

## INSTALLING SIDING AND TRIM:

You will need the following:

1. Adequate plank
2. Hardi blade or a Hardi sheer.
3. Elastomeric caulking
4. wet towel to clean up the caulking between pieces
5. 4' level to create template for gable ends.
6. Proper dust masks for concrete/ silicate dust hazard when sawing.
7. Roofing gun or #8 nail gun.

Wrap the home ends so any moisture can drain out correctly.



Using your eye or a string stretched across the sections. Ensure that the plank layout is reasonably true from section to section. This section is off and must be stripped and replaced.



This photo shows the extensive amount of siding that must be installed



Cut and fit the plank making sure to keep the correct overlap and end gaps. Hardi brand siding requires a gap equal to a dime width (1/16") at each end, so measure from side to side and deduct 1/8" total. Without the proper gap, the siding will grow longer as it heats up and get wavy.



When you reach the gable, you must create a template or two if the roof pitch changes at a marriage line. To create a template angle, hold a scrap of plank or panel against the gable soffit, using a carpenter's level. Mark a level line starting from the lower edge where it is against the gable until it leaves the template piece. Cut the level mark and you have created the angle needed for a template. Mark the cut edge as level and the edge that was against the soffit as the angle side. Using the angle template, mark a plank appropriately and cut it to length. The template can be turned over for plank on the other side.

#### TRIMMING CORNERS AT THE FOUNDATION

The factory trim should be stagger cut at corners or cut back in single pieces in preparation for trim extension at the foundation siding closure. Failing to take the closure trim up the wall a ways will cause it to show the skirting line more pronounced. I like to stick with even numbers like 6" offset another technician likes to cut the trim at plank seams when plank is used which can hide the cut better. Once the trim is cut, make up the two pieces to correct length for proper overhang of up to 2" and join the two pieces with fasteners. Installing the married pieces makes the finished product come out very well.



Next water proof the foundation framing or blocking with roof paper or house wrap, tucking the paper under the upper layer. Once the paper is finished, the trim can be fit and shimmed to plumb.

