

How to Install Corner and Plinth Blocks with Door and Window Casing

Install Corner Blocks and Plinth Blocks

1. Position the corner or plinth block on the corner joint of the window or door. (top corner for corner block, bottom corner for plinth block.) Make sure it is flush with the edges of the opening. Mark the position with a pencil for later reference. Make sure the bottom of the corner blocks each side at the top of the doorway/window are at the same height/level as each other, and the top of the Plinth blocks on each side at the bottom of the doorway/window are also level with each other.
2. Apply wood glue to the back side of the corner block. Position the corner block against along the pencil marks in the corner.
3. Drive a finish nail through each corner of the rosette block. Position the nails approximately 3/8 inch from each corner.
4. Set the nail 1/16 inch below the surface of the corner or plinth block using a nail set. Place the narrow end of the nail set over the head of the nail, then strike the other end with a hammer.
5. Apply wood putty to each nail hole with a putty knife. Fill the hole so that it is slightly raised, to allow for shrinkage as the putty dries. Allow the putty to dry completely.
6. Sand the putty with fine-grit sandpaper until it is flush with the surface of the wood. Rub the sandpaper in the direction of the wood grain, or primer.

Install Flute and Reed Casing

1. Measure from the inside of the upper left corner block across the top of the door/window to the inside of the upper right corner block. This will be the size to cut your Flute and Reed casing. Measure twice and cut once to avoid errors. Center the casing inside the two corner blocks and nail into position.
2. On the left side of the doorway/window, measure from the bottom of the upper corner block to the top of the bottom Plinth block. This will be your measurement for the left side casing. Center the casing between the upper corner block and the lower plinth block and nail into position.
3. Repeat #2 for the right side of the doorway/window.
4. Set all nails 1/16 inch below the surface of the casing using a nail set. Apply wood putty to each nail hole. Let dry and then sand to a smooth finish.
5. Caulk any gaps and paint blocks, plinths and casing with the color of your choice.