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Thank you for purchasing our beautiful hand-crafted wrought iron post caps. Post caps are not only aesthetically appealing, but they also help preserve the life of your posts by keeping the tops from rotting and swelling, while minimizing cracking. They also help keep bird droppings from accumulating on the posts, which can be damaging as well. Our post caps are the toughest post caps available. Constructed of heavy gauge steel and cast iron, with a super tough baked-on powder coat finish, they are made to outlast your posts. The following is just a general outline for how this product can be installed. I hope your project goes well and I'm sure it will look awesome!



1. If your posts are very square, you will need to round them off slightly with a knife, sand paper, or power sander. If you have a lot of posts, a belt sander will get the job done in seconds. It doesn't take much, so put the chainsaw away!

Some caps have a round loop underneath. This won't interfere with the install, it is only used during the painting process of the caps.



2. Check the fit to make sure corners are round enough for the top to fit on easily. Our post caps are meant to fit tight so they don't come off and it helps bind the top to keep them from swelling. If your posts are already swollen from age or are new posts, you may need to use a belt sander to slightly shave the ends of the post further. Do not take away too much, as you still want a tight fit. If they are slightly swollen, you are doing the right thing by installing our post caps to increase the life of your posts.

We sell a lot of these every year. If your new posts are too thick, it is a problem with the posts, not the post caps. Lumber mills are supposed to make sure their posts are at or slightly under 3-1/2". However, brand new posts will sometimes be slightly over 3-1/2" because the mill expects the posts to shrink significantly after install. Just wait for a couple sunny days to let the posts dry or do some light sanding if time is a factor.



3. Attachment to the posts can be done in any of these three methods:

A. Coat the bottom of the caps with construction grade adhesive, press in place, and let dry. This is preferred if you do not plan on removing them in the future and do not want outward screws showing.

B. Drill holes in each side of cap and screw in place. This is preferred if you plan to remove them in the future or if people will be pulling on them.

C. Give your favorite handyperson the provided candy and let them figure it out! 😊

If you have any questions regarding installation, please email me at [info@madisonironandwood.com](mailto:info@madisonironandwood.com).

Now just sit back and watch your neighbors look at your fence, signpost or mailbox post in envy!

Thank you for your purchase from Madison Iron and Wood! Please make sure to visit our website at [www.madisonironandwood.com](http://www.madisonironandwood.com) to view all of our other great decorative iron and wood creations.



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## INSTALLATION:

### Metal or aluminum posts:

Apply *general grade epoxy* to the underneath of the cap and set it on the post. This is the preferred method as it will keep water from getting underneath the cap to the top of your post.

NOTE: If there is a finial already welded to your post, you may need to grind it off and then touch up your post with paint before installing your Madison Iron and Wood post cap.

### Wood posts:

Apply *construction adhesive* to the underneath of the cap or directly on top of the post. This will set up and keep your post cap secure.

NOTE: If your posts are *dimensional 4x4* or *6x6*, meaning they actually measure 3.5" or 5.5", but you prefer the look of the cast iron caps (instead of our steel caps designed to fit dimensional posts), no worries! You can simply attach a decorative piece of ¼" wood trim around the top perimeter of your posts. It will provide additional flair to the cast iron tops while keeping them tight and secure on your dimensional 4x4 or 6x6 posts.

\*If all this seems way too complicated, use the supplied candy to sway a nearby handyman (or woman) to help you out. 😊

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