Bedroom Accent Wall Trim Layout

Your precise cut list and layout guide for a beautiful accent wall under $100.

Transform your bedroom over a single weekend with this simple vertical grid layout. Use this guide to map your cuts and ensure perfectly parallel spacing.



The Exact Cut List

1 top rail
120 inches long; for 10-foot walls

7 vertical battens
54 inches long; for 8-foot ceilings

3 inches
Width for uniform ripped strips

16 inches
Standard hidden wall stud spacing

Baseboard kept intact

Rest newly cut vertical battens directly on top of the existing baseboard to eliminate messy demolition, drywall repairs, and complicated angle cuts.

Material Essentials

- [ ] Cut from 1 MDF sheet to yield all project material.
- [ ] Use a No-math spacer board (18.5 inches) for parallel spacing.
- [ ] Apply an Eggshell finish for soft, light-absorbing velvety depth.
- [ ] Press shrinking wood filler into holes and sand them flush.

Installation Sequence

1. **Map the studs** Scan horizontally with a magnetic stud finder and run blue painter's tape vertically.
2. **Secure the battens** Apply heavy-duty construction adhesive in a zigzag bead and secure with 2-inch brad nails.
3. **Caulked inner seams** Run paintable acrylic latex caulk along inner corners to completely eliminate dark shadow lines.
4. **Prep and prime** Sand freshly cut edges lightly with 220-grit sandpaper and apply a dedicated MDF primer.

Check Before You Start

- [ ] Verify exact ceiling height to leave breathing room above the trim.
- [ ] Confirm the hardware store can rip strips for straight factory-like edges.
- [ ] Ensure you avoid using 100% silicone caulk, which repels paint.
- [ ] Test your paint swatch in natural morning sunlight and warm evening lamps.
- [ ] Tape heavy-duty canvas drop cloths tightly against the baseboard before painting.

Adapting to Your Space

Find your row: **your room's unique features**

your room's unique features	Your pick	Why
Uneven or sloping floors	Adjust individual batten heights	Keeps the top rail perfectly parallel
Decorative existing baseboards	Paint them the same green	Visually grounds wall and masks gaps
Clumsy heavy spacer board	Cut from lightweight 1x2 pine	Easier to hold with one hand

Project Notes

Enjoy your beautifully transformed bedroom and the satisfaction of a flawless custom build!