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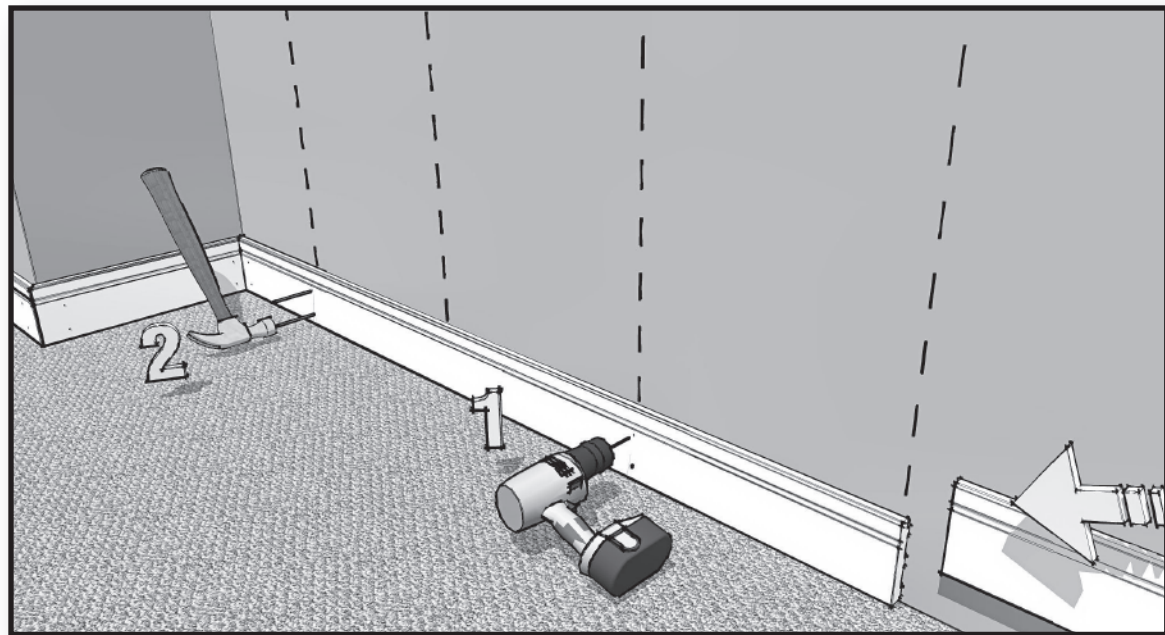
## Wainscot System

**Please read all the instructions and "Top Tips" before installing your new Supreme Wainscot System. It only takes a minute. Thanks.**

**Top Tip! If you choose to paint your Supreme Wainscot panels and trim, use only latex based paints. Avoid latex based paint/primer combinations.**

**Tools & Supplies You'll Need For Most Installations:**

- Safety Glasses
- Tape Measure
- Pencil
- Hammer
- Stud Finder
- Drill (w 1/16" bit)
- 8 p Finish Nails
- Nail Set
- Carpenter's Square
- Miter Saw
- Jig Saw
- Circular or Table Saw
- Caulk Gun
- Painter's Tape
- Touch-up (putty or paint)
- Construction Adhesive



**Step 1: Install the Base Trim**

Locate and mark the stud center lines studs so you know where to attach the trim. Measure and fit the Base by starting at a corner or end. You may need to miter cut the ends for inside and outside corners. Pre-drill the Base with a 1/16" bit and attach it at each end and into every other stud with 8 penny finish nails.

