

# SHEETROCK™ Brand Paper Faced Metal Bead and Trim Installation Guide

**Superior performance means cost-effective installation  
Reduces callbacks by minimizing edge cracking**



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SHEETROCK™ Brand  
Paper Faced Metal Bead  
and Trim can easily be  
applied using a number  
of different tools and  
methods. Three are out-  
lined in this folder:

- Hand-Tool Method
- Hopper and Roller  
Method
- Mechanical Angle  
Applicator Method

## Hand-Tool Method

Whichever method you choose, you will need a few simple tools:

Tin snips

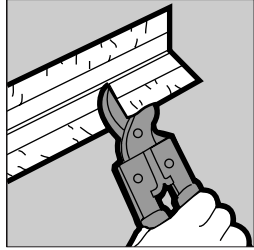
Drywall taping knives (4", 6", and 8" or 10")

Mud pan

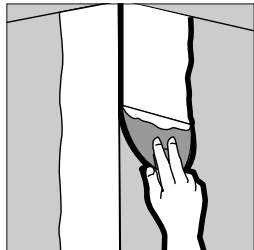
Hand or pole sander and sandpaper

Sponge

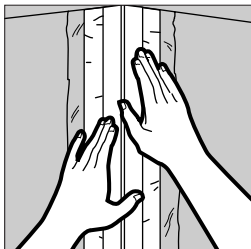
- 1 Measure length of corner and cut trim to length with metal snips. For vertical wall installations, cut the corner trim 1/2" (12.7 mm) shorter than the wall height.



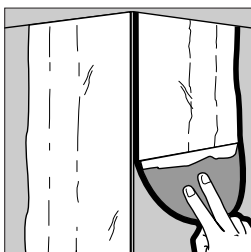
- 2 Using a 4" taping knife, apply ready-mixed SHEETROCK® Brand Joint Compound (Taping, All-Purpose, or Lightweight All-Purpose) or Setting-Type SHEETROCK® Brand Joint Compound (DURABOND® or EASY SAND™) to drywall slightly beyond where the edge of the trim will be. Helpful Hint: For this step, application of the compound works best if the compound is thinned slightly with water. Add water in small increments (for one gallon of compound, add water in 2 oz. increments) and mix with compound. Be careful not to overthin compound. (For outside corners, extend compound approximately 2" or 50 mm from the corner on each side; for inside corners, extend 1-1/2" or 38 mm from the corner on each side.)



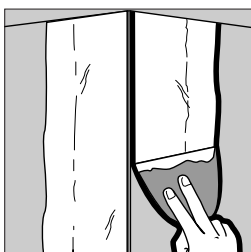
- 3** Place trim on wall and press into position. Corner bead should be aligned tight to ceiling. Embed trim by running the knife over it with even pressure at a 45° angle.



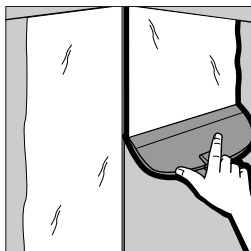
- 4** Use the knife (or a damp sponge) to remove excess compound, eliminating any air bubbles under the paper. Allow to dry.



- 5** Using a 6" tapping knife for outside corners (4" for inside corners), apply another coat of joint compound (EASY SAND, Topping, All-Purpose, or Lightweight All-Purpose). Keep this coat as smooth as possible. Feather out 5" to 6" (125 to 150 mm) from the nose of the trim on each side for outside corners (1" or 25 mm past previous coat for inside corners). Let dry. Sand sides lightly where needed.

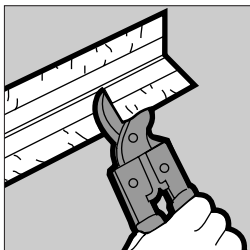


- 6** Use an 8" or larger finishing knife for outside corners (4"-6" knife for inside corners) to apply a finishing coat of the same ready-mixed or setting-type compound. Feather compound 8" (200mm) from nose of trim for outside corners (1" [25mm] past previous coat for inside corners). Let dry; sand and prime.

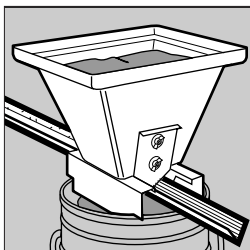


## Hopper and Roller Method

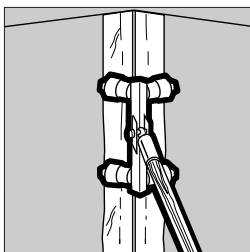
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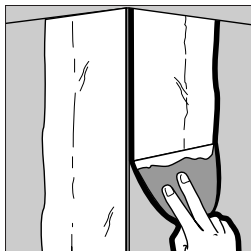
- 2 Pass trim through hopper containing ready-mixed SHEETROCK Brand Joint Compound (Taping, All-Purpose, or Lightweight All-Purpose) or setting-type SHEETROCK Brand Joint Compound (DURABOND or EASY SAND).



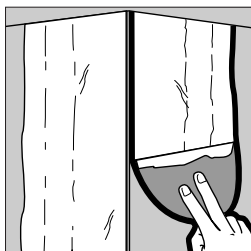
- 3 Place trim on wall and use roller to press into position. Corner bead should be aligned tight to ceiling.



