



INSTALLATION GUIDE

SILKTRIM MDF MOULDINGS

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Prepare the Wall

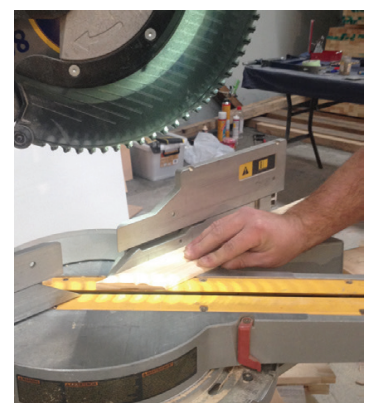
- For renovations, remove any loose or flaky paint and smooth out irregularities on the wall surface using a paint scraper and sandpaper. This step is not required for new walls.
- Clean the area thoroughly to remove dirt and grime.

Determine the Stud Location

- Use a stud finder to locate stud positions.
- Mark the wall above or next to where the new moulding will be installed.

Cutting & Joining

- Always cut through the moulding face (profile) to minimise fibre tear.
- For joining Silktrim MDF mouldings, we recommend mitre cuts paired with PVA adhesive to secure the joint.
- Seal all cut ends or exposed timber areas with two (2) coats of primer, undercoat, or sealer to prevent moisture absorption.



Nailing

For optimal results, we recommend using both adhesive and nails in combination.

Hand Nailing

- Use finishing brads for clean results.
- Complete the nailing by using a nail hole punch so the nail head sits just below the surface.

Gun Nailing

- Use a nail gun with a protective tip to prevent surface bruising.
- Adjust the nail gun tip according to the moulding's profile to avoid nails shooting too deep.
- Nails should sit just below the surface, and finishing brads must achieve a minimum framing penetration of 25mm.
- Avoid over-fixing by spacing nails appropriately; nails placed too close together may cause bruising or splitting.
- Always use sharp, well-maintained tools for the best finish.

Moulding Thickness	Finishing Brad Nails	Gun Nailing
11mm	40-50mm	38mm
18mm	50-60mm	50mm

Finishing

- Silktrim MDF mouldings are factory-sanded and coated with two layers of premium acrylic primer for a superb finish.
- Before painting:
 - Fill all nail holes with filler.
 - Lightly sand filled areas with 180-grit sandpaper once the filler has cured.
 - Ensure surfaces are free of dust and dirt. Use a clean, damp cloth if needed and let dry completely.
- Apply two coats of acrylic or enamel paint, lightly sanding between coats for a smooth finish. Follow the paint manufacturer's guidelines.

Health & Safety

- Ensure work areas are well-ventilated, tidy, and organised.
- Use machine tools with dust extractors and keep tool work areas clean.
- Wear appropriate personal protective equipment (PPE).
- Use the correct manual tools for the task. Ensure tools are well-maintained and cutting tools are sharp.