

Installing Country Classic/Heritage Planks Using Wood Furring Strips

Installing planks to wood furring strips is easy, provided you use quality kiln-dried fir or pine furring strips that are dry at the time of installation and allowed to adjust to normal interior conditions where they will be installed for a minimum of 24 hours.

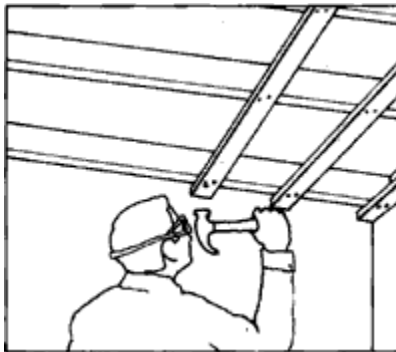
NOTE: *Ceiling planks cannot be installed directly to exposed wood joists.*

Before You Start:

Ceiling planks are installed perpendicular to the furring strips. Installation must begin in the right-hand corner of the room. Work from right to left, completing one row at a time. You should also understand that ceiling planks will be only as level as the furring strips to which they are attached. Follow directions carefully when leveling your ceiling.

Step 1: Install Furring Strips

1. Place the first strip flush against a wall perpendicular to ceiling joists.
2. Nail furring strip with two 8d nails at each joist. (Locate and mark concealed joists.) **(illus. A)**
3. Continue to nail furring strips across the ceiling parallel to the first strip, 12" on center. Nail last furring strip flush against end wall.
4. **Check each furring strip with a carpenter's level.**
5. Correct all high spots by slightly pulling out the appropriate nails and inserting wood shims between the strips on the joists. **(illus. B)**



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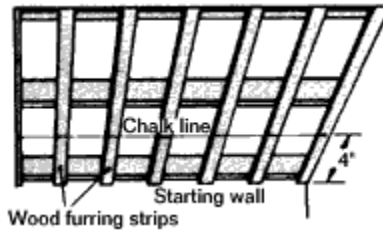


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Step 2: Install Planks

Determine First Row of Plank:

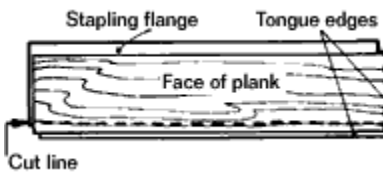
1. Install the first plank in the right-hand corner of the room. Work from right to left, completing one row at a time.
2. Measure the length of the room. Divide this measurement by 6".
3. Add 6" to the remainder (if any); divide the sum by two. This is the first plank width.
EXAMPLE: Length: 14' 2" = 170". $170 \div 6 = 28$ with 2" remaining. $2 + 6 = 8$. $8 \div 2 = 4$ ".
4. Measure out first plank width from both side walls and snap a chalk line between these points. This line will serve as a guide for installing the first row of planks. (**illus. A**)



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Cut First Row of Plank:

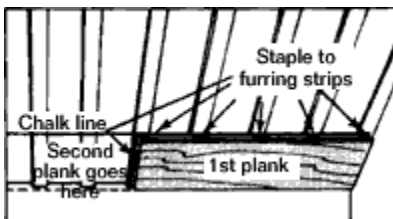
1. Measure the distance from the end wall to the guide string.
2. Transfer these measurements to the face of the plank and cut it to the measured width. (**illus. B**)



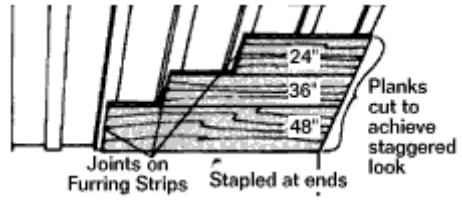
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Staple Up Planks:

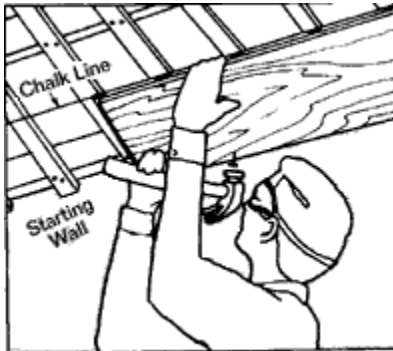
1. Place the first plank flange along chalk line.
2. Staple through the flange where it crosses each furring strip and at the end of the plank. (**illus. E**)
IMPORTANT NOTE: *Each plank must begin and end on a furring strip. This is important to keep in mind when cutting the planks to stagger the seams. (illus. F)*
3. Secure first and last rows of planks through the plank face along the wall with 3d nails (as close to the walls as possible to be covered by wall molding). (**illus. G**)



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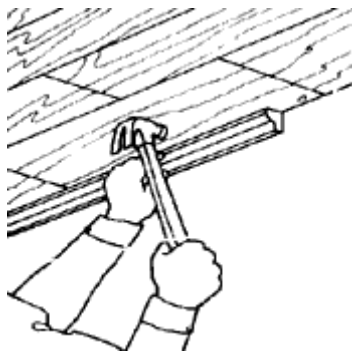


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Step 3: Install Wall Molding

Install Standard Wood Wall Molding:

1. Stain or paint wood molding.
2. Nail molding to wall framing members (studs) at the joint between the ceiling and walls at least every 24". (**illus. H**)



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