

3/4" T & G Beadboard Installation Guidelines Nail/Crown Staple Fastening

Always reference local building codes, use materials that comply with local building codes and meet VERSATEX Installation Recommendations.

Please refer to the VERSATEX Contractor Handbook, Installation guides, and other resources on our website.

- Use 1" nominal beadboard products or thicker boards for spans of up to 16".
- Never span VERSATEX more than 16".
- Before installing VERSATEX Beadboard, be sure the underside of the ceiling joists are true and level. You may want to place a 1/2" or 7/16" sheet of OSB or plywood on the underside of the ceiling joists to reduce or eliminate the joist read-through.

1. Calculate how many boards it will take to cover the ceiling. Divide the width of the porch ceiling by the finished width of the WP4 to get the number of whole boards needed to cover the ceiling. If the last board is less than 2", trim the first and last board to create equally spaced Beadboards. Versatex recommends ordering 5% extra to cover waste or accidents.
2. Cut the Beadboard to length and measure the depth of the porch front to back at the end where you will start installing. Subtract 1/2" from this measurement to account for the 1/4" gap you want to leave around the perimeter of the ceiling to allow for any expansion and contraction. A 4" Crown, Bed Moulding, or Stealth Flatstock Trim will cover this slight gap.

NOTE: If necessary, trim the first board to width, cutting off the groove side of the WP4, and leaving the tongue edge for nailing.

3. Apply the recommended construction adhesive to the underside of the rafters or the entire plywood face. Face nail the first board positioning it on the ceiling, groove side 1/4" away from the wall. Using a pneumatic gun and two 2" - 8d nails with annular threads. Face nail the beadboard to the ceiling joists every 16" on center (be sure to hit studs even when fastening into plywood underlayment). Position the nails 1/2" to 3/4" from the outer edge of the beadboard.
4. 3/4" beadboard should be nailed 16" on center (max.) through the tongue with a 2" finish nail or crown staple (1/4" - 1/2" wide, narrow back stainless steel staple 1 1/4" - 1 1/2" long). Position the pneumatic gun at the back edge of the board's tongue and angle it away from the tongue and to one side. This will keep the nail from pulling out and blocking the tongue when you fit the groove of the next board over it. Slide the groove of the next board into the tongue of the previous board. If necessary, tap it tightly with a hammer

using a scrap piece of beadboard or wood blocking to prevent damage to the board tongue and adequately set the joint between the two boards.

5. For runs longer than 18', cut a bevel or shiplap joint into the end of the beadboard. Leave a 1/8" gap when installing beadboard at temperatures below 40°F. Consider a "T" moulding, faux beam, or coffered ceiling beam to control expansion and contraction by limiting board length. A "T" mould is ideal for hiding the butt ends of a beadboard or beaded sheet. Use a VERSATEX recommended PVC glue to join two pieces where a bevel or shiplap joint was created. This allows the boards to expand/contract as on one unit and not individual boards.
6. Finish installing the beadboard over the ceiling. If necessary, trim the final board from the tongue side. Face nail the last board using a pneumatic gun and two 2" - 8d nails with annular threads, face nail the beadboard to the ceiling joists every 16" on center. Install one or more mouldings around the perimeter of the ceiling, making sure the mouldings cover the expansion gap.
7. Where possible, orient the beadboard in the direction that uses the shortest possible board length.

As with any ceiling application, be sure any space above the ceiling is adequately ventilated to prevent heat buildup.

VERSATEX can be used both vertically and horizontally for accent walls.

Contact VERSATEX Building Products for any questions regarding installation at 724-857-1111

VERSATEX Trim and VERSATEX Mouldings may not be suitable for every application, and it is the sole responsibility of the installer to be sure that VERSATEX Trim and Mouldings are fit for the intended use. Since all installations are unique, it is also the installer's responsibility to determine specific requirements regarding each trim and moulding application.

Install Diagram for nail/crown staple fastening

