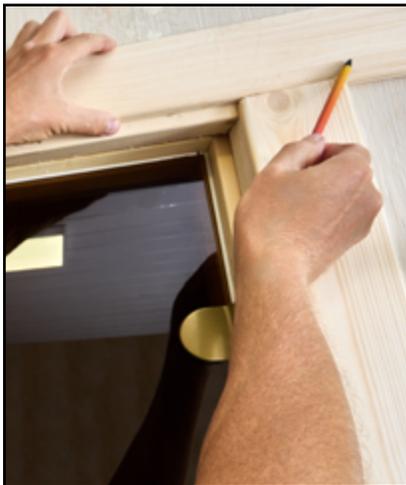# Moulding Installation Guide
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Step 1: Plan and Measure

1. **Choose the moulding style** that complements your home.

2. Measure the height and width of the door or window frame. Add a little extra length for precise cuts.

Step 2: Cut the Moulding

1. **Top piece (header):**

   - Measure the width of the door or window opening, plus 1/8" reveal on both sides of the jamb, plus the thickness of the side pieces.

   - Cut the top piece of molding with 45° angles at each end for the corners.

2. **Side pieces:**

   - Measure from the floor (or baseboard) to the bottom of the top moulding.

   - Cut the side pieces with one end at a 45° angle to meet the top moulding and the other end straight.

Step 3: Test Fit

- Dry-fit the pieces around the door or window to ensure they align properly. Adjust cuts if necessary.

Tools and Materials Needed

- **Casing moulding**
- Measuring tape
- Miter saw
- Level
- Nail gun or hammer and finishing nails
- Wood filler
- Caulk
- Sandpaper
- Paint or stain
- Safety goggles

TIPS

✓ Use a level to ensure the molding is straight.

✓ For extra strength, apply wood glue to the back of the molding before nailing.

✓ If you're working on an uneven wall or frame, shim the molding as needed to create a tight fit.

Step 4: Attach the Moulding

1. **Position the side pieces:**

    - Start with the left side. Align it with the edge of the door or window frame.

    - Secure it with finishing nails, driving them into the frame or wall studs every 16–18 inches.

    - Repeat on the right side.

2. **Install the top piece:**

    - Position it so the mitered edges meet the angled ends of the side pieces.

    - Nail it in place.

Step 5: Fill Gaps and Holes

- Fill nail holes with wood filler.

- Use caulk to fill gaps between the moulding and the wall or frame for a seamless look.

Step 6: Sand and Paint/Finish

- Sand the wood filler and caulk 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.