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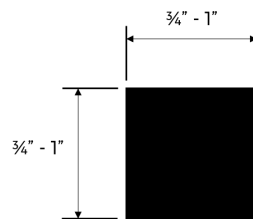
Trim and Staining Teakwood Accent Wall Installation Addendum

PART I: Using Trim as Part of Your InspiredWall Installation

When installing your *InspiredWall*, there are several ways to finish it off. Since our goal is to make your InspiredWall installation as easy as possible, we don't require you to use custom moldings that can only be obtained from us.

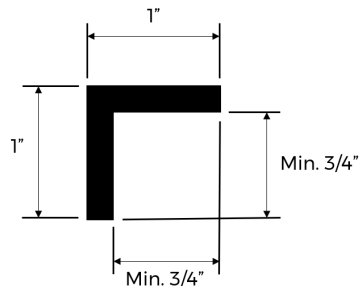
As a matter of fact, by reviewing the *InspiredWall* Installation Guide (found at <https://InspiredWall.us/resources>) you'll notice several beautiful ways to finish your accent wall. And if you decide to use trim for your outside corners or around switch plates and plugs, it can be purchased at your local DIY store. You might want to try the following:

1. **3/4" - 1" square molding for outside corners and switch plates/plugs.** Note that pre-colored white molding may be a good match for your Graphite *InspiredWall* teak panels. See p. 5 in the Installation Guide for more information.



3/4" - 1" Square Molding

2. **1" x 1" outside corner molding.** Note that the interior dimension of the molding must be at least 3/4".



1" x 1" Outside Corner Molding

And don't forget to watch the installation video, also available in the "Resources" section at InspiredWall.us.

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PART II: Applying Stain to Your InspiredWall Teakwood Panels

There are at least two reasons you might want to apply stain to your *InspiredWall*. The first is because you have a custom color in mind and recently purchased the Au Naturel *InspiredWall* teak panels, which are free of any coatings and ready to stain. The second reason—and probably the more common reason—is to stain the end grain of your pre-stained *InspiredWall* panels that are cut to size during installation.

Staining your *InspiredWall* is a straightforward process if you take the usual care. Teak is an oily wood, which is one reason it is so beautiful and durable. But because of this, it is especially important that you use a good penetrating stain and allow plenty of time for it to soak into the grain before wiping it off. Keep in mind that the end grain will typically take stain differently (usually darker) than side grain. If this is a concern, you can review the following article online, which discusses a way to address the problem (<https://BobVila.com/articles/how-to-match-end-grain-with-side-grain>).

We've experienced good results with gel stains, especially those by Old Masters®, which are available at various retailers across the country (<https://myOldMasters.com>). As a starting point, try American Walnut for *InspiredWall* Cinnamon panels (#5329) and Weathered Wood for the Graphite panels (#5312). Make sure you test these stains on the back of a panel before using them on a visible surface, since your *InspiredWall* is a natural product and the color can vary by panel and lot.

NOTE: We have no relationship with Old Masters® and provide this information only as a starting point. It is certainly possible to achieve satisfactory results with other deep penetrating stains. Whatever stain you choose, follow the label instructions.

In general, these are the steps we recommend to stain your InspiredWall wall panels.

1. Wipe the surface of the wood panel clean with a soft brush, removing any sawdust or other particles.
2. Test the stain you've selected. The back of your InspiredWall panels are unstained and a good place to test how the wood will take the stain you've selected. Make sure you're happy with the results on the back before you stain the visible surfaces!

NOTE: Once your InspiredWall panels are stained, they cannot be returned for any reason.

3. Generously apply the stain to the panel and allow it to soak into the teak for a few minutes or so.
4. Wipe off excess stain and allow it to dry per the label instructions.
5. If the color is not dark enough, add another coat of stain and repeat the process.
6. No need to add a sealer or clear finish once you're happy with the color. You're done!