

Mitered Returns

Often when ending mouldings that do not butt into another piece or wall, a mitred return is used to finish the end rather than leaving a raw edge. An example of this would be the apron trim under a window sill where the face profile continues around the edge of the moulding. To better understand, a mitre return is the same as a 90° outside corner cut. To make a mitered return, follow these instructions:

1. Determine the length of the moulding required and using a mitre saw, lay the moulding flat on the saw table with the profile up, tilt the saw (the bevel) at a 45° angle and cut the end of the moulding leaving an angled cut on your piece. Repeat this for the opposite end.
2. On a second piece of scrap moulding follow the same procedure but after each cut and place the blade back to 90° and cut the end or wedge piece off. Turn the moulding end for end and repeat for the second wedge piece.
3. Glue the wedge pieces to the ends of the mitres on the long piece and you now have completed your mitre return.