



### BEYOND PAINT

The way carpenters install wood trim depends on whether it will be painted (paint grade) or finished with the wood showing (stain grade). Paint grade is used when cuts and fits only need to be close enough for painters to caulk gaps and blemishes. With stain grade work, fit and finish must be nearly perfect since a clear finish will be applied and therefore gaps and blemishes can't be tolerated. Add more expensive hardwood trim to stain grade installation and the costs can add up rapidly. To make trim more affordable, save stain grade work and hardwood for living rooms, dining rooms and entryways.

# WOOD WISE

### WAINSCOTING

Wainscoting or wainscot is the term for any wall covering made from wood applied to the lower half of an interior wall. At its simplest, wainscot consists of strips of tongue-and-groove or bead board applied above the baseboard and capped by a simple chair rail molding. Installing this type of wainscoting is also an easy do-it-yourself project. Lumberyards and home centers normally stock pine and red oak bead board and chair rail molding. Installing it is simply a matter of cutting it to length, and gluing it to the sheetrock with several beads of light construction adhesive. After trimming and mitering the chair rail to fit, and finish-nailing it in place, the wainscoting and rail can be primed and painted, or stained and finished with polyurethane.

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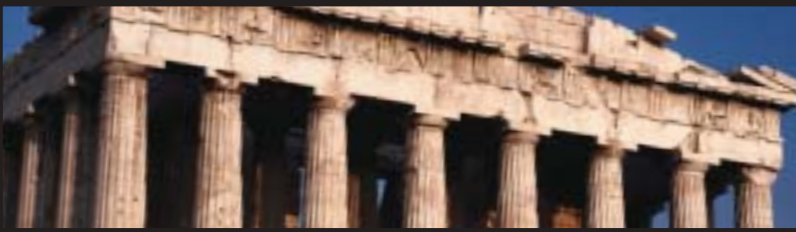


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A home is many things: a haven, a place of rest, a place to gather family and friends. And a home made of wood has been the choice of homeowners for hundreds of years. That's because wood is affordable, and the only renewable and sustainable building product there is. Adding wood trim to your home—whether you're building, renovating, or just making cosmetic changes—increases your home's value, quality, and beauty.



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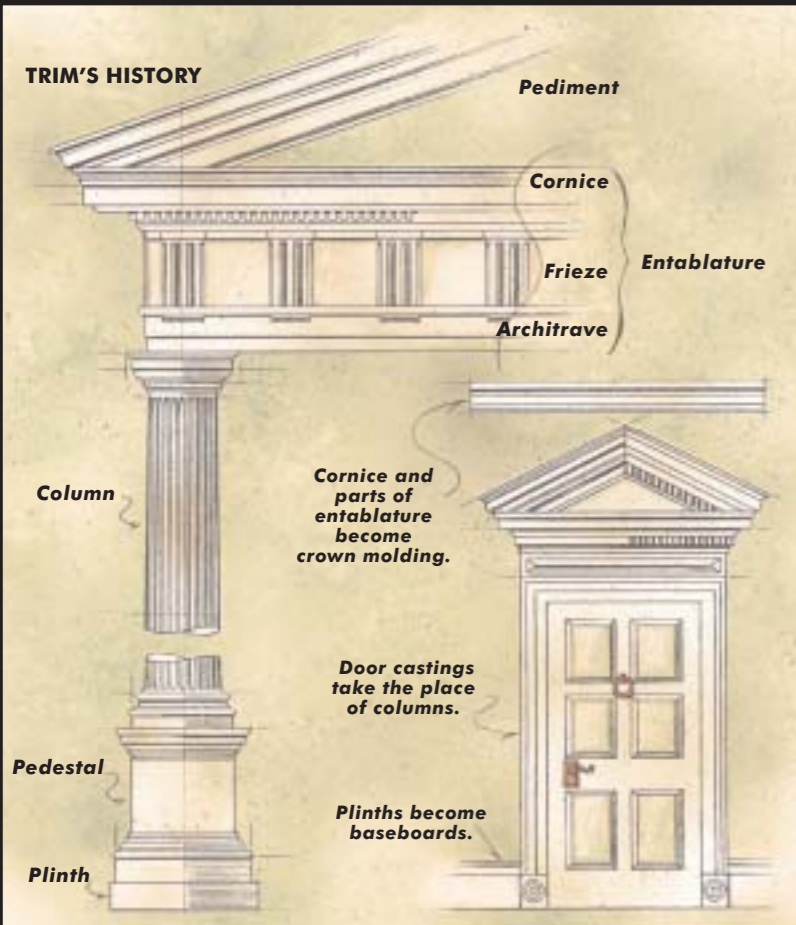
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## WHEN IN ROME...

