

CROWN & CORNICE MOULDING INSTALLATION INSTRUCTIONS



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Made from high-density furniture grade polyurethane, Century crown and cornice mouldings are exquisitely detailed from handcrafted molds insuring a quality product every time. All moulding is pre-primed and can be finished with either latex or oil base paint.

Tools & Materials You Will Need

Sponge or clean cloth
Caulking gun
Miter box and saw or power miter saw
Chalk line box and pencil
Polyurethane construction adhesive [PL Premium® recommended]
Mineral spirits

Optional Tools & Materials

Putty knife
Hammer and nail set
Elastomeric adhesive caulk [White Lightning® 3006 recommended]
6d or 8d finishing nails [bright finish or electro-galvanized] fasteners must penetrate substrate a min. of ½" to ¾" inches.
Extra fine sandpaper

Planning Your Space

- 1 When installing a cornice or crown moulding it is important to establish a plan for the layout.
- 2 Start by measuring your room to determine linear footage of moulding needed. Add 10% of total length for miter waste.
- 3 Divide total linear feet by moulding lengths. For example: if moulding comes in 8-foot lengths, divide total linear feet by 8.
- 4 Round up the number of lengths needed to determine total number of moulding lengths you will need to purchase.
- 5 You may also want to consider adding additional length to your purchase to "match the pattern" of moulding, ensuring a consistent appearance. For moulding with repeats greater than 6" consider adding an additional 5% to total length.
- 6 ALWAYS store moulding in a dry well-ventilated, low-humidity area. NEVER store moulding outdoors.

Before Installation

- 1 You can finish [paint or faux finish] moulding before or after installation.
- 2 After installation touch-up any area as needed.
- 3 Place moulding in room for 48 to 72 hours before installation to allow moulding to adjust to temperature and humidity levels of room.

Surface Preparation

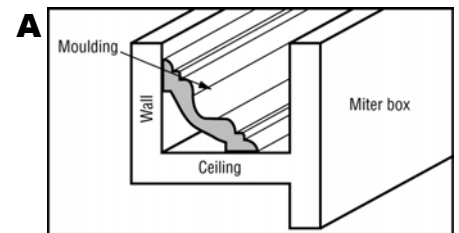
- 1 Clean all surfaces free of dirt and loose particles with a clean cloth or sponge.
- 2 Make sure area is completely dry before installing product.

Mitering Corners

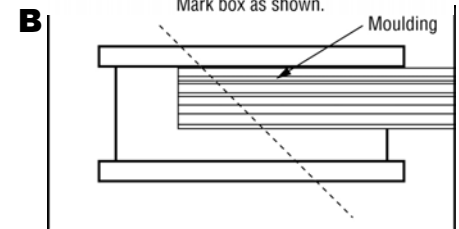
- 1 The key to successful mitered corners is placing the moulding correctly in the miter box or power saw fence/rail.
- 2 Moulding should be placed in the box so that the ceiling bedding edge of the moulding lies against the bottom of the box or saw and the wall bedding edge of moulding lies against the side of the miter box opposite you. TIP: Before cutting, label the miter box or saw bottom "ceiling" and the side with "wall" [A].
- 3 Cut all miters and butt joints before you install moulding. After cutting, lay moulding in place around the room to make sure all cuts and joints are correctly measured.

Mitering Inside Corners

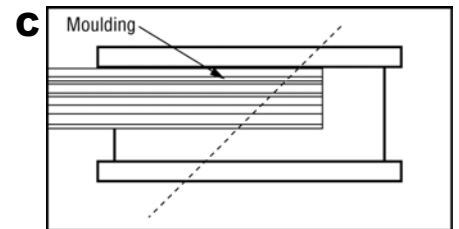
- 1 Take two pieces of moulding that will be used for your first inside corner.
- 2 Place the "left" length of moulding in box as described above and cut 45° mitered corner - your saw should point **left** [B].
- 3 Next place the "right" length of moulding in box - before cutting note moulding pattern and adjust your cut to allow for continuity of pattern. Cut the right miter with your saw pointing **right** [C].
- 4 Check your cuts by placing the two mitered ends together, to insure a good fit.



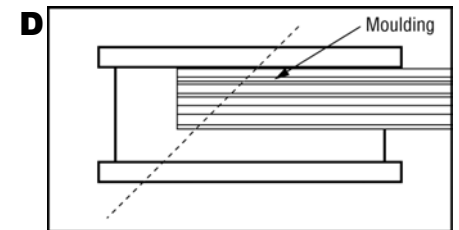
Place moulding in miter box as shown.
Mark box as shown.



