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CEILING & WALL PLANKS INSTALLATION MANUAL

TONGUE & GROOVE (T&G) PLANKS

Compared to drywall (which includes steps of taping, mudding, sanding, and painting at 2-3 times per step) installing Tongue & Groove (T&G) Planks is a much quicker, easier and cleaner process for finishing Ceiling & Wall surfaces that provides a more attractive final appearance.

ACCLIMATION & PREPARATION:

1. Upon delivery immediately remove the T&G Planks from their packaging and move them indoors where they can acclimate to the environment where they will be installed.
2. Allow the T&G Planks to acclimate to the installation environment for at least 72 hours prior to installing. This will allow the planks to adjust to differences in moisture and temperature.

PRO TIP: T&G Planks are intended for interior use, but may be used in DRY exterior environments where they are protected from direct contact with ANY wet weather such as rain or snow (i.e. on a covered porch ceiling). For these exterior type applications, you may skip the acclimation period

3. Once the T&G Planks have been acclimated, gather the following recommended materials to perform the installation:

Fasteners

15ga or 16ga finish nails:

Adhesive

In addition to mechanical fasteners (i.e. nails) it is recommended, but not required, that you use a construction adhesive such as [Loctite PL 510 Wood & Panel](#) or similar on the back of the planks for additional security.

Vapor Barrier

A vapor barrier may be necessary when installing directly to the framing against exterior ceilings and/or walls (refer to your local building code requirements prior to installation).

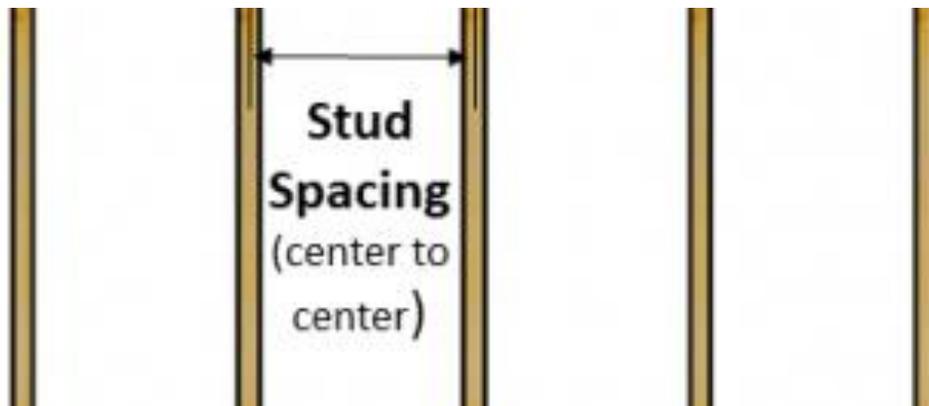
INSTALLATION – Preface:

It is important to understand that no two Wood Planks are exactly the same and once received you will want to layout and select the most desirable planks for optimal positioning on your Ceiling or Wall. This does not apply to paint-grade, pre-primed or pre-painted planks

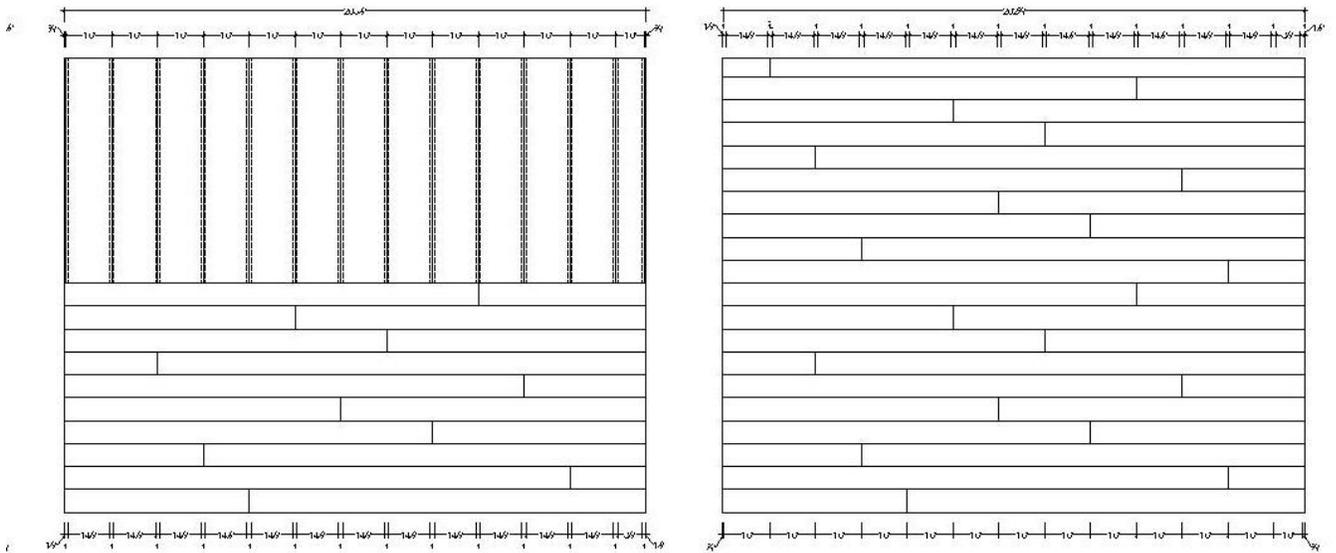
Tongue & Groove (T&G) Planks are supplied in either specific or randomized lengths, but are not intended to be installed in all full-length pieces (although they can be).

