

MDF Skirting Board Fitting Guide

General guidance for measuring, cutting, joining, fixing and finishing.

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General installation advice only. Check for pipes, cables and hidden services before drilling or nailing, and use suitable PPE and dust extraction when cutting MDF.

Tools and materials

- Tape measure, pencil, square and spirit level
- Mitre saw or suitable fine-tooth saw
- Grab adhesive suitable for the wall and MDF
- Brad nails, lost-head nails or screws and plugs where required
- Suitable filler, caulk, primer and paint
- Dust extraction, eye protection and respiratory protection

Before fitting

- Store boards flat, indoors and protected from moisture.
- Check dimensions, quantities and profiles before cutting.
- Ensure walls are clean, dry and structurally sound.
- Plan joints and use full-length boards on prominent walls where possible.
- Mark known cable and pipe routes.

Step-by-step fitting

Step	What to do
1. Start with the longest wall	Measure and cut the first board. Dry-fit before applying adhesive.
2. Internal corners	A scribed joint often gives a cleaner result on walls that are not square.
3. External corners	Cut mitres to suit the actual corner angle and test before fixing.
4. Apply adhesive	Use the pattern recommended by the adhesive manufacturer.
5. Add fixings if needed	Use pins, nails or countersunk screws, especially on uneven walls.
6. Complete joints	Use scarf joints where boards meet along a long wall.
7. Fill and caulk	Fill holes and joints; use flexible decorator's caulk at the top edge where appropriate.
8. Prepare and paint	Sand repairs, seal exposed MDF and apply finishing coats.

AVOID COMMON MISTAKES

Do not assume corners are exactly 90 degrees, fit over loose plaster, leave raw cut edges unsealed or fix into unknown wall areas without checking for hidden services.

Adhesive, nails or screws?

- Adhesive gives a clean appearance on secure, reasonably straight walls.

- Brad or lost-head nails provide immediate holding pressure.
- Screws and plugs provide stronger control on uneven walls but need more filling.
- Adhesive plus mechanical fixings is often the most reliable method.

VIDEO & IMAGE EXPANSION

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