

DIY Box Trim Installation Guide

Tools & Materials Required

- Graph paper for planning
- Pencil
- Chalk line
- Painter's tape
- Level
- Construction adhesive
- Brad Nailer (as backup)
- Caulk
- Paint and brush
- Corner pieces (pre-fabricated)
- Box frame molding pieces
- Measuring tape

Step-by-Step Installation Guide

1. Planning Phase

- Draw your design on graph paper
- Plan for artwork placement and wall fixtures
- Fix any wall blemishes
- Paint the wall your chosen color first

2. Wall Layout

- Transfer measurements to the wall using a pencil
- Make horizontal lines with a chalk line
- Place painter's tape along the lines
- Check everything with a level
- Step back to check if the design looks balanced
- Adjust for obstacles like electrical outlets

3. Corner Installation

- Start with one box at a time
- Apply construction adhesive to corner pieces
- Align corners with your tape marks
- Use painter's tape to hold corners while the adhesive dries
- Make sure everything stays level

4. Box Frame Assembly

- Measure between corner pieces
- Cut molding pieces to fit these measurements

- Apply construction adhesive to the back
- Secure with painter's tape
- Use brad nailer if walls aren't perfectly straight
- Complete one box before moving to the next

5. Finishing Touches

- Run a bead of caulk around each box
- Let the caulk dry completely
- Paint the molding to match your wall
- Touch up any spots as needed

When I did this myself, I found the process really straightforward. Starting with one box at a time helped me stay organized and make adjustments as needed.