



How to Install Door Casing

TOOLS



Set/Combination Square



Tape Measure



Pencil



Miter Saw



Pneumatic Nailer



Nails



Yardstick or Long Level

MATERIALS



Trim Boards



Wood Glue



Rags



Ear Protection



Eye Protection

STEP 1

MARK REVEAL



Use a set square to measure and mark the reveal

A trim “reveal” hides dimensional discrepancies caused by settling or wood shrinkage



TIP

Place the square against the door jamb and run a pencil



TIP

For a consistent look, match trim to the style of the room or existing trim found throughout the home

along the blade to mark all three sides.

A person wearing a plaid shirt is seen from behind, holding a yellow tape measure across the top of a white door. The door has a classic six-panel design. The person's hands are positioned at the top corners of the door, stretching the tape measure across the top edge. The background is a plain, light-colored wall.

STEP 2

MEASURE AND CUT TOP BOARD

Measure the distance between the two vertical reveal lines



TIP

The top piece of trim is sometimes referred to as “Top Casing” or “Head Moulding”

and mark the casing to indicate the proper length.



TIP

Start with a board that's a bit longer than the door is wide, so you don't cut the piece too short

Set your saw blade to a 45° angle and cut the left



TIP

Measure twice, cut once

Then adjust the blade to the opposite 45° angle to cut the right end.



STEP 3

INSTALL TOP BOARD

One and one-quarter to one and one-half inches



12 INCHES



TIP

Avoid nailing too close to edges and corners, as the wood could split

spacing them every 12 inches along the bottom edge.

STEP 4

MEASURE AND CUT VERTICAL BOARDS

Measure from the inside top corner to the floor or existing baseboard,

Vertical pieces of trim are sometimes referred to as “Leg Moulding”

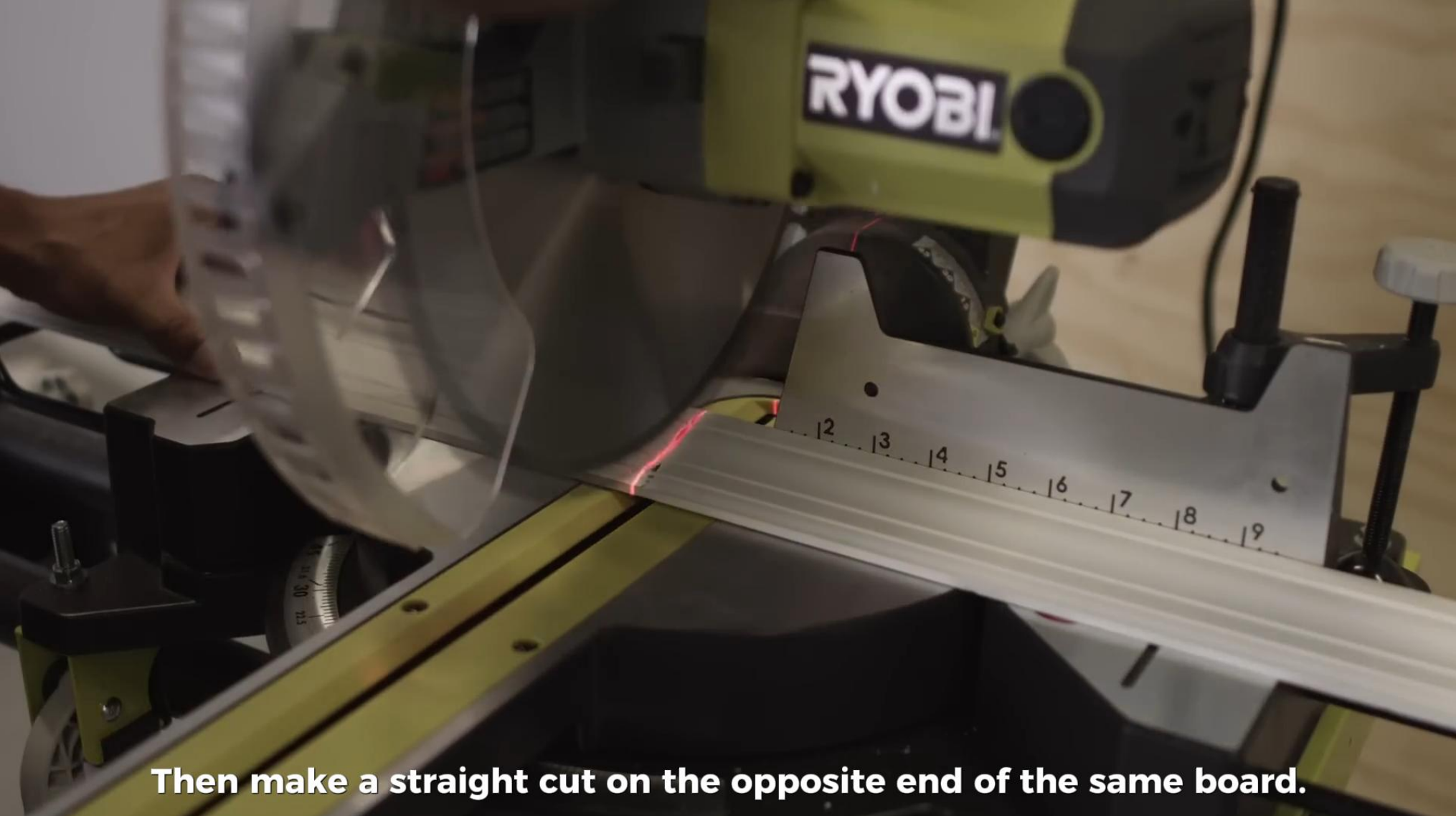


TIP

and mark the cutting points on both vertical casing pieces.



for the left piece and make the cut.



Then make a straight cut on the opposite end of the same board.

A close-up shot of a man with a beard, wearing a dark plaid shirt, applying wood glue from a yellow and blue bottle to a white decorative molding piece. The molding piece is held at an angle, and the glue is being applied to its corner. The background is a plain, light-colored wall with a door frame visible.

STEP 5

INSTALL VERTICAL BOARDS

Secure the corners with wood glue and nails.



TIP

Use 1-inch brads from the top and side to pin the pieces together

Nail each board in place at 12-inch intervals.



TIP

If you use wood glue at the corners, be sure to wipe excess adhesive right away

Nail each board in place at 12-inch intervals.



Finally, spackle any gaps and paint your new door casing as needed.