PRO TIP: The optimal installation and appearance is achieved by first understanding the spacing of your ceiling and/or wall framing (i.e. ceiling-joists and/or wall-studs).

Typical construction framing for both ceiling-joists and wall-studs is spaced at either 16" or 24" on-center.



Once you have identified the on-center joist or stud spacing, your Shiplap Planks will need to be cut to lengths which conform to that spacing to ensure that the end-to-end seams (aka butt-joints) land centered on a joist or stud and be fastened at each of the joist or stud locations as required for proper installation.



END-TO-END SEAMS/JOINTS MUST LAND ON JOISTS OR STUDS

For Example:

16" On-Center Spacing

Planks will be cut into incremental lengths of 16" such as:

16" – 32" – 48" – 64" – 80" – 96" – 112" – 128" – 144" – 160" – 174" – 192"

24" On-Center Spacing

Planks will be cut into incremental lengths of 24" such as:

24" – 48" – 72" – 96" – 120" – 144" – 168" – 192"

PRO TIP: Always add 15% to the actual total square footage of ceiling and/or wall area you will be covering to account for waste, cuts, and to achieve an optimal layout.

INSTALLATION – Perpendicular to Ceiling and/or Wall Framing:

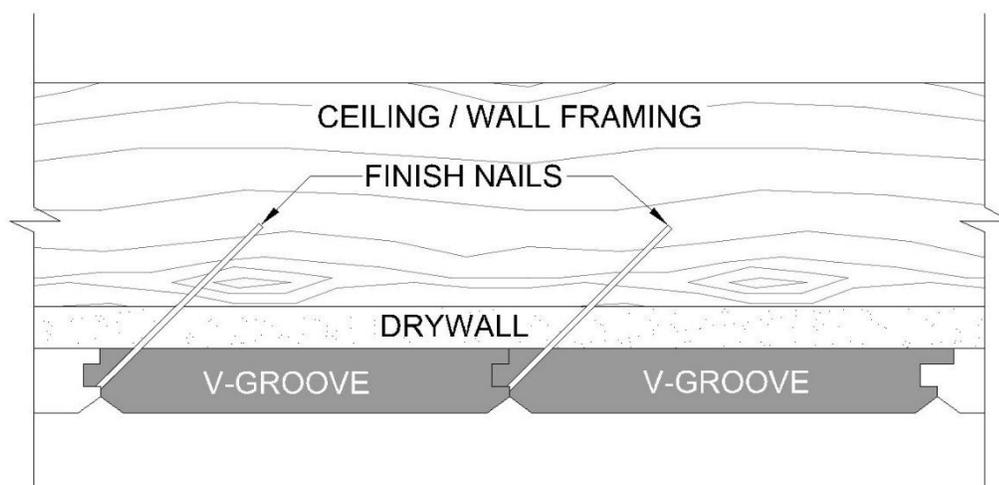
1. Cut the T&G Planks to length so that end-to-end seams/joints fall centered on a joist or stud.
2. Position the first row of T&G Planks perpendicular to the ceiling or wall framing with the "groove" side of the planks facing the wall or floor. Leave a 1/4" space between the side edge of the planks and the wall or floor and a 1/8" space between the ends of the planks where they meet with any perpendicular surfaces (i.e. walls or inside corners).

PRO TIP: It is easiest to start at the low point of a vaulted ceiling or at the base of a wall so that gravity is on your side while installing the T&G Planks. It is also important that the first row of planks is set parallel, square and/or level to ensure proper installation of the remaining planks across the entire area.

3. Once properly positioned secure the first row of T&G Planks in place by nailing straight through the face of the “groove” side at a 45-degree angle through the crotch of the “tongue” of the opposite side of the planks at each of the framing joist or stud locations.
4. When the first row of planks is secured you can slide the groove side of the second row of planks over the exposed tongue side of the first row to interlock them. This not only provides a tight fitting joint between planks which eliminates gaps, but also covers and hides the nails in the tongue side of the first row of planks which is commonly referred to as “blind-nailing”.

PRO TIP: When interlocking the planks, you may need to gently tap the tongue side to get them to fit tightly together. Use a rubber mallet or a hammer with a scrap piece of the planks to prevent damaging the edge of the material when doing so.

5. Nail through the crotch of the tongue of the second row of planks at a 45-degree angle at each of the framing joist or stud locations. Each nail should pass through the tongue and penetrate into the joist or stud. It is important to adjust the depth setting of your nail gun to ensure that the nails sit flush with or just slightly below the surface of the tongue so that they do not obstruct the next row of planks when interlocking them as per the following diagram:



6. Repeat Step 4 for each subsequent row of planks until you have covered the entire ceiling and/or wall area.
7. When you reach the final row, rip-cut the T&G Planks on a table saw to the required width to fit the remaining space. Face nail the final planks in place to complete the installation.