

Installing Wellington Faux Panels Indoors™: Basic Guidelines

Tools and Supplies You'll Need

You can install Wellington panels easily using tools found in almost everyone's toolbox. To complete your project you will at least need these basic tools:

1. Screws — use screws that are long enough to go through the FauxPanel and firmly attach to the wall behind the FauxPanel. We recommend a narrow head screw (such as a #1 Roberson head trim head screw) to make touch-up easier and less noticeable.
2. Construction Adhesive/Glue — we recommend either PL® Premium Construction Adhesive, [PL® Premium Advanced 4X Construction Adhesive](#) (which has 4X faster bonding), or [Great Stuff Pro](#).
3. Screw gun with the appropriate tip for the screws being used.
4. A saw for cutting panels – a circular saw, jig saw, band saw, table saw, or hand saw, it is your preference. Any woodcutting blade used with these saws work great and cut smooth and easy.
5. Tape Measure
6. Level
7. Chalk Line (optional)
8. Caulking gun for applying the Adhesive/Glue and Caulk.
9. FauxPanels™ color coordinated textured caulk
10. Touch-up Kit

Directions:

The panels can be installed **indoors**, or [outdoors](#), on any reasonably flat surface that is clean and is in structurally sound condition.



1. Begin your panel installation by first cleaning



2. Plan the layout of your panels to best suit your space.



3. Apply a bead of adhesive/glue to the

the wall on which the faux stone face will be attached. Wipe off the surface and use a wire brush on harder surfaces. Wipe down the back of the FauxPanel as well.

Acclimatize the faux stone face panel to roughly the same temperature and humidity as the installation wall for about 24 hours. Do not store FauxPanels in direct sunlight or close to heat sources before installing.

Use a level to find the high point on your floor/ground. Measure up from the high point of the floor/ground and mark the wall to the height of the panel being installed. Draw a level line across the wall as a guide.

perimeter of the back of the faux stone face, roughly an inch from the edge.

Add additional adhesive/glue to the rest of the panel back in a vertical straight line pattern. Keep the beads of glue/adhesive only 4 inches apart or less

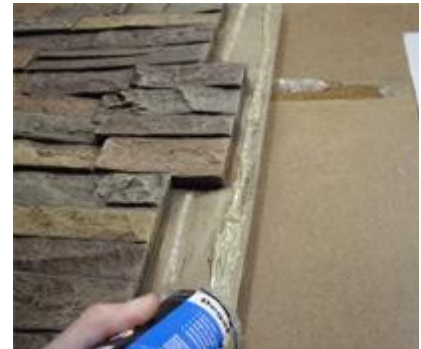


4. Apply the FauxPanel to the wall. Use a slight twisting motion to ensure good contact between the adhesive/glue and the wall for proper panel installation. Make sure the panel is level.



5. Fasten the faux stone face panel to the wall with screws around the perimeter, keeping them roughly one foot apart or less. Place additional screws in the middle of the panel at a rate of about 1 screw per square foot. All screws should be very slightly recessed below the surface of the faux stone faux panel. Do not over tighten the screws.

Hint: Placing screws under protruding rocks, in crevices, or grout lines, will hide them and provide a cleaner and more realistic look.



6. Add adhesive to the lip of the FauxPanel where the next panel will overlap, about 1 inch away from the textured surface of the panel.



7. Add textured caulk to the seam where the panels meet. This is very important to ensure a weather-tight seal.

Steps 6 & 7 help maintain the integrity of the panel installation by preventing any possible flexing or separation of the product due to extreme temperature and humidity changes once the installation is complete. Textured caulk can be used to conceal the screw heads as well.



8. Repeat steps 3-7 for the next faux panel to be installed. Place it onto the wall next to the first panel. Keep the panel level. Press the panels tightly against the wall with a slight wiggle motion to help spread the glue for a tight seal. Install the panel very closely against the first faux stone panel, as they may expand and contract with temperature changes. Continue repeating steps 3-7 until the first row is complete.



9. Use a damp cloth to remove any excess textured caulk before it dries. A wet finger, paint brush, or other similar tool can assist in smoothing and blending the caulk. Also use the textured caulk to fill in any voids, gaps, screw heads, or spaces. [Click here for more details on caulking panels.](#)



10. If you are installing multiple rows of FauxPanels, start on the next row above the one just completed. Repeat steps 3-9 for the next row of panels to be installed.



10a. When installing the River Rock panel you will not be able to offset the panel when installing one over the other due to the nature of their interlocking patterns.



11. Using the paint from the Touch-up Kit, paint the FauxPanels, screw heads, and textured caulk as needed. [Click here for more details on Touching Up Wellington](#)

Panels.

Note: The panels are designed to butt up to each other bottom to top. This 'shiplap' joint should be glued and caulked as described in steps 6 & 7 to ensure a tight seal and seamless look. For a more random look, offset each row by a half sheet. This will make pattern repeats less noticeable.

Stand back and admire your handiwork.

Tips...

To ensure that the panels are oriented properly -- the tongue portion of the panel is on top of the panel, and the groove portion of the panel is on the bottom. All joints, including miters, should be glued and caulked. The panels may require additional shimming and trimming for proper alignment.

Be sure to obey all safety rules and recommendations set forth by tool manufacturers.

Always follow any, and all, local, state, and federal building codes. Always comply with any specified clearances set forth by the manufactures of stoves, fireplaces, furnaces, and any other heat sources, as well.