

INSTALLING CLADDING: TONGUE & GROOVE

Tongue and groove cladding can be installed horizontally or vertically. In horizontal application, start at the bottom and work up with the groove edges facing downwards to assure a weather-tight wall. Cladding up to 6 in. (152mm) wide can be blind nailed with one cladding nail per bearing toe-nailed through the base of each tongue. Wider cladding should be face nailed using two nails per bearing. Ring shank nails must penetrate 1-1/4 in. (32mm) into solid wood (see Figure 5).

In vertical application, start at one corner with grooved edge toward the adjacent wall. Use a level or plumbline to ensure that the first board is installed vertically. The grooved edge of the first board may have to be trimmed to ensure a flush fit. Cladding is nailed to horizontal blocking lines installed between studs or to furring strips (see Wall Construction). As with horizontal installation, pieces up to 6 in. (152mm) can be blind nailed and wider pieces should be face nailed.

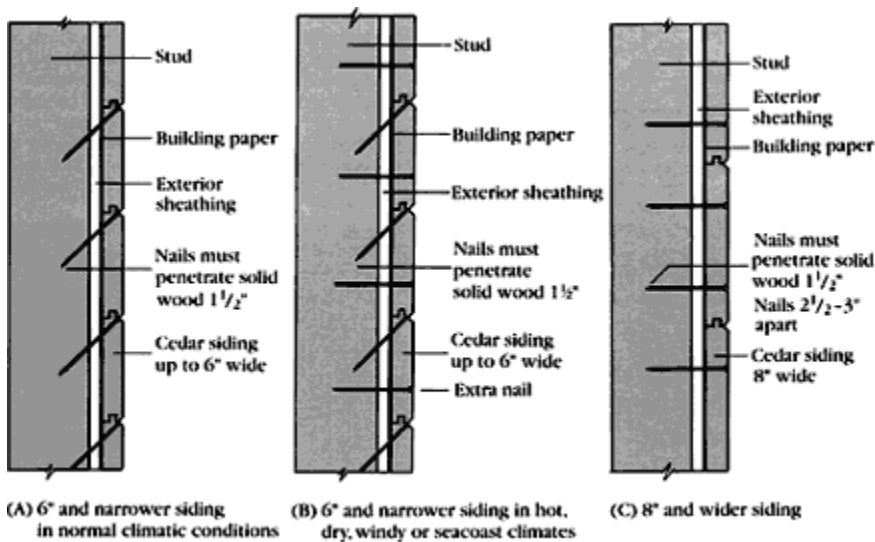


Figure 5. Nailing T&G Siding