

GETTING STARTED

Once your Rustic Collage boxes arrive, Open one end of the box and remove the bundles. Each box contains 12 square feet.

RECOMMENDED TOOLS & MATERIALS

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| Tape Measure | Masking/Blue Tape for Marking | Rubber Mallet/Hammer | Circular Saw/Miter Saw |
| Nail Gun (Air or Electric) | Air Compressor (for nail gun) | Pencil | 15 gauge x 2" Galvanized Nails |
| Level | Hand Saw/Jig Saw | Stud Finder (optional) | |

If you don't have any of these tools available, many hardware stores have tools for rental.

Rustic Collage planks feature three wood species, creating a difference in texture, depth and color. Wood boards are naturally beautiful and will often contain desirable variations in color, texture, grain pattern, streaks and knots within the board.

INSTALLATION

Step 1: Measure the wall.

Measure the height and width of your wall and multiply those two numbers to give you the total square feet. The total will give you the amount of wood you will need to complete your project. Be sure to add in 5% for waste. **Example:** Wall width 10' x wall height 8' = 80 square feet. Add 5% (80 x 1.05 = 84) to your 80 sf for a total of 84 sf needed. Each box contains 12 square feet, so you would need to have 7 boxes for your project.

Step 2: Surface Preparation.

There is virtually no wall prep required. You will want to remove all switch plates, outlet covers any nails or fixtures.

Step 3: Finding the studs.

Using an optional stud finder, locate your studs in the wall and mark with a pencil. *Typically, wall studs are on 16" centers.*

Step 4: Designing your wall.

Before installing your wall, decide how you are installing your boards (horizontal, vertical, chevron or herringbone). Using a level and pencil, draw a level line for reference to keep your wall level or on your chosen pattern. Due to the variation of **Rustic Collage** plank depths, it is recommended to **only work with 2-3 boxes of wood at a time**. Since each wood species has a variation in thickness, unpack each box and separate each wood specie. To get an authentic reclaimed look and feel, randomly install the different thicknesses adjacent to each other. Remember: **measure twice, cut once!**

Step 5: Installing your wall.

A: Cut 6" off the left end of the first board (keep the end for later use - this is called the "drop"). **B:** Place first board on the bottom left of your project wall (making sure it is level) flush to the edge - tongue side up towards ceiling. **C:** Nail the tongue of the board to each stud. Use the blind nail technique (**Figure 1**) - this is done by nailing through the tongue with a finish nail on an angle into the drywall/stud. **D:** Slide your second board into the first board on the bottom row. Sliding the end-matched tongues tightly into the groove. The end-matched seams do not need to line up on the studs. **E:** Nail each board into the studs. Keep checking your level as you work along the first row. **F:** Finish out your first row. **G:** Use the drop from the first cut to start the second run from the opposite end and complete the run with full length pieces. Save ALL drops that have either a male-end or a female-end; these can be used as starter pieces on each run. **H:** Plan each run by estimating where you want the next end matched joint to fall. **I:** Repeat and continue this process until you are finished covering your surface. Using your mallet/hammer, make sure you keep the joints tight prior to nailing.

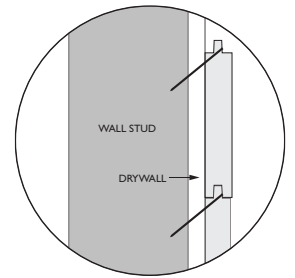


FIGURE-1

PLANK COMBINATIONS

Have fun creating your own patterns! If you are looking to create Mocha Blend or one of our other color combinations, you will need to purchase an equal amount of the additional colors. Each box contains 12 boards. Make sure you plan properly for the required amount of planks to complete a section.

SHARE YOUR CREATION!

Share your wall project with us on-line! Email your photos to info@synergywood.com or share on one of our social media sites.

ATTENTION

Do not expose the product to direct sunlight, rain or moisture. This product is designed for interior applications only. For best results, allow the wood to acclimate to its environment at least 72 hours prior to installation. Contact us if you have any questions regarding the installation of your Synergy products, email us at info@synergywood.com or call us Toll Free: **866-791-6714** - Monday through Friday from 8am to 4pm EST.

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