

Moulding Installation Guide

CROWN

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Step 1: Plan and Measure

1. **Choose the moulding style** that suits your room's decor.
2. Measure the walls where the moulding will be installed.
3. Mark each wall's length on the back of the moulding and account for the corner cuts.

Step 2: Locate Studs

- Use a stud finder to locate and mark the wall studs. You'll nail the moulding into these for stability.

Step 3: Cut the Moulding

1. **Understand the angles:** Crown moulding sits at an angle between the wall and ceiling, so cuts need to account for this.
 - Inside corners: Coping or miter cuts.
 - Outside corners: Compound miter cuts.
2. **Set up the miter saw:**
 - Inside corners
 1. Coping Method - use a coping saw after cutting one piece at a 45° angle for a snug fit.
 2. Miter Method – use the miter saw to cut both pieces at opposing 45° angles.
 - For outside corners, use the miter saw to cut both pieces at opposing 45° angles.
3. **Practice cuts:** Test on scrap pieces to get the angles right.

Tools and Materials Needed

- **Crown moulding**
- Measuring tape
- Miter saw
- Coping saw
- Level
- Stud finder
- Nail gun or hammer and finishing nails
- Wood glue (optional)
- Caulk
- Sandpaper
- Paint or stain
- Safety goggles

TIPS

- ✓ Use a level to ensure proper alignment.
- ✓ Work in pairs if possible—one person can hold the molding while the other nails it in place.
- ✓ If the ceiling or walls are uneven, caulk can help hide imperfections.

Step 4: Attach the Moulding

1. **Position the moulding:** Hold it in place along the wall and ceiling where it will be installed.
2. **Secure with nails:**
 - Use a nail gun or hammer to drive finishing nails into the studs at an upward angle.
 - Space nails about every 16–18 inches.
3. **Glue the corners (optional):** Apply wood glue at joints for extra strength before nailing.

Step 5: Fill Gaps and Holes

- Fill nail holes with wood filler.
- Use caulk to fill gaps between the moulding and the wall or ceiling.

Step 6: Sand and Paint/Finish

- Sand the joints for a smooth finish.
- Paint or stain the moulding to your desired color.

Step 7: Inspect and Touch Up

- Once the paint or stain is dry, inspect for any remaining gaps or imperfections and touch them up.