**Top Tips!**

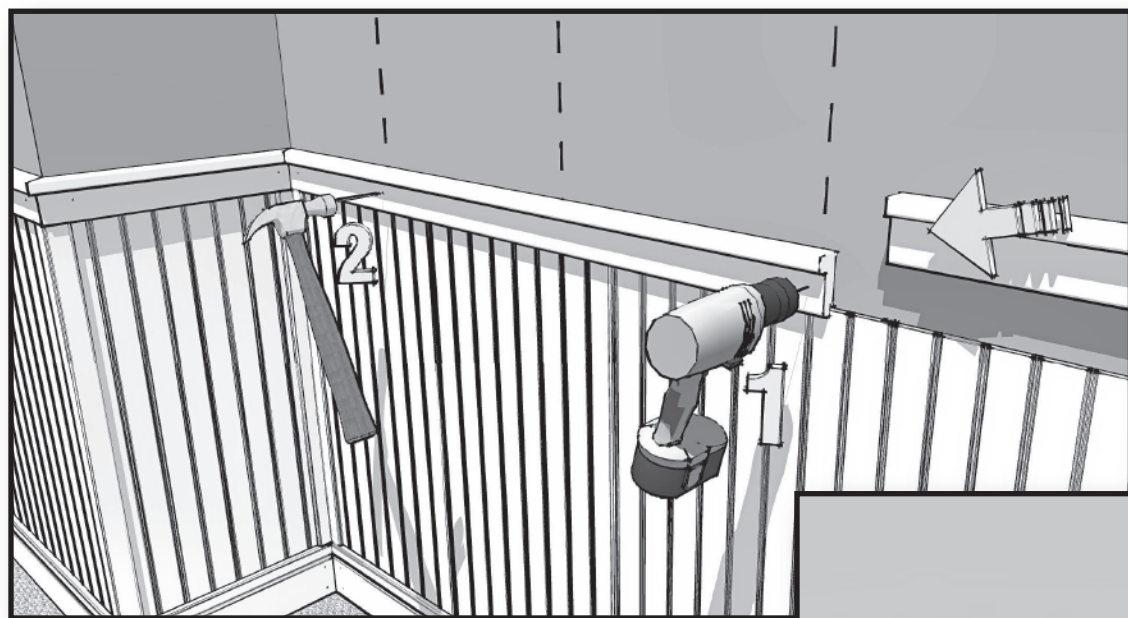
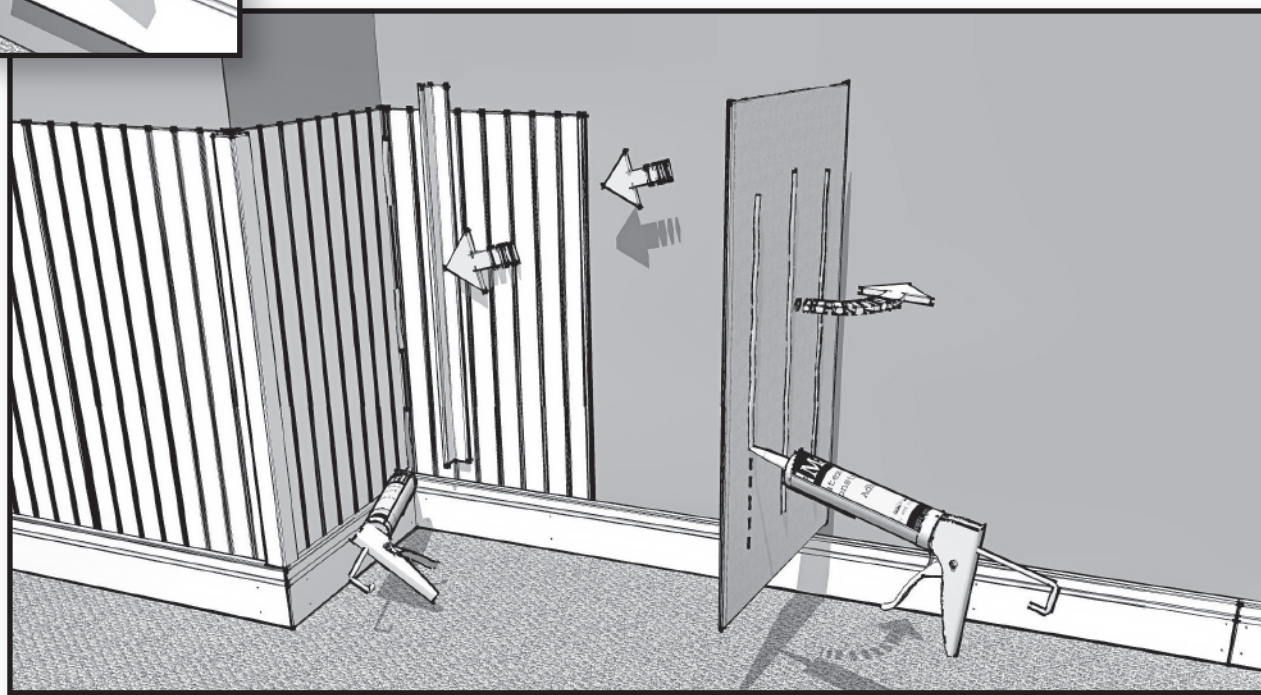
- When you have trim that's mitered on one end, cut the miter first then cut the length from the square end.
- So you don't accidentally dent the trim faces, leave the nail heads slightly above the surface. Later, you can use a nail set to sink them.
- Painting the ends of the Base before installation with a matching color will help hide the joints.
- **Don't nail near electrical outlets or switches.**

