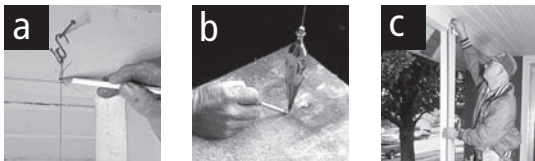


Wood porch post installation instructions



1. Mark location of post on beam [a] and platform [b]; then measure each post height from beam to platform [c].



2. Cut to length [d] minus space for plastic plinth, elevated bracket, or aluminum plinth on bottom of post. Paint all six surfaces (sides, top end, and bottom end) with at least two coats of high-quality oil-base or acrylic-latex exterior primer [e].* After priming, seal both bottom and top with silicon or exterior-grade caulk [f].*



3. Drill platform for plinth anchoring screw [g]. Drive screw to proper depth [h]. Test connection before attaching to post [i]. If using an elevated bracket or aluminum plinth, follow manufacturer's anchoring instructions.



4. Attach plinth to post bottom [j], erect post, and drive into position under beam and onto plinth anchoring screw [k]. Drill holes for attaching post to beam, then caulk [l]* before securing with screws.
5. Fill all holes with exterior wood putty and immediately paint all surfaces with a topcoat of oil-base or acrylic-latex paint.*



Attaching optional rail:

Cut rail and balusters to length and prime all sides. Seal ends with silicon or exterior-grade caulk.* If attaching rail with L-brackets, remember that all holes drilled into the post should be caulked* before placing screws, and any areas that are chiseled for the brackets should be primed* before attaching.

*To maintain manufacturer's warranty: All wood surfaces must be primed, ends must be sealed with caulk, and a high-quality exterior topcoat applied. A plastic plinth, an elevated bracket, or an aluminum plinth must be used between post and platform.