

## **FAUX STONE PANELS – INSTALLATION INSTRUCTIONS**

### **Easy Installation Guidelines**

Our Faux Stone panels are easily installed with no special equipment or expertise needed and will not absorb moisture and will not warp, rot or crack. Panels are simply installed using construction adhesive and screws. Our Faux Stone panels may expand and contract with temperature changes, so install panels as tightly as possible and follow the storage and installation instructions carefully. The following instruction guidelines will help provide the best installation results for your next project.

### **Storing the Faux Stone Panels**

Store panels flat on a surface in order to avoid ‘bowing’. If panels are stored in an upright position and do bow, lay them flat and they will self-correct.

### **Hot Weather Installation**

If panels have been stored under hot conditions, allow panels to cool down to normal temperature before installation.

### **Cold Weather Installation**

If panels have been stored at room temperature or cooler, you may install panels immediately.

### **Recommended Adhesive**

We recommend PL® Premium Construction Adhesive or similar adhesive.

### **Mechanical Fastening**

Use either exterior or interior screws as appropriate for your installation.

### **Tools You will Need**

Our Faux Stone products are easily installed using tools found in almost everyone's toolbox. To complete a wall, we recommend using:

- 1.** Screws
- 2.** Construction Adhesive/Glue (we recommend PL® Premium Construction Adhesive)
- 3.** Screwdriver (battery-operated/electric preferred)
- 4.** Sandpaper or sanding block
- 5.** Caulking gun
- 6.** Color-matched caulk if desired
- 7.** Optional: hacksaw (for custom cutting: jig saw, band saw, your preference)

### **Getting Started**

Our Faux Stone panels should be installed on solid backing. To install, simply run a bead of adhesive along the back of each panel and at each end. Make sure to spread the adhesive with a

spackle knife or other appropriate tool. Use enough adhesive so that the entire surface of the cut edge at each end is covered.

We strongly recommend use of construction adhesive and screws in every joint. All joints should be butt joints on straight runs and mitered joints in corners. Texture Plus® panels may require additional shimming and trimming for alignment.

### **How To Cover A Wall Using Our Faux Stone Panels INTERLOCK PANELS or STANDARD PANELS**

Apply glue to the backs of the panels and screw into wall using dry wall screws (interior) or galvanized screws (exterior).

Be sure that the tongue portion of the panel is on top of the panel, groove portion on the bottom. Slide the adjoining panel into the Interlocking groove, then glue and screw in place. Repeat until the row is complete. To begin the next row, offset the next row by ½ sheet to provide a more seamless effect. Follow finishing instructions below.



(1) glue back and fasten with screws on level	(2) glue back and slide next piece in	(3) tap in for snug fit	(4) insert flat panel edge into groove at top edge	(5) tap in for snug fit
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(6) offset each row by one half sheet	(7) keep each panel to level line	(8) be sure to fasten all corners and edge	(9) continue to glue, fit and fasten	(10) caulk seams to finish
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### **How to Miter a Corner Using Our Faux Stone PANELS**

First, set a table saw blade to a 45-degree angle. Then, cut miter to the edge of a row of bricks. Next, take the remaining piece and rotate it 180 degrees to cut off the width of a ½ brick. Check the two pieces for final fit. Then take the first piece and apply and spread glue to the back of the panel. Fit the glued piece to the wall and screw it to the wall using dry wall screws. Fit the second

piece and then glue and screw in place. Gently roll edges into each other with a hard rounded object. Follow finishing instructions below.

### **How to Use MOLDED CORNERS Using an Overlaid Joint**

First, finish the walls with the Faux Stone panels. Next, overlay the molded corner directly on top of the corner panels and check for fit. Apply glue to the back of the corner. Use longer screws to attach the corner to both corner panels and the wall being covered. Follow finishing instructions below.



(1) finish wall with Faux Stone Panels	(2) Overlay molded corner, then glue and screw	(3) use color matched caulk to finish
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### **How To Use MOLDED CORNERS Using A Butt Joint**

First, attach the molded corner to wall by applying glue to the backside of the corner and screwing into wall using drywall screws. Next, align a Faux Stone standard panel (or trim an interlock panel) to the molded corner. Then apply glue to the back of the panels and screw into wall using drywall screws. Follow finishing instructions below.

### **FINISHING INSTRUCTIONS For All Projects**

For a final finish, use a color-matched caulk to fill all screw holes and space in the Interlocking joint. Smooth the caulk and wipe away any excess (a wet rag works well) and finish the seams of the wall to complete the project.