

# INSTALLATION INSTRUCTIONS

**READ THESE INSTRUCTIONS THOROUGHLY BEFORE BEGINNING INSTALLATION.**

## Required tools and materials:

4' level, TSP (trisodium phosphate), Pencil, Saw (Miter Saw, Jigsaw, Hand Saw with Miter Box, or Utility Knife), J-roller, Hammer & Finish Nails

## Inspect planks thoroughly prior to installation.

In order to acclimate planks to your home and to avoid movement like gapping or cupping in the face of the plank, permanent HVAC should be on and maintained with a relative humidity in the home between 30-55% for a minimum of 14 days prior to installation as well as during and after installation. If you suspect a change in humidity, allow 1/4" expansion space for every 10' of wall on all sides.

The planks can be installed on any structurally sound, clean, dry, and flat surface. DO NOT install as flooring. Cement block, plaster and gypsum surfaces should have a minimum of one coat of primer sealer prior to installation. It is not recommended to install planks in high moisture areas such as bathrooms and steam rooms.



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Clean the wall surface. Remove electrical cover plates, protruding nails and loose paint. Sponge wash with TSP (trisodium phosphate), available in hardware stores or home centers, to remove residues of greasy grime, mildew, chalked paint or anything that might affect the bond of the tape. If wall has a heavy drywall texture, it will need to be block sanded and primed so the plank tape can achieve a firm bond.

Work from several open boxes and "dry lay" before permanently installing to create your desired look.

**For walls that have outside corners,** a trim piece may need to be purchased separately to create a finished look. If trim pieces are needed on your project, measure 1 3/4" back from where you wish the wall to end and then draw a vertical plumb line using your level. This line will be your guide to where the planks need to be cut. The trim piece is made to overlay the edges of the plank and can be nailed to the wall using small finish nails after the entire wall is installed.



With the use of a pencil and a 4' level, establish a starting line across your wall at eye level. DO NOT adhere the plank until you have it placed in the right position. Once the material is adhered to the wall it will be very difficult to reposition.

**TIP:** To help ensure an absolute straight starter line with the first plank, we recommend you tap 1 1/2" finish nails halfway into the wall along the starting line at every 12". The protruding nails will help position the starter planks along the starting line before they are adhered to the wall. This procedure will not be possible when installing over a block wall. Use extra caution to ensure your first row is straight if you are not able to use nails as a guide.



Starting on the left side of the room, using the starting line (and nails) as a guide, peel the paper off the bonding tape and position the starter row planks groove side up along your line. Press into place. If you placed positioning nails in the wall in Step 2, remove them now.



Now that your level starter row is in place, stagger the end joints as you work your way up and down the wall, so that your end joints do not match up from row to row. To accomplish this look and minimize your waste, use your cut off piece from one row to start the next row.



Mark locations of light switches, electrical outlets and air vents on the planks before removing the paper liner on the tape. Cut and trial fit before installing. These cuts can be made using a drill to create a starter hole if necessary and then cutting with a jig saw or scroll saw.



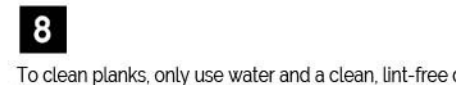
Planks can be cut to fit by using an electric miter saw, a hand saw and miter box or by using a square as a guide and scoring the top and bottom surface with a utility knife and snapping through the high density fiberboard core at the cut mark. If the planks are cut by hand, a sanding block will be needed to smooth the cut edges.

When installing your top and bottom rows, the planks can be ripped lengthwise by using a jigsaw or table saw.



To help set the double sided bonding tape after the installation is complete, the wall can be rolled using a J-roller or by using a clean rag and applying even pressure by hand over each individual plank. If a trim piece is used to finish installation, it can be installed now. Refer to Step 1 for trim installation instructions.

**For installation on ceilings,** follow steps 1-7 and hammer in 18 gauge brad nails every 16" on both sides of the plank to further secure the planks to the ceiling.



To clean planks, only use water and a clean, lint-free cloth. Cloth should be damp, not soaked.

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