



Installing It Right

BASIC TOOLS

Here are some helpful hints on working with vinyl siding, and the tools you'll need to do the job right.

Most projects require:



- Hammer
- Level
- Tape measure
- Chalkline
- Framing square
- Fine-tooth saw
- Circular saw
(with fine tooth blade in "reversed"
position for cutting)
- Scaffolding
- Ladders
- Exterior caulk
- Safety glasses
- Utility knife
- Cordless power drill
- Tin snip (aviation or scissors)

SPECIAL EQUIPMENT

The following items are tools made specifically for installing siding:

Snaplock punch – for punching tabs along the cut edge of a siding panel located at the finishing course at the top of a wall or beneath a window.

Zip tool lock – For unlocking installed siding panels for repair.

Nail slot punch – For punching nailing holes into the cut edge of a siding panel.

BASIC INSTALLATION STEPS

1. Measure home to estimate the required amount of siding.
2. Examine and repair the side of the home if necessary.
3. Create a smooth, even surface for your siding by covering walls with Owens Corning FanFold underlayment.
4. Install J channel and utility trim around doors and windows.
5. Install starter strip around bottom of home.
6. Install inside and outside corner posts.
7. Install siding panels.
8. Install fascia and soffit.

For more detailed information on installing siding, refer to Vinyl Siding: A How-To Guide published by the Vinyl Siding Institute.

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