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Installing Skirtings





## **HOW TO INSTALL SKIRTINGS**

Skirtings are an attractive feature in any room and are very easy to install. Removing old skirtings may be time consuming, but it's well worth taking your time to work carefully and cause as little damage as possible to the wall and floor surfaces.

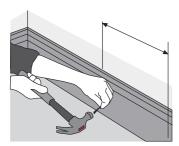
# **TOOLS REQUIRED**

- Pencil
- Square
- Marking Gauge
- Wood Chisel
- Wood Chisel Hammer

#### SKIRT THE FIRST WALL

Start work on the longest wall in the room.

# WALLS NEEDING ONE LENGTH

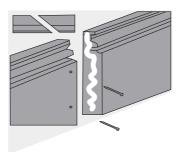


Cut the board to the length required. Use screws & wall plugs on solid walls. Use oval nails on stud partition walls. Countersink screw heads & punch nail heads in.

## WALLS NEEDING TWO LENGTHS

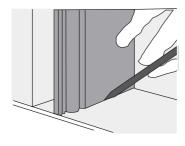


Cut a 45° mitre on the open end of the first length so that it faces out into the room. Butt the square end into the corner and fix into place.



Take the second length & cut a 45° mitre facing the other way on one end. Cut the second board to length, so it runs into the next corner of the room. Spread the cut pieces with adhesive & fix into place.

## **SKIRT THE OTHER WALLS**



For corners to fit neatly together, take the second board and lay flat on the floor, profile side facing up. Stand an off-cut vertically on end of the uncut board aligning top & bottom of each board, draw round the profile. Cut along the profile using a coping saw. For external corners, cut mitres then glue & pin the joint.

# **FILL JOINTS**

Fill all the screw, nail heads & joints to prepare for decorating.

