

## WHAT YOU NEED



Air- or battery-powered brad nail gun



Precision miter saw or miter box



Jigsaw



18-gauge (2 in) finish nails and small tack nails



Construction adhesive



Tape measure



Level



Safety goggles



Dust mask



Pencil

Not intended for use on floors, exposed outdoor surfaces or in areas with high humidity or contact with water.

**IMPORTANT:** Always check and comply with all applicable building and fire codes. Mock-ups depicted are for illustration purposes only. Clearances required for installations adjacent to household gas cooking appliances may vary depending upon appliance type, heat output and jurisdiction.

Note: This grade of natural pine contains characteristics such as knots, splits, wane, and modest amounts of twisting, bowing and cupping. Color variation is common, and may be more noticeable around knots and heartwood. Some knot bleed, tannin bleed, color change and patina is common with finished wood products. Any characteristic that is unacceptable for your application should be cut from the piece prior to installing.

This information is intended to assist in the proper installation of this product. It's not intended to replace local building codes or industry standards. Installation in accordance with applicable codes is the sole responsibility of the installer and we assume no liability for product installed improperly or not in conformity with such codes and standards.

Sawing, sanding or machining wood products can produce wood dust and other substances known to the State of California to cause cancer. Avoid inhaling dust and use a dust mask or other safeguards for personal protection. Wood products also emit chemicals known to the State of California to cause birth defects or other reproductive harm.

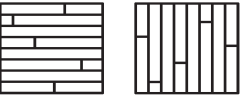
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# Rustix Installation Instructions

## TIPS

- **Store boards indoors** in a clean, dry space. Do not store on concrete.
- **At least 72 hours before installation**, place boards in the space where they'll be installed to allow wood to adjust to differences in humidity and temperature. Remove any packaging material.
- **Trim ends.** Some boards may need to be re-squared at the end to ensure a tight seam between boards.
- **Paint wall.** Use a neutral colored paint on the wall behind where the boards will be installed. Due to the natural characteristics of the wood, small gaps may appear between boards so painting the wall a neutral color will create consistency if there is slight movement.
- **Install over plywood.** Installing over plywood eliminates the need to hit studs if nailing.
- **Butt edges tightly.** Rustix is meant to be tight-fitting so the boards should be closely butted on all sides.
- **Outlets/switches.** If outlet/switch cut-outs are needed in a Rustix plank, measure the distance from the wall to the outlet or the last Rustix plank installed, the width and height of the outlet, mark the measurements on the boards and use a jigsaw to cut out the necessary area.

## DESIGN

-  **Plan how you will cut and place your boards.** Arrange boards on the floor before installation to play around with the effects that grain variation and board lengths have on the final installation. Remember that slight color variations are to be expected in this authentically rustic product. It can take some planning to get the right combination of light and dark and short and long boards to achieve a balanced installation.
- **Stagger your joints for best appearance.** Your project may look best if you mix in shorter pieces randomly to create a staggered look. Try to avoid vertical joints that line up.
- **Consider your height or length.** If your height or length will cause you to have a partial board, consider splitting this partial board between the top and bottom.

## INSTALLATION

1. Using your level, locate an area in your project where you would like to start. Place the level on the wall (make sure that it is level) and draw a straight line across the area where you will be laying your first board. This will be your starting point.
2. You can install using just construction adhesive. Apply a small amount of construction adhesive to the back of the board before placing on the wall.
3. If nailing, use a brad nail gun with 18-gauge nails (2 inch) and sink the nails at a downward angle every 10 to 12 inches along the top and bottom of the board.

*Waste factor: 5% to 10% waste depending on skill level.*

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