



Prefinished Stair Parts – Finished Beginnings

The installation of *Finished Beginnings* is the same as an unfinished product but will require a little extra time and caution while installing but will save you a lot of time by avoiding the finishing process.

Installation Instructions:

Skirt board and Risers– In new stair installations, skirt boards and risers should be installed first using standard installation methods and ideally painted prior to the installation of the treads

Treads–

Measure: Treads come in standard lengths and will most likely have to be cut to fit your staircase. We recommend you measure your stair width and wrap the tread with a high quality masking tape that will not leave any adhesive on the tread when removed. The tape should be placed so the middle of the tape is approximately where you will be cutting. Once the tape is in place you can now mark the exact tread length placing your mark on the tape. Be sure to measure every tread as they may not all be the same exact measurement.

Cut: With a sharp (preferable new) saw blade and ideally a sliding miter box saw, cut the tread slowly to reduce the chance of chipping. After cutting remove the tape and it is ready to install.

Installation: For installation of the tread we recommend Titebond **HiPUR**former MP75, hot melt adhesive or Titebond **Fast Set** Polyurethane Construction Adhesive and follow the instructions on the tube. These adhesives could eliminate the need to put any holes in the tread that will have to be filled later. The MP75 adhesive will set in 75 seconds and could be walked on almost immediately. The **Fast Set** Polyurethane Construction Adhesive has roughly a one hour work time and could be walked on within 10 hours. Install your treads from the bottom up and nail or screw the riser to the back of the tread as you go. This will add additional strength and reduce the chance of squeaking.

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Landing Tread and Landings– A landing tread can be cut and installed using the same adhesives and process as the treads. Use the Finished Beginnings flooring kit if you have a landing area between two stairs. The flooring measures $\frac{3}{4}$ " and will match up to the landing tread. The flooring can be installed in the conventional manner, either nailed back through the tongue or glued to the underlayment.

Newels– Cut newels using the same method as the treads. The 4040, 4047 and 4076 can be installed using any standard method of installation. When drilling holes in the newel be sure to use a bit that makes a clean outside cut prior to drilling the hole. All fastener holes should pre-drilled to the fasteners specification. Prefinished Button Plugs are available in $\frac{1}{2}$ ", 1" and $1\frac{1}{2}$ " to conceal fasteners after completion.

4091 box newel: The 4091 comes with an installation block that can be installed with a variety of hardware including the (#3074 or #3094). Once the block is firmly attached to the tread and the newel cut to the desired length, slide the newel sleeve on the newel and lower onto the block. The newel can be attached to the block with nails or screws as the sleeve will cover those fasteners once it is dropped in place. A small amount of **HiPURformer** hot melt adhesive or **Fast Set** Polyurethane Construction Adhesive where the newel meets the tread will hold the sleeve in place. All fastener holes should pre-drilled to the fasteners specification. Prefinished Button Plugs are available in $\frac{1}{2}$ ", 1" and $1\frac{1}{2}$ " to conceal fasteners after completion. If you are using the 4091 box newel it may be necessary to move the newel to the outside edge of the stair so the center of the newel lines up with the center of the rail when it has to terminate in a specific location, like the end of a wall in a partial open staircase. In this case you will need to make the tread, where the newel is mounted, longer than the other treads.

Rail- The method of cutting the rail will be the same as the treads and newels. You can use standard hardware such as Easalign, rail bolts (#3001) or lag bolts (#3078) to attach the rail to newels or rosettes. Be sure your holes are a clean cut so the button plugs will fit tight and cover the edge of the hole. Depending on your choice of balusters you may need to drill the rail prior to its final installation. When using box newels, apply the trim below the rail installation with glue and finish nails.

Balusters- We recommend the use of primed or iron balusters. The system has a $2\frac{1}{4}$ " (6010) handrail with a solid bottom for $1\frac{1}{4}$ " pin top wood or iron balusters and a $1\frac{1}{4}$ " plowed option to accept square top balusters. An upgrade to the $2\frac{5}{8}$ " (6210) will be architecturally correct for our $1\frac{3}{4}$ " wood pin top balusters and the larger iron balusters. The plowed version will accept the $1\frac{3}{4}$ " square top balusters.



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