

Habitat for Humanity of Monroe County
Quick Guide: Insulating Exterior Walls

Tools	Materials
Sharp utility knife and extra blades Tape measure and marker Stapler 2"x4" scrap for use as a straight edge Safety equipment: dust mask, gloves, long sleeved shirt, long pants, goggles, baby powder	R-13 Kraft paper-faced fiberglass batts, 15" x 96" (11/bag) 1/4" staples
Tips	
Cut batts long enough and wide enough to completely fill cavities between studs. Cut channels for wiring from the back side; do not cut through front paper surface. Cut out insulation around electrical boxes, being careful not to nick wiring. Do not compress insulation; pockets of dead air are needed to be effective. Staple paper tabs on the insulation to the sides of the studs, not to the face, about every 8".	