

## INSTALLATION RECOMMENDATIONS

### PROPER STORAGE

- Barnwood Arts Interior Accents are designed for interior applications. Your planks should be stored indoors and with the planks horizontal on a flat surface.
- At least 24 hours prior to installation, remove the planks from their packaging and lay them flat on the floor in the room in which they'll be installed so that they may acclimate.

### INSTALLATION

Shiplap planks are versatile and can be used in many ways. For a standard horizontal plank installation over wood studs and drywall, please note the following recommendations:

- Lay out your planks prior to doing any fastening. Each plank is unique, so take the time to arrange them as you like.
- The ends of planks should land on (and be nailed into) studs. Use a stud finder to locate your studs. Consider marking their locations with a pencil before you begin.
- Consider using a level to draw a reference line before you begin. Also consider alternating directions between rows – that is, if you install one row right to left, begin the next row left and work to the right. This will help keep the planks level.
- If the top of the area you are installing is flat and straight (e.g. a typical ceiling or countertop), it's recommended to begin installation from the top and work down, so that when a row must be cut to fit, it's the one closest to the floor. If working with an angled ceiling or otherwise expect to have to trim planks at the top, you may wish to work from the bottom up.
- Leaving a slight gap between plank edges (the long shiplap edges, not the ends of the planks) is recommended. For a wider 'nickel gap' appearance, use a spacer to keep the shadow lines equal in width.
- Whether cutting ends, cutting lengthwise, or cutting to accommodate penetrations (e.g. outlets), use an appropriate saw for the purpose.

### FASTENING

- 18-gauge, 1-½" nails are recommended.
- Nails should be placed approximately 3/8" from the edges of a plank, two nails per stud. It's best to drive the nail flush with the surface of the plank.
- A construction adhesive designed for adhering wood may be used in addition to nails. This will allow adjustments to placement of a board prior to nailing, and will be beneficial in case some nails miss studs.

**Always follow safety precautions and manufacturer's instructions when using any power tools, including saws and nail guns.**