Inside left corner



Inside right corner



Outside left corner

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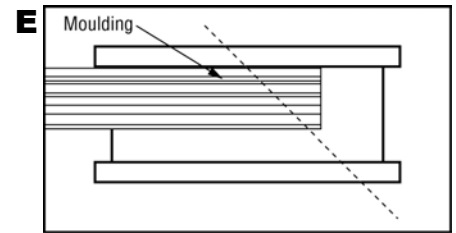
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Mitering Outside Corners

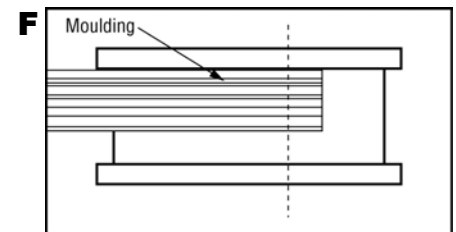
- 1 Take two pieces of moulding that will be used for your first outside corner.
- 2 Place the "left" length of moulding in box as described above and cut 45° mitered corner - your saw should point **right** [D].
- 3 Next place the "right" length of moulding in box - before cutting note moulding pattern and adjust your cut to allow for continuity of pattern. Cut the right miter with your saw pointing **left** [E].
- 4 Check your cuts by placing the two mitered ends together, to insure a good fit.



Outside right corner

Butt Joints

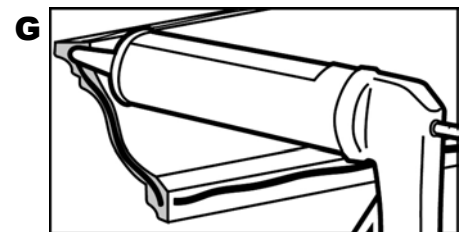
- 1 When moulding lengths do not span the entire length of a room, you will need to "butt joint" two moulding lengths together.
- 2 Note the pattern on the cut moulding and adjust the pattern on next length of moulding when cutting to insure pattern continuity.
- 3 Lay the moulding in the miter box the same as described above and cut a straight edge [F].



Straight edge cuts - butt joint

General Installation

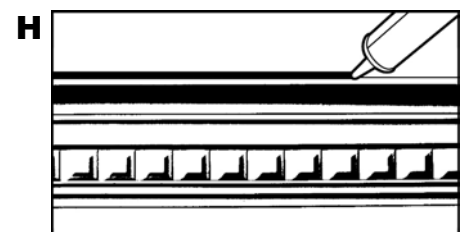
- 1 First mark the entire length of wall around the room with your chalk line box and pencil. You will mark the bottom edge of the crown moulding. ALWAYS start installing moulding behind a door or at an inconspicuous corner, because the repeat pattern of your last joint will most likely NOT match at the joint.
- 2 Apply a 1/4" continuous bead of construction adhesive along the backside top and bottom edges of moulding [G] and at butt joint ends. Use adhesive to fill any gaps. Gently press the moulding into place and secure using finishing nails. Apply caulk to moulding edge and smooth excess caulk with your finger or putty knife, giving the appearance of the moulding being part of the wall [H]. Wipe any excess adhesive from edges and clean with mineral spirits.
- 3 Option: You may want to tack or secure moulding into place using finishing nails. If you want to remove nails after construction adhesive dries, leave approximately 1/2" nail exposed for easy removal. TIP: Nail moulding in ornamentation areas of moulding into wall. When adhesive dries (approx. 2-3 hours) either remove finishing nails or use nail set to countersink nails, making sure that nails penetrate wall at least 1/2" to 3/4".
- 4 Fill nail holes with elastomeric adhesive/caulk - smooth the surface with your finger or putty knife. Once caulk is dry and if needed, *lightly* sand any rough spots with extra fine sandpaper.
- 5 Paint or touch up moulding with paint as needed.



Apply continuous bead of adhesive to bedding edges and butt or miter joints of moulding

Always Follow These Safety Suggestions

- 1 Follow good construction practices.
- 2 When using power tools, adhesives and finishing materials (such as paint or stain), be sure to follow manufacturer's instructions.
- 3 Always wear safety goggles when using a power tool or hammer.
- 4 Always use the right tool and/or equipment for the job.



Apply paintable caulk to edges

Century mouldings function as decorative elements only, and are not designed to support electrical fixtures or provide any load bearing capacity.

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