Modern trim and molding can be traced back to buildings designed by Greeks and Romans. It was these ancient architects who determined that for a room to be aesthetically pleasing it had to have certain elements such as plinths, columns and entablatures. Today, baseboards serve as modern plinths and door casings mimic miniature columns, while crown molding has supplanted the entablatures of ancient times. Perhaps most amazing is that virtually all of the molding profiles available today are based on combinations of eight basic shapes established by classic Greek and Roman architecture.



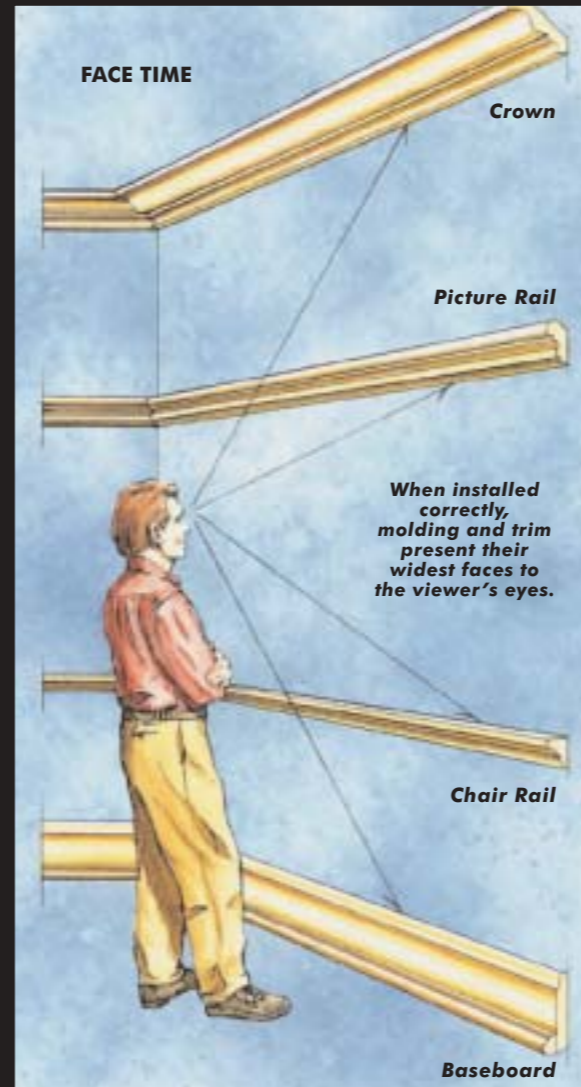
## TRIM'S HISTORY



## THE EYES HAVE IT.

Walk into a room with one-inch wide baseboard molding at the floor and 5-inch wide crown molding at the ceiling, and you're likely to say the room feels "odd" even if you cannot say why. It's probably because people expect the bottom of a wall to appear strong and solid, which is why wide baseboards give a house the feeling of solidity. Generally, horizontal trim should give the appearance of getting lighter as the eyes go higher on the wall. To enhance this appearance, moldings are created with certain facial angles. Above-the-eye moldings, such as crown are designed with a facial angle that cants toward the viewer. Below-the-eye moldings should appear to recede away from the viewer. To give a room in your home a consistent look, choose a trim style such as Colonial or Victorian, then purchase short lengths of the molding you would like to use to see how it will accent your home.

## FACE TIME



## WOOD WORKS BEST.

You might not think of wood trim as getting much wear and tear. But the truth is, baseboards, chair rails and casement trim can take quite a beating when furniture and appliances are moved, or cats and dogs get their claws into them. Wood's track record of centuries' long durability, mar resistance, crack resistance and overall finish quality make it far superior to alternative materials.

## BEYOND CLAMSHELL

Your basic tract home has clamshell baseboards and mitered trim around window and door casements. For as little as a few hundred dollars a room, you can significantly improve the warmth and visual interest of a clamshell-trimmed room. On new homes, specify wider baseboards to give the room a more solid look. Increase the look of quality by dispensing with the overused mitered corners. Instead, specify trim that's squared at the ends and butted to wood blocks at the corners. Specifying cabinet head trim gives a high-end furniture quality look to doors and windows. Crown molding applied where walls and ceilings meet gives living rooms and dining rooms a much higher level of finish. If you want crown molding installed in a new house, make sure to tell your contractor before wallboard or plaster is installed so framing carpenters can install the proper backing. Adding crown to an existing house requires backing on which to nail the crown. You can apply the backing to the surface of the wallboard, but it's more difficult.

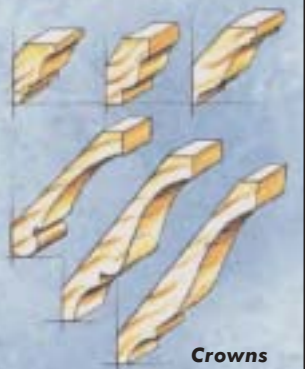
## MOLDING STYLES



Baseboards



Base Shoes



Crowns



Door Stops



Casement Trim



Picture Rails



Chair Rails

## BASIC MOLDING SHAPES