**Step 2: Install the Panels & Corners**

Start at either end of the wall and install the paneling using construction adhesive. Three lines about 3/8" wide and 2' long should be plenty. Don't jam the panels together. Try to make the joints look like the grooves. Inside and outside Corners are installed after the paneling is done. Use construction adhesive and painter's tape to hold them until the glue sets.

**Top Tips!**

- For the best look you'll want the end panels to be about equal in width and large enough so the joint isn't too close to the corner. You can check first by centering a panel on the wall (use painter's tape to hold it) and dry fitting everything to one corner. That'll show if you're OK to go, or if you instead need to center the panel edge on the wall.
- To help disguise the panel joints, always install paneling with its tongue pointed toward the main view. Usually your room's entrance.



**Step 3: Install Chair Rail**

Just like the Base, locate and mark the stud center lines so you know where to attach the Chair Rail. Measure and fit by starting at a corner or end. You may need to miter cut the ends for inside and outside corners. Pre-drill the Chair Rail with a 1/16" bit and attach it at each end and into every other stud with 8 penny finish nails.

**Top Tips!**

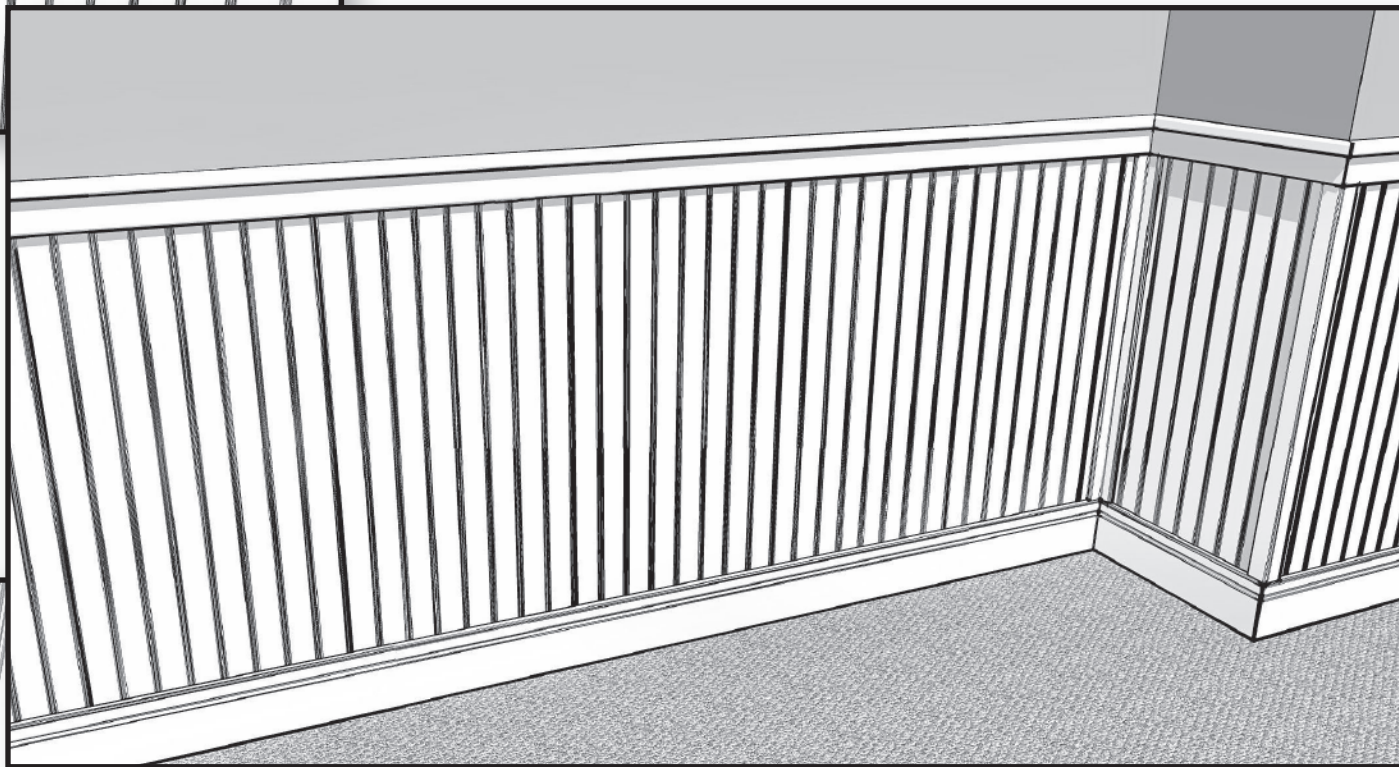
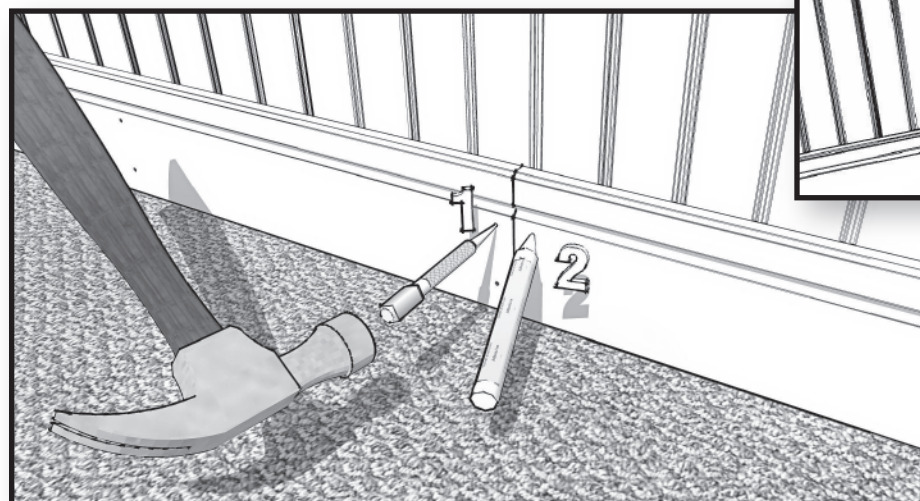
- **The Chair Rail shouldn't rest on the panels.** Use a length of Corner trim as a spacer to hold an even Chair Rail height above the Base as you nail it.
- Painting the ends of the Chair Rail before installation with a matching color will help hide the joints.

**Touch-up**

Now is the time to use your hammer and nail set to sink the nails just below the surface of the trim. Once set, use a matching wood putty stick or paint marker to hide the nail holes.

**Top Tips!**

- For touch-up of un-painted trim & panels, we recommend either **Glidden - Raindrop White, 30GG 83/006, latex paint** or **Behr - Frost, 1857, latex paint.**



**Finish Up**

Put your tools away & clean up the mess. Any smudges can be cleaned with a mild spray cleaner on a soft cloth. Now pat yourself on the back for a job well done!

**Top Tips!**

- Avoid wetting panels & trim while cleaning by misting the cloth and not the wainscot.