

Habitat for Humanity of Monroe County
 Quick Guide: Siding

Materials	Tools
Siding panels, 12'6" long Large head, 1½" galvanized nails Aluminum starter strips J-, F-, and P- channels Outside corners	Hammer; tape measure Speed square; pencil Tinsnips or circular saw (blade reversed) Utility knife or slot punch Snap-lock punch (crimps); zip tool
Tips	
<p>Don't nail it—hang it! Leave 1/16" gap. Vinyl expands & contracts with temperature. Place the nail in the center of slot; enlarge slot if needed to drive nail into stud.</p> <p>Overlap panels 1-2".</p> <p>Cut edges go in J-channel where hidden, factory edges where visible.</p> <p>On sides of house, work from back to front of house.</p> <p>On front and back, work all courses from the same side.</p> <p>Keep panels level; use chalk lines or check with reference measurements or 4' level.</p> <p>Make sure panels are fully snapped together; check that it slides easily back and forth.</p> <p>Stagger courses at least 3'.</p>	