AS-IS BRAND
WOOD PANELS BY INSTONE

Installation Instructions

ACCLIMATIZE

> **AS-IS BRAND Wood Walls are for inside (interior) use only.
> Prior to installation, AS-IS boards should be acclimatized. Bring unopened boxes into the installation space for 7-10 days. Boards can still be acclimatizing after 1 week. IF any warping or twisting occurs prior to installation, place weight on the boards to straighten**

SAFETY

> PLEASE FOLLOW SAFE WORK PRACTICES &
> WEAR NECESSARY SAFETY EQUIPMENT.
> (SAFETY GOGGLES, WORK GLOVES,
> DUST MASK WHILE CUTTING)

TOOLS

> HERE ARE SOME TOOLS THAT WILL HELP:
> PENCIL, HAND SAW/TABLE SAW/MITRE SAW,
> LEVEL, CHALKLINE, CAULKING GUN FOR
> ADHESIVE (or) NAIL GUN / HAMMER

WARNING: Drilling, sawing, sanding or machining wood products generates wood dust, which can be very harmful if inhaled. Use a respirator, dust mask, or other safeguards to avoid inhaling wood dust.

WALL / CEILING PREP

The surface should be clean, dry, and drywall should be primed or painted (if only using adhesive). If the wall has been painted recently, ensure the paint has fully dried. It is important to note that AS-IS BRAND recommends a combination of both nails and adhesive for the best possible installation. You may also use only nails, or only adhesive.

Even surfaces will result better adhesion and an easier install. AS-IS boards do conform to most wall surfaces. In situations where the surface is uneven, extra steps may need to be taken (more nails used). High moisture areas, such as bathrooms, may also need specific types of adhesive, as well as surface sealants.

1. Ensure wall is free of dust, debris, nails, screws, loose paint, wallpaper, etc. AS-IS can be installed over wallpaper, but the wallpaper must be very secure - or nails used in conjunction with the adhesive.
2. Remove electrical wall plates and save for reattachment after AS-IS is installed.
3. If using adhesive, make sure to check the recommended installation temperatures set by the adhesive manufacturer.
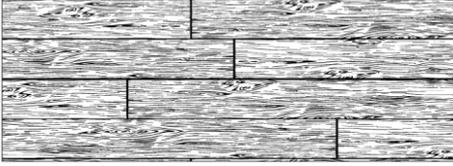
HELPFUL HINTS

- If using adhesive, ensure that it is not latex/water-based.
- We recommend a heavy-duty construction adhesive like TiteGrab Adhesive or Gorilla Glue.
- Before installing, consider the length, color, and surface characteristics of adjacent boards.
- Mix color, surface and length variations to create a more varied pattern.
- Unless going for a specific look or pattern, make sure to stagger joints at least 6" from row to row.
- It is best to work from the floor to the ceiling. Baseboards can be removed or left on for installation. If you plan on not keeping baseboards on the wall, ensure that there are not voids in the floor under the baseboards. AS-IS boards are not as thick as baseboards and will not cover floor voids.
- Varying humidity levels can occur in many spaces and will affect the boards. Although minimal, boards can both expand and shrink. For possible expansion, allow 1/16" gap at the floor and/or ceiling if possible.

FINISHING CORNERS

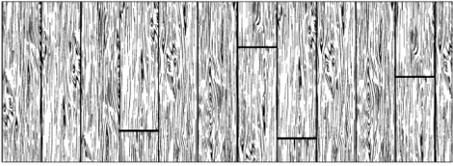Please refer to our AS-IS Corner Finishing manual if you have inside or outside corners.

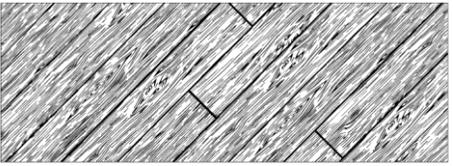# PATTERNS

HORIZONTAL – most common.

