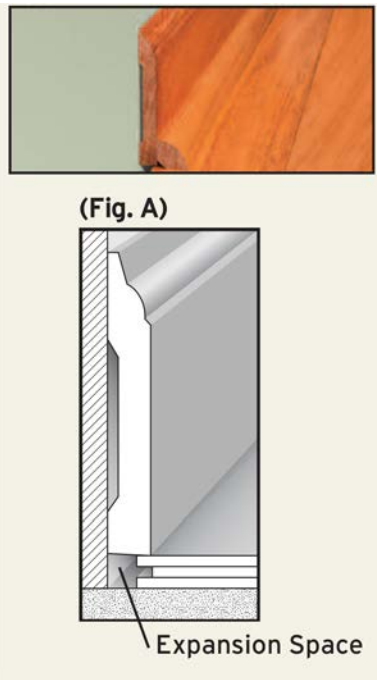


Installing a Hardwood Wall Base Molding

Application - Borders the wood floor at the base of the wall to give the room a finished look. This molding helps conceal the required expansion space between the wall and the hardwood flooring. It is also sometimes used under cabinet toe kicks.

Installation - Wall Base moldings should be installed after the hardwood floor is in place. You must make allowances for an expansion space between the floor and wall in accordance with the hardwood flooring manufacturer's recommendations. The molding should be fastened to the wall (not the subfloor) to assure that the contraction or expansion space for the floor is not restricted (See Fig. A). Pre-drill the molding to avoid splitting. Moldings Online Wall Base moldings are eight feet long to ensure minimal splices. This length helps assure that splicing joints will be on a stud.

Helpful Tip - If the expansion space between the wall and the hardwood floor is wider than the Wall Base molding, you will need to use a Quarter Round or Base Shoe molding to complete the job. In this case, place the lower nail securing the Wall Base molding below the finished line of the Quarter Round or Shoe Base molding. By doing this, the Quarter Round molding will cover the lower nail in the Wall Base molding and avoid the need to putty the lower nail holes.



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