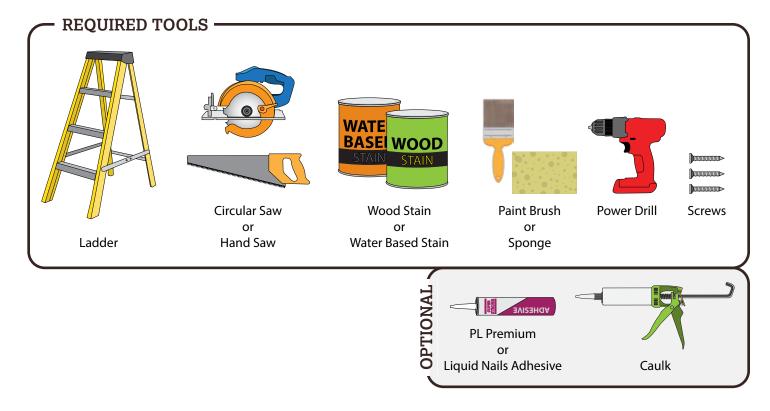
INSTALLATION GUIDE FOR

FAUX WOOD BEAMS



Outwater Industries, Inc. assumes no liability for improper installation.

Painting Unfinished Faux Wood Beams

Beams products may be painted before or after installation, depending upon your application. We recommend the use of high-quality latex paints (acrylic paints) and/or a water-based primer.

Staining Unfinished Faux Wood Beams

Our unfinished faux beams can be stained to create a realistic look. We recommend the use of Minwax gel stain which is available in a variety of colors. Apply the gel stain with a brush or sponge, coating the product with your base color. Using a wet sponge, wipe off the appropriate amount of stain to reach the desired shade. Allow this coat to completely dry.

Another option is to use a water-based stain. A water-based primer is recommended before staining.

Important Notice: Before you start painting or staining your unfinished Faux Wood Beams, please test the paint or stain on a small piece of unfinished faux beam. If you would prefer your beams delivered finished, please select the options available.

Installation

- Faux Wood Beams can be installed using standard woodworking tools. Polyurethane foam will cut clean with the use of either band saw, chop saw, circular saw, hacksaw, hand saw, jigsaw, table saw, or a compound miter saw. Because polyurethane foam will expand and contract slightly with temperature variations, it is important to acclimate the products to the installation location for approximately 10-12 hours prior to installing.
- Cut blocks of wood (not supplied) that will fit the internal width of the faux beam.
- Fasten the blocks of wood to the ceiling studs. If studs/joist are not present, you may need to use wall anchors to secure them to the ceiling. [Figure 1]
- It is recommended to use blocks of wood every 3 to 4 feet.
- PL premium or Liquid Nails adhesive can be used on the edges of the wood blocks prior to installing the beam
- When ready, slide the faux wood beam over the blocks of wood. Push it up tightly to the ceiling and screw the sides of the faux beam to the blocks of wood. Use countersink screws. Use of a hammer is not recommended under any circumstances. We do not recommend the use of nails unless you use a small nail gun. [Figure 2 and 3]
- If necessary, caulk the ends of the beams where the walls meet. Screw holes, dings and dents can be patched with a non-shrinking sandable latex filler, colored wood putty, colored wood filler or colored caulk.

Our Faux Wood Beams will not provide any structural support and are merely decorative. As with all plastics, polyurethane foam is flammable. As a general rule there are no restrictions regarding the use of polyurethane for residential applications. It is the consumer's responsibility to abide by any local and/or state regulations.

Minor Touch Ups: If necessary (please touch up lightly) the more paint or stain you apply, the darker it gets. Let it dry.

For Dark Walnut: The closest match is Minwax Gel Stain Coffee. For Medium Oak: The closest match is Minwax Gel Stain Hickory.