This pattern consists of AS-IS boards installed end-to-end horizontal to the floor in random lengths. This pattern looks best when boards are staggered at random lengths. Some boards will come out of the box at varying lengths, and some may need to be cut. You may also want to cut the boards lengthwise on some rows for an even more varied look.
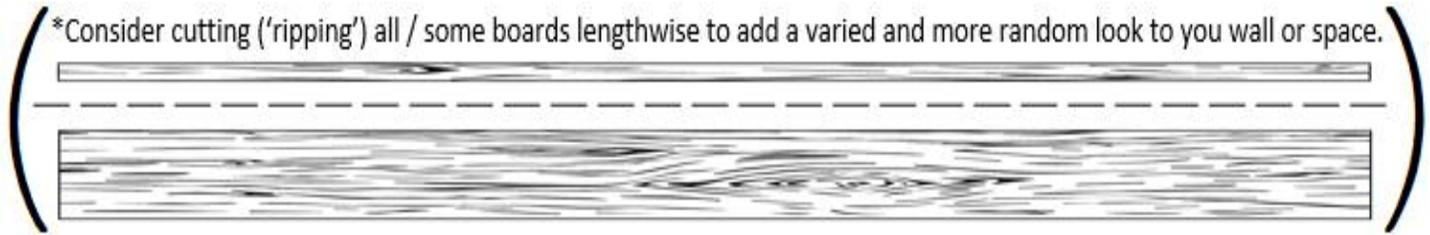
VERTICAL - next most popular.

This pattern consists of AS-IS boards installed end-to-end vertical to the floor. Again, this pattern looks best when boards are staggered at random lengths. Some boards will come out of the box at varying lengths, and some may need to be cut. You may also want to cut the boards lengthwise on some rows for an even more varied look.

DIAGONAL - more difficult, more waste.

This pattern consists of AS-IS boards installed on a 45-degree angle. If choosing the Diagonal pattern, carefully draw a line (or snap chalk line) from the starting corner to the opposing corner. Cut the first board to fit into the corner, and then install the boards midway along the line. Cut the final board to fit into the opposing corner. Continue in this manner toward floor and finishing height. (Allow for extra waste)

*Consider cutting ('ripping') all / some boards lengthwise to add a varied and more random look to you wall or space.

METHODS

INSTALLING w/ ADHESIVE (most permanent)

1. Apply a ¼" bead of <u>polyurethane</u> adhesive to the back of the board by first creating a 'frame' 1" from all outside edges. Fill in with a serpentine shape. AS-IS BRAND recommends also using nails in conjunction with any adhesive.
2. Align one edge along the floor or baseboard or adjacent row keeping the AS-IS board at an angle to avoid sticking to the wall. Ensure a square fit and then press lightly to the wall.
3. Check the position and when satisfied with the placement press firmly into place.
4. Nails should always be used with adhesive for ceiling applications.

INSTALLING w/ NAILS (permanent, faster & easier to remove)

1. An air-nailer (pneumatic) or hammer can be used to install finishing nails. We recommend using small finishing nails (1-2", 18 gauge) to avoid splitting the board. Large head nails can be used if leaving the nail heads visible is the desired look (just be aware of nail thickness).
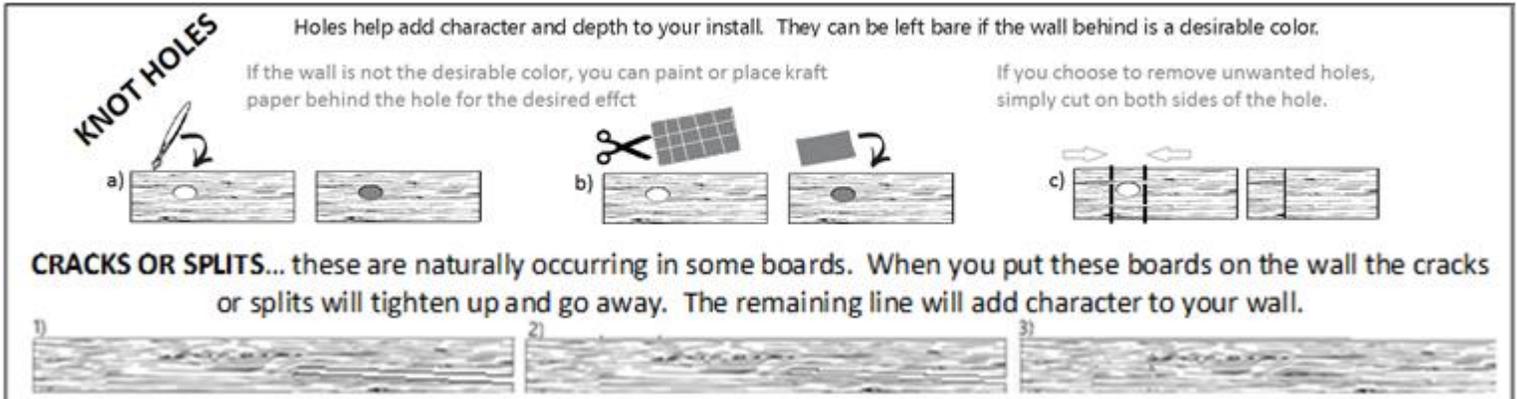2. Place board into place and ensure it is level. Apply two nails approx. every 12".

