



SELF STICK

INSTALL GUIDE:

REQUIRED TOOLS:



Level



Pencil



Measuring Tape



Saw



Finish Nailer



18 Gauge 1-1.5" Finishing Nails



J-Roller



Trisodium Phosphate (TSP) and Sponge

PREPARATION:

- Prior to installation, the wall panels must be acclimated for all high-humidity environments. Allow a minimum of 24-48 hours for panels to acclimate at the location where you are installing them. HVAC must be on with the temperature maintained between 60°-75°F with a relative humidity of 30-55% for at least 7 days prior to installation, as well as during and after installation. We do not recommend installing in bathrooms or any area with excessive moisture or cold temperatures (less than 60 degrees °F).
- Turn off power to the installation area prior to working around electrical outlets or wall switches.
- Remove all nails, accessories, moldings, light switches and electrical outlet covers from the wall where the product is going to be installed.
- Make sure that the surface of the wall is flat and even. Any high spots and/or heavily textured walls must be sanded down and primed for proper adhesion. Any textured wallpaper must be removed. $\frac{3}{8}$ " thick plywood can be installed over drywall if your wall is in poor condition.
- Remove any loose paint with a painter's knife.
- Using a sponge, wipe the wall down with TSP, following the manufacturer's instructions for safety, dilution, application, and drying time, to ensure that the adhesive strips create a solid bond with the wall.

Note: We recommend using the nail method wherever possible for a robust, long-lasting installation. Use adhesive strips at your own risk.

INSTALLATION GUIDE (SELF STICK METHOD):

1. Using a level, a tape measure, and a pencil, find and mark the horizontal center line of the wall (don't use the floor or ceiling lines since they may not be level).
2. Remove the paper liner to reveal the adhesive backing and attach your first panel to the wall and make sure it is even with the line you previously drew.
3. For the first row, face nail each plank in several spots (we recommend nailing no closer than 6" from the ends of each plank).
4. Continue installing planks across the wall. Make sure each plank is level and lined up with the other planks on the row.
5. Test fit the last plank before removing the adhesive backing to ensure a proper fit. You may need to cut this final piece to complete the row. If installing on a wall that intersects with another wall, make sure to leave a $\frac{3}{8}$ " gap between the planks on each end of each row and the intersecting wall or walls to allow for expansion. This gap can later be covered with quarter round or a trim piece.
6. Run a J-roller back and forth across the entire row to ensure that the adhesive is firmly bonded to the wall.
7. Begin installing the next row using the cut piece from the previous row, moving left to right. Stagger the end joints on each row with the end joints on the adjoining rows by at least 6" to ensure a random, natural look.
8. Repeat this process until you reach the ceiling. On the last row, you may need to cut the planks lengthwise using a jigsaw, circular saw, or table saw, to fit (leave a $\frac{3}{8}$ " expansion gap against the ceiling to give panels room to expand).
9. When installing around light switches or electrical outlets, mark the location of the outlet on the plank prior to removing the paper liner on the adhesive strips. Cut out the opening using a jigsaw or scroll saw and test fit the plank to ensure it will fit prior to removing the paper liner. If installing an outlet cover on top of the planks, make sure the cut out is big enough to fit around the outlet but small enough that it will be completely concealed by the outlet cover.
10. Continue installing rows until you reach the floor. You may need to cut the planks for the bottom row lengthwise using a jigsaw or table saw (make sure to leave a $\frac{3}{8}$ " expansion gap between the bottom row and the floor or baseboards).
11. Once you've finished installing the wall, go over the entire wall once again with the J-roller to ensure that it is firmly attached (if any gaps are left around the perimeter, a quarter round can be used to finish the wall).

INSTALLATION GUIDE (NAIL METHOD):

1. Using a level, a tape measure, and a pencil, find and mark the horizontal center line of the wall (don't use the floor or ceiling lines since they may not be level).
2. Install the first panel on the center line you already marked on the wall. Face nail each plank in several spots (we recommend nailing no closer than 6" from the ends of each plank).
3. Use an 18 gauge 1-1.5" finishing nail to secure planks to the wall every 12 - 14 inches (nail at a 45-degree angle through tongue for tongue and groove panels).
4. Continue installing panels across the wall, making sure every plank is level and lined up correctly in the row.
5. Test fit the last plank to ensure a proper fit. You may need to cut this final piece to complete the row.
6. Begin installing the next row using the cut piece from the previous row. Stagger the ends of the rows by 6" to ensure a random, natural look.
7. Repeat this process until you reach the ceiling. On the last row, cut the planks lengthwise to fit (leave a $\frac{3}{8}$ " expansion gap against the ceiling to give panels room to expand).
8. Continue installing rows until you reach the floor (make sure to leave an expansion gap).
9. If there are any gaps left around the perimeter, a quarter round can be used to finish the wall.