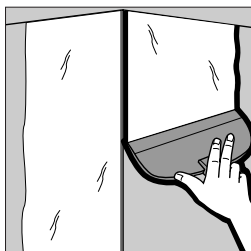
- 4 Use a 4" tapping knife (or a damp sponge) to remove excess compound, eliminating any air bubbles under the paper. Allow to dry.



- 5 Using a 6" tapping knife for outside corners (4" for inside corners), apply another coat of joint compound (EASY SAND, Topping, All-Purpose, or Lightweight All-Purpose). Feather out 5" to 6" (125 to 150 mm) from the nose of the trim on each side for outside corners (1" or 25 mm past previous coat for inside corners). Let dry. Sand sides lightly where needed.

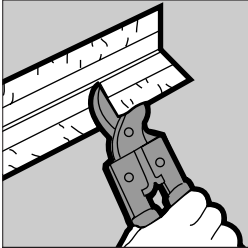


- 6 Use an 8" or larger finishing knife for outside corners (4"-6" knife for inside corners) to apply a finishing coat of the same ready-mixed or setting-type compound. Feather compound 8" (200mm) from nose of trim (for outside corners—1" [25mm] past previous coat for inside corners). Let dry; sand and prime.

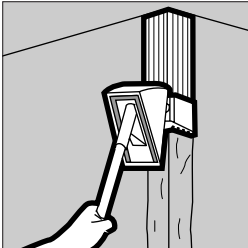


## Mechanical Angle Applicator Method

- 1 Measure length of corner; cut trim to length with metal snips. On vertical wall installations, cut the corner trim  $1/2''$  (12.7 mm) shorter than the wall height.



- 2 Apply ready-mixed SHEETROCK Brand Joint Compound (Taping, All-Purpose, or Lightweight All-Purpose) or setting-type SHEETROCK Brand Joint Compound (DURABOND or EASY SAND) to drywall using mechanical angle applicator.

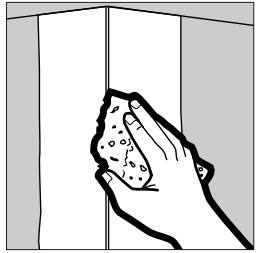


- 3 Place trim on wall and press into position. Corner bead should be aligned tight to ceiling. Embed trim by running the knife over it with even pressure at a  $45^\circ$  angle.

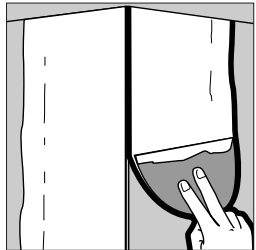


- 4 Wipe off excess compound with a damp sponge (or a 4'' tapping knife),

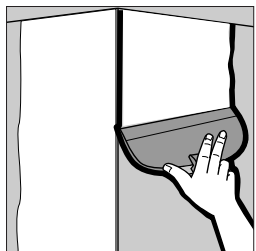
eliminating any air bubbles under the paper. Allow to dry.



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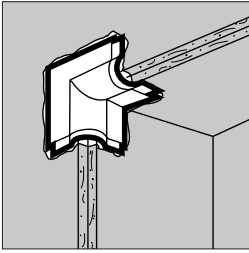


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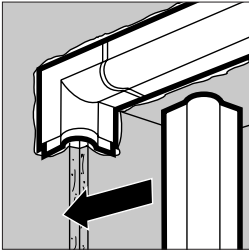


## How to Install Corner Caps

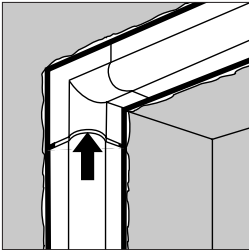
- 1 Place joint compound on the back of the corner cap and press cap into place.



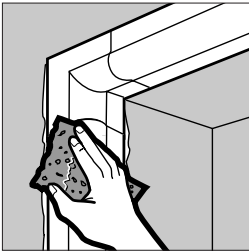
- 2 Align the horizontal and vertical corner beads over the tongues of the cap.



- 3 Adjust corner cap and/or corner bead to make sure seams are tight.

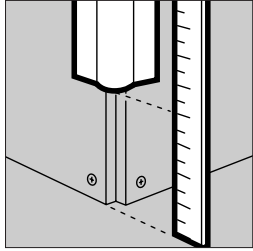


- 4 Push corner bead into place with roller tool or a damp sponge.

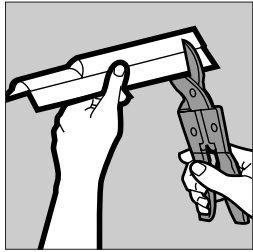


## How to Install Transition Caps

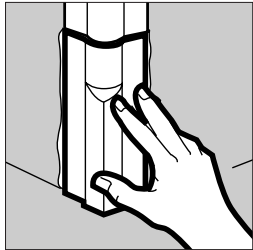
- 1 Measure distance between floor and the end of the bead to determine transition cap length required.



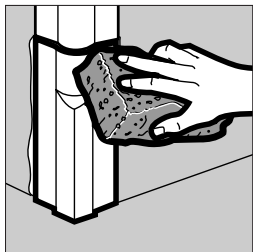
- 2 Cut transition cap to the appropriate length.



- 3 Place joint compound on the back of the transition cap and position on the wall. Press tight.



- 4 Place corner bead over the transition cap tongue. Press corner bead into place with roller tool or wet sponge.



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