INSTALLING w/ 2-SIDED TAPE (temporary)

1. Apply one strip along the bottom edge, and one strip along the top edge of the board. Then follow the steps as if you were installing with Adhesive. A third middle strip can also be used if necessary.
2. As 2-sided tape is easily affected and can be problematic, this is not recommended for long-term installation. This should ONLY be used in very temporary situations.

INSTALLATION

AS-IS boards have naturally occurring color variations, and characteristics such as knots, open knots/holes, splits, nail holes, saw marks, sun bands, wane and varying surface textures. These characteristics make AS-IS unique and help create its authentic look. If a specific characteristic is not desired, it can simply be left out or cut out prior to installation.

KNOT HOLES

Holes help add character and depth to your install. They can be left bare if the wall behind is a desirable color.

If the wall is not the desirable color, you can paint or place kraft paper behind the hole for the desired effct

If you choose to remove unwanted holes, simply cut on both sides of the hole.

a) b) c)

CRACKS OR SPLITS... these are naturally occurring in some boards. When you put these boards on the wall the cracks or splits will tighten up and go away. The remaining line will add character to your wall.

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STEP 1

Keeping boards _level_, place boards from one side to the other. Keep in mind _varying_ the board sizes, colors, and textures as mentioned earlier. You may need to make a cut on the final piece of each row.
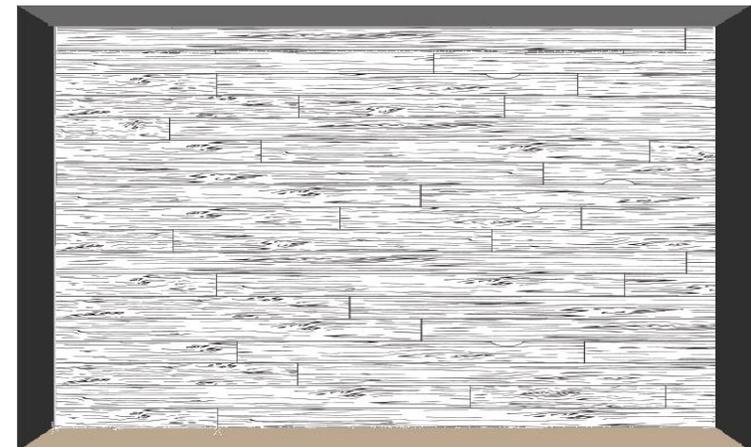
STEP 2

Start the next row with the cut piece from the previous row. This reduces waste & creates staggered joints (which adds to the varied look.) Again, ensure each row is level.

STEP3

< 5"

Continue in this fashion for every row, until you are less than 5" of the ceiling (or your desired height). Measure the space between your last row and your stop point.

STEP 4

Using a table saw or hand saw, cut the boards lengthwise ('rip') to that size (minus 1/16" to allow for easier install and possible expansion).