

# Installation Instructions for DIY Wood Planks

## Tools Needed:

- Tape measure & Pencil
- Paint brush & Roller
- Level
- Power or Table Saw
- Jig Saw or Coping Saw
- Safety goggles  
(Required for tool use)
- Brad Nailer/Hammer
- Nails
- Sandpaper (Optional)

## Steps:

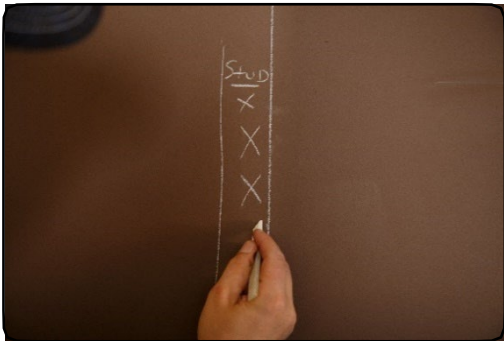
### 1. Lumber Layout

- Arrange your DIY planks on a flat surface in your desired pattern (vertical, horizontal, diagonal, or herringbone).
- Ensure each row is uniform in width but vary the placement and lengths of the planks to enhance the wood's natural variation.



### 2. Surface Preparation

- You can paint your wall a dark color, or you can simply spray paint the area where you could see the wall through a hole in the wood. (most cases no paint is needed)
- Locate and mark the wall studs for secure fastening.
- Remove any outlet or switch covers, measure, and mark their positions on the planks. Cut out these sections with a jig saw or coping saw for reinstallation after the planks are in place.



### 3. Installation

- Start by aligning the first row of planks in your chosen orientation using a level for horizontal installations or setting the desired angle for diagonal layouts.
- Secure the planks with nails, ensuring to hit the marked studs. Optionally, apply wood glue to the plank backs before securing them.



## Helpful Tips:

- Mix freshly milled and weathered planks for a unique look.
- Consider sanding the planks before installation to emphasize the wood grain and seal with a coat of sealer for durability.
- Sanding can also be done post-installation, with hand sanding recommended either before or after to smooth out any rough edges.

# Frequently Asked Questions

The following questions are mainly for the use of our reclaimed barnwood planks. However, they are mostly applicable to the use of all our other types of DIY Planks.

- **Why use reclaimed wood?** You're saving the world one plank at a time! No new trees were cut to make this product! Reclaimed wood has character no new piece of wood can even try to match.
- **How to install:** The other side of this sheet provided standard wall installation instructions. Those are our suggestions.... The world is yours, install it however it fits your project the best.
- **Do I need to sand it?** No, most people do not sand it. However, if you want to sand, we recommend you start by lightly sanding with 180 or 220 grit sandpaper. Sanding will give the wood a more finished and lighter look.
- **Do I need to seal it?** No, most people do not seal it. However, if you do want to seal it, we recommend sanding it first. The reason for that is if you simply seal the wood WITHOUT sanding it will get very dark. By sanding it first you "knock off" some of the weathering that would normally hold the sealer and darken it. We recommend a water based flat or satin sealer.
- **Can this be used outside?** Yes, however, remember Mother Nature will always win. This product should not be used if it will be exposed to direct weather or high moisture. If it is a covered porch not exposed to the elements.... GO FOR IT!
- **Can this be used in a bathroom?** Yes. If using it as a backsplash or someplace where it may get occasional splashes, we recommend sealing it with a sealer. See above
- **Can I use this product on my ceiling?** Absolutely, go for it! We do recommend if installed on a ceiling you use a few extra nails and adhesive to ensure the planks do not have a chance to come loose.
- **What are some other ways to use these planks?** We designed these DIY planks to be used in many projects. Most people use them for an accent wall. Other common ways to use them is simply applying them to a piece of cut plywood when making a sliding barn door, headboard, or even make it a tabletop. Simply trim out the edges of the plywood and you have completed a very DIY friendly project.
- **What if I still have questions about the product, installation, sealing or anything else?** Call us! We are a small, reclaimed shop in East TN, and we strive to make sure each customer gets the most out of the product. For questions call our customer service team at 865-973-9217 or email [info@VintageWoodProducts.com](mailto:info@VintageWoodProducts.com).
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