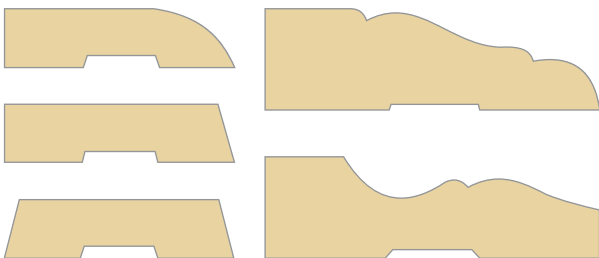


HOW TO INSTALL ARCHITRAVES

Architraves act as a trim around door frames and windows and are used to hide the gap between the wall and the door jamb or window frame. Architraves can also be used as skirting boards where the wall meets the floor. You have the option of choosing from square, rounded or decorative shapes in a variety of sizes or combine profiles to make your own look.



WHAT YOU'LL NEED:

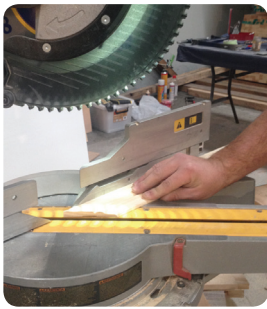
- ☒ 30mm finishing nails
- ☒ 50mm finishing nails
- ☒ Nail punch
- ☒ Hammer
- ☒ PVA glue
- ☒ Mitre box (if a drop saw is not available)
- ☒ Hand saw
- ☒ Coping saw
- ☒ Coping saw blades
- ☒ Safety Glasses

STEP 1 MEASURE



First measure the height and width of the door jamb. Next measure the width of the architrave you are going to use and add this onto your door jamb height and width.

STEP 2: CUT



For your side architraves, cut one end square then measure out your dimension. For the top architrave, cut one end at 45°; use your mitre box or drop saw for this. Then measure out the required length. Make sure you cut your pieces at least 50mm longer than required, you can always trim some off later.

STEP 3: POSITION



Place the architrave on the left hand side up against the door jamb. Make sure the bottom of the architrave is sitting level with the floor. Mark the architrave 3mm up from the bottom of the door jamb and draw a mark indicating the direction of the cut. This will be the short point of the 45° mitre cut. Repeat this process for the right hand side.

Position the end of the top architrave with the pre-cut mitre 3mm from the door jamb (so the length of the architrave to the short points will be the width of the door jamb plus 6mm). Make sure to mark a line to indicate the direction you need to make the cut.

Note: This 3mm gap will allow for any movement or cracking from the door slamming.

STEP 4 GLUE



Apply PVA glue to your top architrave on the end that will touch the side architrave. Hold in place and nail as you did the side, making sure the two pieces are perfectly lined up and you have your 3mm gap. For the remaining side, repeat this process but start from the mitre and work your way down.

STEP 5: SECURE



Cut the three marked pieces with your saw to 45° using the direction of your marked lines. Place the left hand side architrave up against the door jamb and starting from the bottom nail in place. Nail in pairs all the way up with one nail in the jamb and the other in the wall. As you work your way up, check your 3mm gap.

Handy Tips

- When installing mouldings make sure you install architraves first, that way when you come to installing skirting boards they will sit flush up against the architraves.
- Use a damp cloth to wipe off any extra glue and make sure to fill in nails before you paint.



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