**Tools Needed:**

- Tape Measure
- Blue Tape for Marking / Placement
- Nail Gun
- Air Compressor (for nail gun)
- Rubber Mallet / Hammer
- Circular Saw / Hand Saw
- Jig Saw
- Nail Set Tool
- 2” Galvanized Nails to Apply Directly to Truss or 2 1/2” Galvanized Nails to Apply Directly to Drywall

**IMPORTANT:** During the normal course of installation, you might find some undesirable areas of a board that you may not want in your ceiling (i.e., a knot that might have fallen out, splits, bowed or warped boards, etc). **DO NOT SET THESE ASIDE!** Simply cut out the area on the board you do not want and use the drops as a starter or end piece. If you set these boards aside during installation until the end, you will have only these boards left and possibly run short. Also, it is possible to create a random pattern by using boards of all the same length by simply adjusting the starter piece length.

1. Start by cutting a random length from a full-length piece and attach it cut side toward the wall.
2. Attach full-length pieces, sliding tongues tightly into grooves, to complete the first run.
3. Use the drop from the first cut to start the second run from the opposite end and complete the run with full-length pieces.
4. Plan your next cut by measuring to the seam of the second run and adding or subtracting 12 inches. This will be the starter for the third run.
5. Repeat and continue this process until you are finished covering your surface. Make sure you keep joints tight when nailing to minimize twisting.
6. Measure, cut and install the trim moldings around the perimeter of the area to cover gaps at the ends or at the walls. These are the only places you will have to face nail the wood.

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