

Shiplap Over Popcorn Install Sequence

Transform your textured ceiling with safe, secure plywood planks.

Establish a smooth, modern ceiling foundation by safely covering your dated texture. Use this tested sequence to prep, space, and install your boards securely into the joists.

● Key Measurements

1/4 in

Sanded plywood sheet thickness

4x8 ft

Full plywood sheet dimensions

6 in

Uniform ripped plank width

120-grit

Sanding block for fresh cut edges

1/16 in

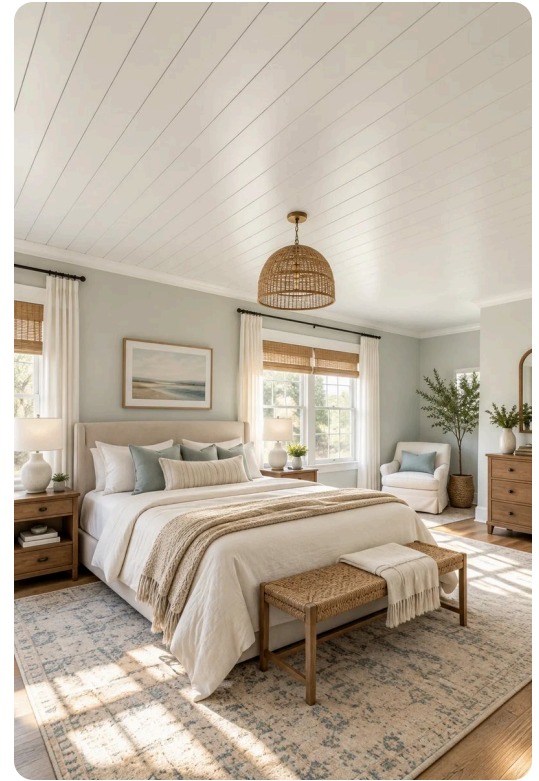
Gap spacing created by nickels

2 in

Brad nails for securing to joists

Skip the glue

Never apply liquid construction adhesive over textured ceilings. The heavy glue bonds only to loose popcorn kernels, which can tear away from the drywall and fall.



● The Install Sequence

- 1 Test popcorn sample** Mail a quarter-sized texture sample to an EPA-certified lab and await official negative results.
- 2 Mark joists on tape** Run painter's tape along wall edges and mark joist locations found with a stud finder.
- 3 Rip and prep strips** Cut sheets into uniform strips, sand the jagged edges perfectly smooth, and pre-paint the long sides.
- 4 Nail with nickel gaps** Wedge standard nickels between boards during installation to maintain consistent spacing and create dark shadow lines.
- 5 Extend electrical boxes** Install a plastic extender ring at light fixtures to bring the housing flush with the new wood.

● Plywood Sheet Cut List

Find your row: **Room Dimensions**

Room Dimensions	Your pick	Why
10 x 10 ft	4 sheets	Yields 40 strips
12 x 12 ft	6 sheets	Yields 58 strips
14 x 16 ft	9 sheets	Yields 90 strips

● Pre-Install Checks

- Verify exact chemical composition of ceiling texture before purchasing any materials.
- Locate metal drywall screws with a magnetic stud finder to find joists.
- Measure total ceiling width to plan layout and avoid narrow slivers.
- Check that HVAC vent covers have solid wood material to screw into.

● Installation Supplies

- ☐ Full sheets of sanded plywood
- ☐ Table saw with a sharp finish blade
- ☐ Blue painter's tape and magnetic stud finder
- ☐ Standard nickels for spacing boards
- ☐ Pneumatic nail gun and brad nails
- ☐ Plastic electrical box extender ring
- ☐ Flat or matte interior ceiling paint
- ☐ Paintable acrylic caulk and lightweight spackle

● Project Notes

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Enjoy the crisp, architectural shadow lines of your beautifully transformed primary bedroom ceiling!