

BASE BOARD REPLACEMENT

Let Southern Lumber show you the fast and easy way to spruce up a room.

LIST OF NEEDED STEPS:

1. Measure all affected walls, be sure to round-up to even foot dimensions.
2. Make note of the thickness of casings if they aren't being replaced. Base Board should be thinner than adjoining Casing. If your Base Board is thicker than the Casing, the use of Plinth Blocks can be used for good trim out.
3. Select the style of Base Board to be used.
4. Select Base Board lengths that best fit your room's dimensions. Example: 3'9", 6'1", and 5'7" could come out of 16' length.
5. Remove old Base Board. A stiff wide blade putty knife, and a flat pry bar will make this easier. Use the putty knife to work the Base Board loose and then with putty knife still in place use pry bar against the putty knife blade so your wallboard won't be damaged.
6. Remove old Base Board nails for safe handling.
7. Use a fine grit sandpaper to sand smooth primer, or natural wood. Natural wood is easier to stain & finish before installing. After sanding use tack cloth to remove all dust prior to finishing.
8. When planning cuts remember that miter on "Outside" corners will require the length of the piece to be longer than the wall to allow for the miter and sawcut. Mark out lengths according to how it was purchased (see step 4).
9. Position moulding and begin nailing, nails should be driven along the very bottom of Base Board, and towards the top using a rule of thumb of 2 nails every other wall stud.
10. Set nail heads just below the surface of the material using a Nail Set. Fill holes using a matching putty stick if your moulding is pre-finished, spackle for paint grade.
11. Paint grade Base Board can be blended into the wall using painters caulk. Use a thin bead of caulk along the seam between the wall and moulding, and smooth in with a caulk tool or dampened cloth.
12. When using primed moulding that will be painted after installation, carefully inspect for tools marks or hand prints, use a fine grit sandpaper to remove the marks, and wipe surface with tack cloth to remove sanding dust. Touch-up the primer if you sand through to bare wood.
13. Mask off area around moulding, and paint according to paint manufactures specifications. Recommendation: Use two coats of paint.

Checklist of Needed Supplies:

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| <input type="checkbox"/> Base Board | <input type="checkbox"/> Painters Caulk |
| <input type="checkbox"/> 6d Finish Nails | <input type="checkbox"/> Nail Putty |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Primer & Paint | <input type="checkbox"/> Primer |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Stain & Finish | <input type="checkbox"/> Tack Cloth |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Paint Brush | <input type="checkbox"/> Drop Cloth |
| <input type="checkbox"/> 220 Grit Sandpaper | |

Recommended Tools:

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| <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Hammer | <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Putty Knife |
| <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Pry Bar | <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Nail Set |
| <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Drill | <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Cloth |
| <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Tape Measure | <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Can Opener |
| <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Miter Box
(Chop Saw) | <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Safety Goggles |

PROJECT DIFFICULTY:

NOVICE

HOME HOBBYIST

INTERMEDIATE

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