

Habitat for Humanity of Monroe County  
Quick Guide: Installing Baseboard Trim

Tools	Materials
Broom; marker Tape measure; pencil Chop saw with finish cutting blade Coping saw; pneumatic nail gun Caulk gun; small scraps of 7/16" OSB	4" prepainted base trim, 16' long 18 gauge finish nails White, paintable, latex caulk Putty
Tips	
<p>Sweep floor and make sure stud locations are marked on the floor.</p> <p>Working counterclockwise around the room (or closet) and starting at the entrance door, measure for the first piece of trim from the door to the first corner; cut trim square on both ends; rest the trim on 7/16" scraps of OSB if the room will be carpeted, otherwise rest it directly on the floor; fasten the trim with finish nails about every 16" into the wall studs.</p> <p>Measure and cut next trim piece; for an inside corner, cut it square on left end and at 45° on right end; cut a coped joint on the right end; for an outside corner, cut both adjoining trim pieces at 45°; nail trim to wall.</p> <p>Continue around the room to the casing on the right side of the door.</p> <p>Fill nail holes with putty; caulk along the top edge of the baseboard to fill any gaps.</p>	

