

# Solid American Wood Wainscot

## 32" Tongue and Groove Installation Instructions

### IMPORTANT WARNING!

This product will expand. 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 1/4" 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. (See Back)

### PRIOR TO INSTALLATION:

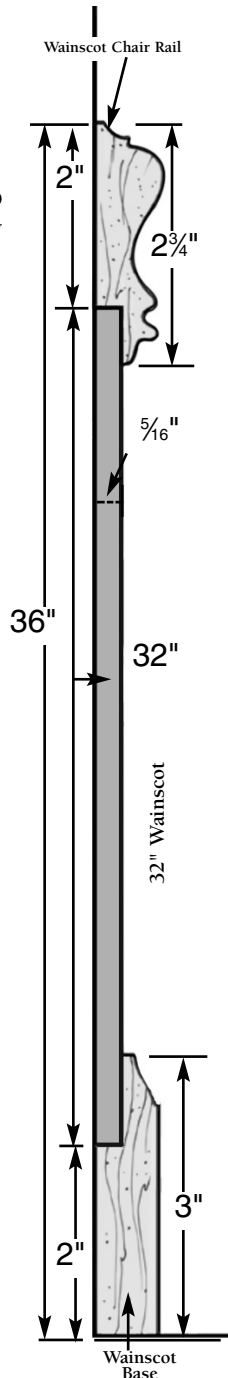
- To minimize expansion of the product, open all packages. Place the pieces flat with space between each for air to circulate. Allow 72 hours for pieces to adjust to the temperature and humidity of the room in which they will be installed – not in a damp or unheated area.
- Finish or seal the front, back and edges of each piece. Allow them to dry completely.

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

- Arrange boards in desired sequence of pattern – as solid wood products vary in grain and color.

### WALL PREPARATION:

- If walls are cracked, uneven or extremely rough, planks should be 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, 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.



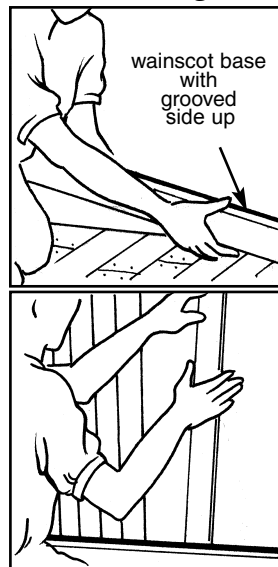
### INSTALLATION

#### STEP 1: BASE TRIM

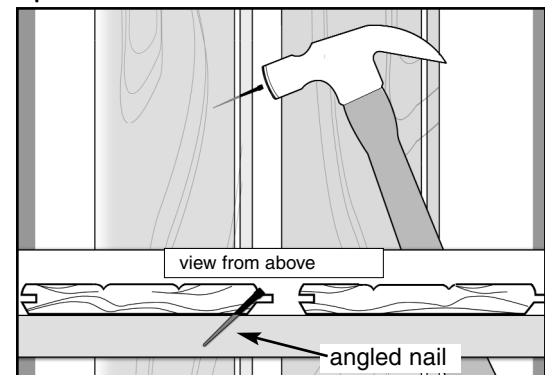
- Nail wainscot base trim to wall – with grooved side up.

#### STEP 2: WAINSCOTING

- Start with grooved edge toward corner.
- Leave about 1/4" space between your first piece and corner, allowing for expansion.**
- Add new pieces of wainscot by placing 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.



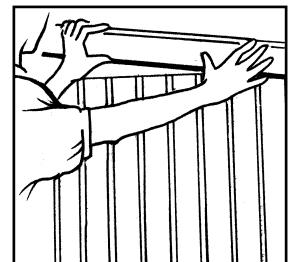
- Continue to nail additional pieces through the lip.
- Leave approximately 1/16" (width of a nickel) between pieces to allow for expansion.**
- As you are working, check frequently for plumb with level or tape measure.
- When you come to a corner, rip the piece to proper width. Finish corner with quarter 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

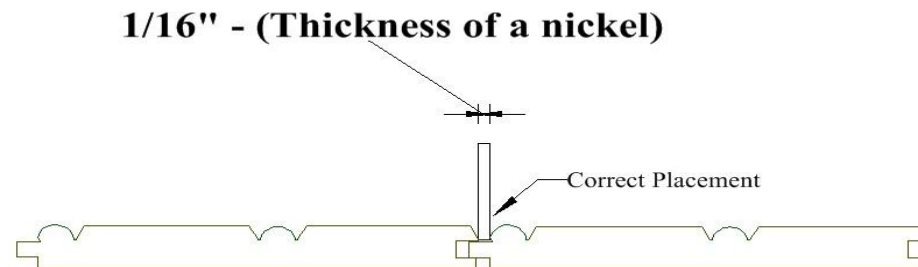
- Nailing:** Angle nails for greater holding power. Finish with nail set. Position nails on lip as shown in illustration above. Use nail gun for fastest, easiest application.
- Check frequently for plumb with level or tape measure.
- To maintain House of Fara wood products, simply wipe with damp cloth.



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**Warning!**  
**Must Follow Instructions Carefully!**  
**Product will 'buckle' after installation**  
**if Instructions are not followed!**

**Leave about 1/4" space between your first piece and corner - allowing for expansion. Add new pieces of wainscot by placing the grooved edge onto the tongue of the piece already applied.**



**VERY IMPORTANT!**  
**LEAVE 1/16" (THICKNESS OF A NICKEL) BETWEEN**  
**EACH PIECE TO ALLOW FOR EXPANSION.**