

LOG CABIN SIDING NOTES – Exterior

1. For best results, we recommend you let us have it pressure treated. Then install it wet. Allow it to dry for a few months, then apply TWP topical stainer/sealer or some other good exterior deck or siding stain. (Clear products like Thompson's Waterseal do not work)
2. If you choose to install it untreated, then we recommend you apply one coat of TWP topical stainer/sealer on the front and back before installing. Then immediately after installing apply another couple of coats on top of the exposed surfaces.
3. It is best that you start your wood siding at least 6" off the ground.
4. Studs should be covered with 7/16" or thicker OSB or plywood. Then a house wrap or felt paper is usually added for a moisture barrier.
5. If you are installing over old siding, concrete, or brick then you will need to strip it out vertically about every 24" first. Our 1x3 rough battens make great furring strips. You can find instructions on fastening furring strips to concrete or brick online. Do not install over vinyl siding.
6. Use galvanized, coated, or stainless wood or deck screws. Dark colored ones are less noticeable after staining. You will need at least 2-1/4" screws. Boards should be screwed in pairs (see diagram) through the face 2" from each end and about every 24". Nails are not recommended for exterior wood siding.
7. We offer 1" and 2" rough cut lumber for trim. Doors and windows are often cased out with 2x4's. You can rip yourself 2x2's for use as inside corners. Folks typically use 2x6's and a 2x4's together in an L shape to make the outside corners. In most cases it is best to install trim boards before installing the siding.
8. The log siding boards are attached individually, one row at a time, working from the bottom upward, with the tongue turned up.
9. It's best to "45" the ends when you have pieces meeting in the middle of a wall.
10. Caulk where siding butts to trim.

DISCLAIMERS: This is not an exhaustive list of instructions. Be sure to check with local building codes. Also, there are many instructional resources online.

Hope these tips help! Compliments of Southern Wood Specialties in Flomaton, AL

See Illustration below

