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ColumnWrap

The Perfect Do-It-Yourself solution for beautiful columns and caps.

ClipStone ColumnWrap Instructional How-To

How to determine the amount of ColumnWrap pieces you will need:

- Multiply the number of posts by the height you want each column to determine the total number of ColumnWrap kits needed. 3 posts at 3ft high each means you will need 9 column kits.
- Each ColumnWrap kit has four individual pieces that combine to create a one-foot high, 14"x14" column section to install around a 4x4 or 6x6 post.
- Finish each Column with an 18"x18" two-piece cap with the 4x4 or 6x6 opening to fit your post.

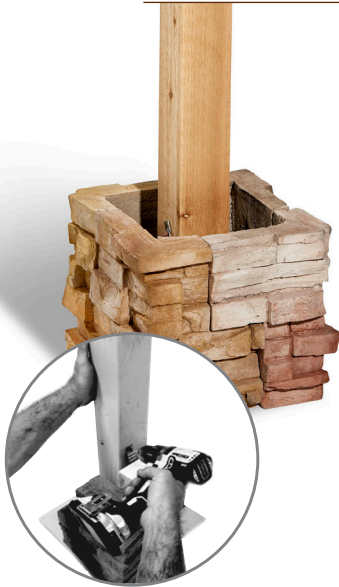### Tools you will need to install your ColumnWrap:

- ☐ Levels.
- ☐ Measuring tape.
- ☐ A chisel/file.
- ☐ 1-2" exterior grade pan head screws. You want at least 8 screws per row.
- ☐ Impact driver/screw gun with a drill bit extender.
- ☐ Plastic shims.
- ☐ Concrete masonry adhesive to add between column sections and the capstone.
- ☐ Caulking gun.
- ☐ Rubber mallet.
- ☐ Exterior grade caulk, to match the color of your cap and prevent water intrusion.
- ☐ Backer rod or furring strips.

Before you begin...

1. **Check your ground surface.** Install your ColumnWraps on a level, flat and solid service. *Examples of acceptable surfaces include concrete, concrete pavers, or crushed stone.*
2. **Remove all four pieces** from your ColumnWrap box and inspect for any over-poured concrete or rough edges that may impair a tight fit. Remove these uneven edges carefully with a chisel. *You will want to check each piece inside each box as you work.*

Installation Steps

Step 1: Set up your base row.

- Center your first row by lining up your first 4 pieces around the post, measuring from the inside edges.
- Secure your first corner piece by screwing both the bottom and top fastening ties into the post.
- You do not need construction adhesive to secure to the substrate, but you may choose to do so!
- Place a small strip of construction adhesive along the left side of this piece.
- Install the second corner piece to the left of your first, secure both the bottom and top fastening tie to the post and apply another small strip of construction adhesive along this piece's left side.
- Following the same steps as you did for the first and second piece, install your third piece, continuing to work right to left, or clockwise, around your column post:
  - Continue to add construction adhesive to the outside edges between each piece.
- Now install your fourth piece, the last piece on your first section of column:
  - In this instance, you only need to screw the top fastening tie into the post.
  - Again, use a small strip of construction adhesive on the outside edges of this final piece.
- Check that you first full section is centered and level. If needed, adjust pieces with a rubber mallet and plastic shims to achieve a tight and level fit.

Step 2: Continue adding rows.

- Continue to install sections using the same method described above in step one.
- As you work around your post, place a small strip of construction adhesive on each top piece of your last section, as well as between pieces along the edges.
- Continue this pattern for as tall as you want your column, one foot at a time.
- As you add each row, check that each section does not twist and alignment does not shift as you move up the column, by taking a step back at each completed section and reviewing the rows as you go.

Step 3: Finish your stone column with a cap!

- Secure your 2-Piece cap by applying construction adhesive on the top of your column's last section and pressing cap firmly in place.
- Double check that the cap's alignment is correct!
- Use shims if necessary, to achieve a tight, square/level fit.
- For gaps around the column, cap, and post, use backer rod or furring strips to ensure a snug fit.
- Caulk the gap between the column cap and top pieces of your column with a colored caulk to match the cap color and prevent water infiltration.
- **Admire your work!**
- You may want to add post trim over your cap to complete the look.