, hydrogen cyanide

Hazardous decomposition products:

#### Section 6: HEALTH HAZARD DATA:

Rigid polyurethane is not considered or listed as a hazardous chemical in 29 CFR 1910 subpart Z, Product Safety Act (15 U.S.C. 2051), or the Federal Hazardous substances Act (15 U.S.C. 1261) Foam dust may be a by-product of the installation process.

Component:	acgih tlv (units)	Osha pel (units)
Processing Waste	5 mg / cubic meter (8 hour twa)	5 mg / cubic meter (8 hour twa)
Processing Waste	10 mg / cubic meter (stel)	10 mg / cubic meter (stel)

Ingestion: Not applicable Eye Contact: Eye irritation possible Skin Contact: Waste generated from r

ct: Waste generated from processing may evoke allergic contact dermatitis in sensitized individuals.

#### EMERGENCY AND FIRST AID PROCEDURES:

Eye Contact:	Immediately flush with copious amounts of water. Remove to fresh air. If irritation persists, get medical
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Skin Contact:	Wash affected area with soap and water. If rash or persistent irritation or dermatitis occurs seek medical attention.
Inhalation:	Remove to fresh air. If persistent irritation, severe coughing or breathing difficulty occurs, seek medical attention.
Ingestion:	Not applicable

#### Section 7: TOXICITY DATA:

Processing Dust: May cause nasal dryness, irritation and obstructions, coughing, wheezing, and sneezing. Sinusitis and prolonged colds have also been reported. Depending on the type, processing dust may cause respiratory sensitization and or irritation.

#### Section 8: PROTECTION INFORMATION AND CONTROL MEASURES:

Respiratory protection:	Dust mask, if dust exceeds allowable exposure limits wear a NIOSH / OSHA
	approved respirator.
Eye protection:	Safety glasses or goggles
Skin protection:	None required (gloves optional)
Engineering Controls:	Provide adequate general and local exhaust ventilation to most exposures.
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#### Section 8: PRECAUTIONS FOR SAFE HANDLING AND USE:

Release / Spill Handling: Waste Disposal Method; Storage:	Scrap material or dust from sawing or cutting should be handled as an inert solid, in the fashion of sand. Landfill as non-hazardous waste.
Storage.	Panels and accessories should be stored in original boxes to prevent damage or deformation of the product.
Important;	The information and data herein are believed to be accurate and have been compiled from sources believed to be reliable. It is offered for your consideration, investigation and verification. Buyer assumes all risk of use, storage and handling of the product in compliance with applicable federal, state and local laws and regulations. NextStone makes no warranty of any kind, express or implied, concerning the accuracy or completeness of the information and data herein. The implied warranties of merchantability and fitness for a particular purpose are specifically excluded. NextStone will not be liable for claims relating to any party's use of or reliance on information and data contained herein regardless of whether it is claimed that the information and data are inaccurate, incomplete or otherwise misleading.



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