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Here are some handy tips to make installing your House of Fara solid wood mouldings as easy as enjoying their beauty:

- Start by making a list of the rooms in which you plan to install moulding, and the types of moulding you'll need for each room.
- Measure the length of each wall in all rooms, rounding up to the nearest foot.
- When making picture frames, measure all sides of the picture for a total distance around the outer edge.
- Try to use shorter lengths of moulding instead of longer ones that you'll have to cut. This will make transportation and installation much easier.
- Store mouldings in a clean, dry place before installation. Within 24 to 48 hours of installation, place mouldings in the room in which you plan to install them. This will give the wood a chance to adjust to the climate of the room and prevent the moulding from expanding or contracting after it's installed.
- Before cutting your moulding, practice on scrap pieces. Use scrap pieces to see how stacked moulding will look before installation. Hold it in place to mark positioning.
- When cutting, use long, even strokes and keep the blade upright.
- Install the moulding piece by piece while working your way around the room.
- Install chair rail moulding approximately 26 to 30 inches from the floor.
- To prevent splitting the wood when nailing, blunt the ends of the finishing nails with a hammer or pre-drill holes in the moulding.
- When driving nails, leave the nail head exposed. Then use a nail set to drive the nail until the head is below the wood surface.
- When using stacked moulding, install it one piece at a time — install the first piece completely, then install the second piece completely, then the third, etc. Then touch up nail holes and end cuts.

Helpful Hints

- To determine how much moulding you will need, list all measurements; add together and round total up 10% for trimming.
- Pre-drill 3/32" holes in crown moulding to prevent splitting.
- Installation is fastest and easiest with a nail gun.
- Stain or paint moulding before installation to save time.
- Use an inexpensive piece of crown moulding to practice your cuts. A little experimentation can save you time and money.

- Trim carpenters' secret: cut pieces slightly too long on your first attempt; then trim slightly until pieces fit snugly.
- Install long pieces of moulding first. Mistake cuts can be used where shorter pieces are needed.
- Nail moulding into wall studs whenever possible. Contractor's adhesive can also be used to ensure moulding stays in place.