

Red Oak Wainscot

32" Tongue and Groove Installation Instructions

IMPORTANT WARNING!

This product will expand and contract. Loosely fit individual boards together to allow for expansion. **DO NOT** tightly press individual boards together. They **WILL** buckle when expansion occurs. Leave a minimum of 1/8" at the edge of first/last board and corner. Best installed in a climate-controlled environment. Allow ample time for product to acclimate to room temperature.

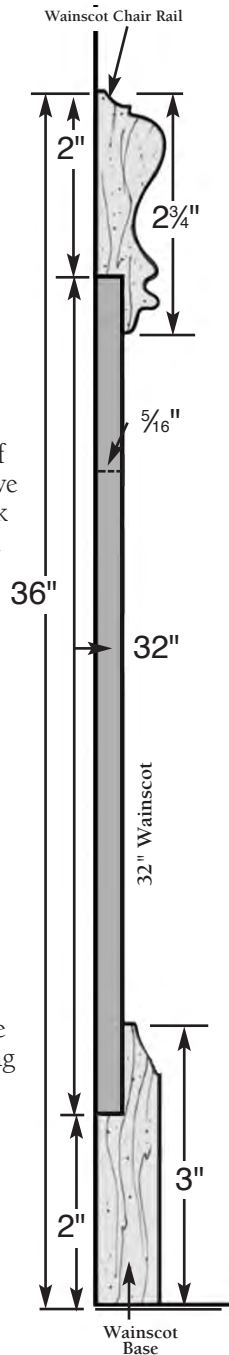
PRIOR TO INSTALLATION:

- To minimize expansion or contraction of the product, open all packages. Place the pieces flat with space between each for air to circulate. Allow 72 hours for pieces to adjust to the temperature and humidity of the room in which they will be installed – not in a damp or unheated area.
- Your MDF has a primer only finish. It will require a finishing coat of paint. MDF can be painted either before or after installation. If installing in a high moisture area, we recommend that you paint the back side prior to installing. An oil based paint will offer more moisture resistance than a water based paint.

Expansion and contraction are inherent characteristics of MDF products due to humidity. The manufacturer cannot be held liable for contraction and expansion of planks.

WALL PREPARATION:

- If walls are cracked, uneven or extremely rough, planks should be glued and/or nailed to a framework of 2" x 4", 1" x 3" or 1" x 4" strips of kiln-dried wood.
- If walls are in good condition, glue or nail wainscot directly on existing drywall, plywood or paneling.
- Note:** In rooms with extremely high moisture (e.g., saunas, bathrooms or laundry areas), apply a vapor barrier, like 4 mil polyethylene, between the studs and wainscot.



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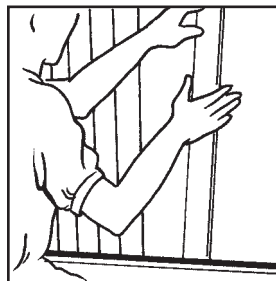
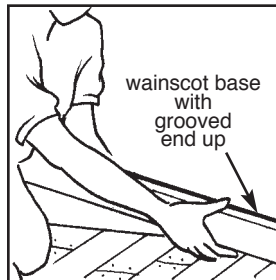
INSTALLATION

STEP 1: BASE TRIM

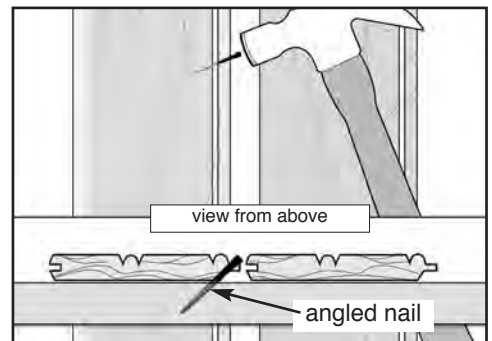
- Glue or nail wainscot base trim to wall – with grooved end up.

STEP 2: WAINSCOTING

- Start with grooved edge toward corner.
- Leave about 1/8" space between your first piece and corner, allowing for expansion.
- Add new pieces of wainscot by pushing the grooved edge onto the tongue of piece already applied.



- Make sure first piece is plumb. Secure first piece by nailing close to the grooved edge with 1" finishing nails. (Also, nail first piece at an angle on lip of plank so nails will not show. Contractor's glue can also be used.)



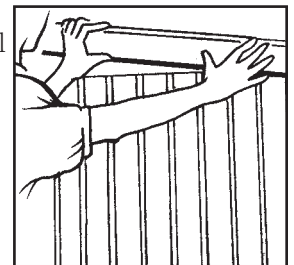
- Continue to nail additional pieces through the lip. Leave approximately 1/32" between pieces to allow for expansion/contraction.
- As you are working, check frequently for plumb with level or tape measure.
- When you come to a corner, rip the piece to proper width. Finish corner with corner round, cove or square stock.

STEP 3: CHAIR RAIL TRIM

- After all wainscoting has been applied, install grooved Wainscot Chair Rail on top of wainscot.

TIPS

- Nailing:** Angle nails for greater holding power. Finish with nail set. Position nails on lip as shown in illustration above. Use nail gun for fastest, easiest application.
- Check frequently for plumb with level or tape measure.
- Gluing:** Use quality panel glue to secure.
- Tap boards in place, using wood block to protect the surfaces.
- To maintain House of Fara MDF products, simply wipe with damp cloth.



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