

# Pro Trim Measurement Cheat Sheet

Standardize your cuts and master flawless craftsman door casing.

Upgrade builder-basic doorways with perfectly tight joints and crisp shadow lines. Use these exact spacing, angles, and anchoring techniques to transform your space.

## ● Key Measurements & Specs

### 3/16-in

Reveal step-back margin for hinges

### 15 deg

Nail angle for hidden dovetail lock

### 12 in

Spacing for side jamb reference marks

### 0.5 in

Minimum safe distance from miter joints

### 48 hours

Minimum indoor wood acclimation time

### 220-grit

Sandpaper for a perfectly smooth finish

### *CA glue the miters*

*Apply cyanoacrylate to one edge and activator to the other. Assemble flat on a clean workbench and hold tightly for ten seconds for an unbreakable bond.*



● Material & Fastener Guide

Find your row: Trim component

| Trim component          | Your pick              | Why                                 |
|-------------------------|------------------------|-------------------------------------|
| Side casing             | 1x4 Primed Pine        | Best structural stability for paint |
| Header board            | 1x6 Primed Pine        | Classic craftsman proportion        |
| Header cap              | 1x2 Pine, 1.5-in nails | Clean top finish                    |
| Inner jamb edge         | 1-inch 18-gauge brads  | Secures thin edge safely            |
| Outer drywall perimeter | 2-inch brads           | Anchors into jack stud              |

● Pre-Installation Checks

- Inspect boards down their narrow edge for warping before purchasing.
- Measure left and right vertical cuts independently; floors are rarely level.
- Locate the solid vertical framing alongside the door frame.
- Test pneumatic nail gun pressure on scrap wood to sink heads.

● Flawless Installation Sequence

- 1 **Mark the shadow line** Use a combination square and sharp pencil to draw a continuous visual guide.
- 2 **Assemble top corners** Glue miter joints before lifting the complete casing assembly onto the wall.
- 3 **Alternate nail angles** Drive fasteners in alternating directions to grip the underlying door jamb securely.
- 4 **Conceal and prep** Overfill holes with non-shrinking putty, vacuum dust, and wipe with a microfiber cloth.
- 5 **Caulk the outer edge** Run paintable acrylic latex along the gap and smooth immediately with a damp finger.

● Project Notes

Enjoy your beautifully upgraded, custom-finished craftsman doorways!