3 Easy Steps to Install

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Use the same tools and methods as traditional millwork.



Color matched caulk and fill sticks available.

Quick Tips

TRADITIONAL INSTALLATION

Install Finished Elegance using the same tools and methods as you would use for traditional millwork. The following are some guidelines for best practices.

For the miter saw, use a finish/carpentry blade with a high tooth-count (80+) and make slow, steady cuts.

For a finish nail gun we recommend 18 gauge brad nails. For the installation of doors and/or other more demanding applications, a 15 or 16 gauge nail could be used. For smaller profiles and returns, 23 gauge headless pin nails are best. Remember, smaller and shallower holes are easier to touch up.

Using the nail gun, drive the nail just below the coating (1/16"). If hand nailing, be sure to use a nail set to sink the nail heads slightly below the coating. Adjust the pressure setting to achieve optimal nail holes. Also, adjust the angle of the tip of the nail gun to prevent damage from the plunger. Whenever possible, place the nail in the contoured/profiled portion of the moulding for easier concealment of nail holes.

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The preferred method to prevent exposed ends would be to cut a return to carry the profile around to the wall. If this is not possible, follow the painting instructions in the painting section to touch up raw ends.

Finished Elegance can be routed using standard bits and the same tools used to route traditional millwork. Follow instructions in the painting section to touch up areas where the coating has been removed.

NO PAINTING REQUIRED





In some applications the use of adhesives to install Finished Elegance may be preferred. For best results, we specifically recommend Loctite 2 in 1 Premium and/ or OSI QUAD MAX. Both provide strong lasting bonds between Finished Elegance and walls and also provide admirable sealant capabilities when needed. Benefits of using either Loctite 2 in 1 Premium and/or OSI QUAD MAX are:

- 1. Reduces the need for fastening which reduces nail holes resulting in a better finished look
- 2. Off-the-shelf color matches Finished Elegance White
- 3. Non-shrinking & Low Odor
- 4. Dual purpose can be used as an adhesive and sealant if desired
- 5. High initial tack provides extra hand on the job. Saves time!
- 6. Can be used to fill nail holes and gaps between trim and uneven walls

Prior to use, clean wall and back of Finished Elegance trim of any dust/debris to ensure proper adhesion can occur. Run a generous bead of adhesive on the back of the trim (both the nose and the heel) and apply steady, even pressure across the whole length of the profile to remove any air pockets. Hold in place for a minimum of 30 seconds. Placement of a few fasteners to hold it in place while it fully dries may be needed. Keep in mind the adhesive's bond to the drywall could be permanent and removal may result in damage to the wall.

Refer to manufacturer's instructions and technical data sheets for additional details.



INSTRUCTIONS FOR USE IN HIGH MOISTURE AREAS



Due to the coating covering all four sides, the performance of Finished Elegance trim in high moisture areas (bathrooms, kitchens, laundry rooms and basement) should be considered superior to that of traditional millwork products. Moisture can only

penetrate Elegance trim through the cut ends. To prevent this, we encourage you to seal the cut ends using paint (2 coats minimum), caulk, or some other weatherproof sealant/adhesive (such as those products outlined in the adhesives section above) prior to installation.

Note – use of Finished Elegance in exterior applications is not recommended.

STORAGE & HANDLING

Always keep product packaged in bundles (face to face) to prevent damage to surfaces visible after installation and to keep product clean. Finished Elegance should be stored on a flat and level surface to prevent flexing/bowing. Do not store Finished Elegance outdoors or in areas where the ends are exposed to moisture. Do not slide product face down across the floor and take other appropriate measures to protect the finish throughout installation.

CLEANING RECOMMENDATIONS

Start by brushing off any dust or loose debris with a soft dry rag. Next, use a damp cloth, disposable wipe, and/or furniture duster (such as Pledge) to wipe clean and then dry using a microfiber cloth or other soft cloth. Lastly, use the buffing pad (provided in the touch-up kit) or magic eraser to remove any scuffs or marks; both work best when used with furniture duster.

FINISHING & TOUCH-UP

The Finished Elegance caulk and wax fill stick have been color matched to Finished Elegance coated products and will assist in routine & minor touch-ups and repairs. Prior to touch-up, ensure the Finished Elegance surface is clean and dry by following the cleaning recommendations above.

Use the color matched caulk to fill any seams & gaps.

- Run a thin bead of caulk, just enough to fill the seam/gap; too much caulk results in uneven lines and buildup spreading onto the wall.
- 2. Gently smooth out the caulk line using your finger.
- 3. For miters and scarf joints use a damp rag to wipe clean any excess caulk left on the surface of the moulding before it dries.
- 4. For textured walls and/or for a cleaner line, apply painters tape to the wall prior to applying the caulk. Use finger to smooth out the line and fill all seams/gaps, then remove tape before the caulk dries.

For best results, use the color matched wax fill stick to fill nail holes.



- Rub crayon-like fill stick into the void until completely filled.
- 2. Use plastic blade to scrape away the excess residue
- 3. Polish clean with buffing pad

For larger blemishes and damages, use a standard wood filler to repair and then follow instructions in the painting section.

PAINTING INSTRUCTIONS

While Finished Elegance requires no painting, it can be painted should you opt to change the color. If you are going to paint Finished Elegance we encourage you to take the following steps to ensure proper adhesion:

- 1. Scuff with general purpose scuffing pad, sanding block, or equivalent (320 grit or higher)
- 2. Remove dust, dirt, and fine particles as outlined in the cleaning recommendations
- 3. Apply paint; when possible and for best results use a foam brush/roller to reduce the visibility of paint strokes

The steps outlined above are no different than other prefinished products that require a light sanding prior to a new coat of paint.

Keep in mind that due to the coating the paint can only dry from the outside in. This could result in longer dry times than traditional millwork.

COLOR MATCHING PAINT

For purposes of matching other components to your Finished Elegance trim or for final touch up and routine maintenance of your installed Finished Elegance trim, Finished Elegance White is an available custom color with the following national paint manufacturers:

- 1. Behr
- Sherwin Williams (located under the Woodgrain Millwork national account)
- 3. Valspar

Use a semi-gloss finish to match the sheen of the Finished Elegance coating.