



Do-It Yourself Home Improvement Center Replacement Parts & Supplies

INSTALLATION INSTRUCTIONS for EVERROCK SKIRTING

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Measuring Instructions

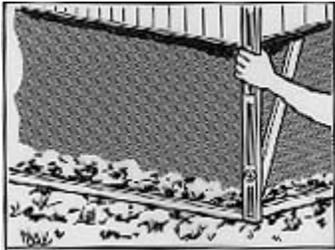
Measure the height the home is above the ground every 5 feet, add 3 inches and order the needed panels by heights. The 30 inch panel finishes 58" in length and the 36 inch and 48 inch finish 60" in length. If a 24 inch or less height is needed, order the 48 inch panel and cut in half.

Tools and Accessories Needed (Not Included)

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| <ol style="list-style-type: none">1. Utility razor knife.2. Power saw with fine tooth blade (reverse blade), or concrete blade.3. Electric screwdriver or drill with 1/4" hex head driver bit.4. Tape measure.5. Straight Edge and/or carpenter's square.6. Hammer | <ol style="list-style-type: none">8. Rake/hoe for dirt replacement and back-fill.9. Chalk line and/or marking pencil.10. 1" hex head screws installed every 12" for attaching panels to home.11. Matching color 1" hex head screws for installing vent inserts in panels.12. Matching color 1" hex head screws for joining panels. |
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Step 1 - Installing Bottom Rails

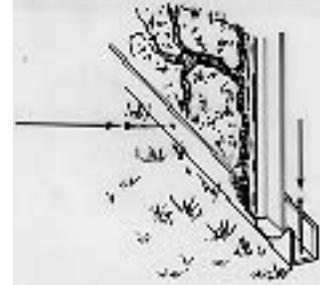
Two alternative methods are recommended. However, the following should be done first.



A level or plumb line should be used to establish the location of the bottom rail. To prevent grass from growing around the base of the skirting and provide a non-shifting base for the ground spikes, 9" asphalt roof starter or shingles should be installed around the base of the home.

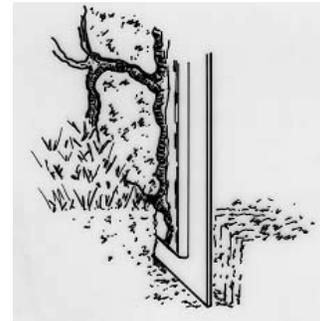
Method 1

The bottom of the panels can be installed using an optional bottom track. After making sure the track is in line with the side of the home, secure track to surface with 7" gutter spikes. Place panels in bottom track and secure with screws, cut the bottom edge of each panel at the same angle as the ground slopes.



Method 2

Dig 3" to 4" trench and set the bottom of the panel in the trench. Trim the panel at the bottom as required on uneven surfaces. When installation is complete, back-fill trench with soil to secure bottom of panel.



Note: In high wind areas, where ground below the unit is spongy, or where ground is loose from recent excavation and has not yet settled, it is advisable to fasten bottom of panel (Method 1) or Bottom Track (Method 2) to a treated wood stake.

For installation on concrete, use a 3/4" masonry nail instead of a ground spike. "Liquid Nails" cement or other similar methods of setting a fastener directly to the concrete can also

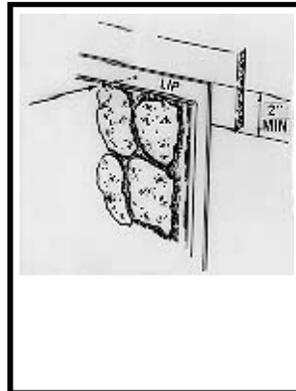
Step 2 - Installing The Top Of The Panels

Read **Step 3** before starting **Step 2**

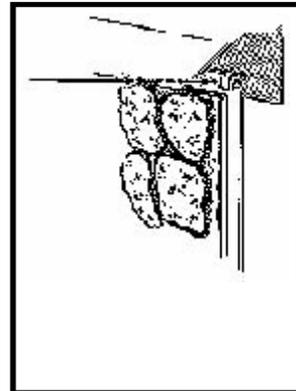
Several methods are available depending on the desires of the homeowner and the climate.

General: In most installations, the top lip of the panels are placed behind - under - the siding of the home. Panels can also be installed by attaching them directly to the outside trim. If this method is used, lip should overlap the side of the home by at least 2". Do not screw EverRock directly to vinyl siding because of the different expansion / contraction rates of vinyl EverRock and vinyl siding.

Installation method leaving top lip on and screwing through lip. Be sure skirting is a minimum of 2" above the bottom of the trim, or home.



Installation method leaving top lip on and placing top lip behind the siding. Slide top lip of panel behind the outside trim board or siding of the home and secure with screws.

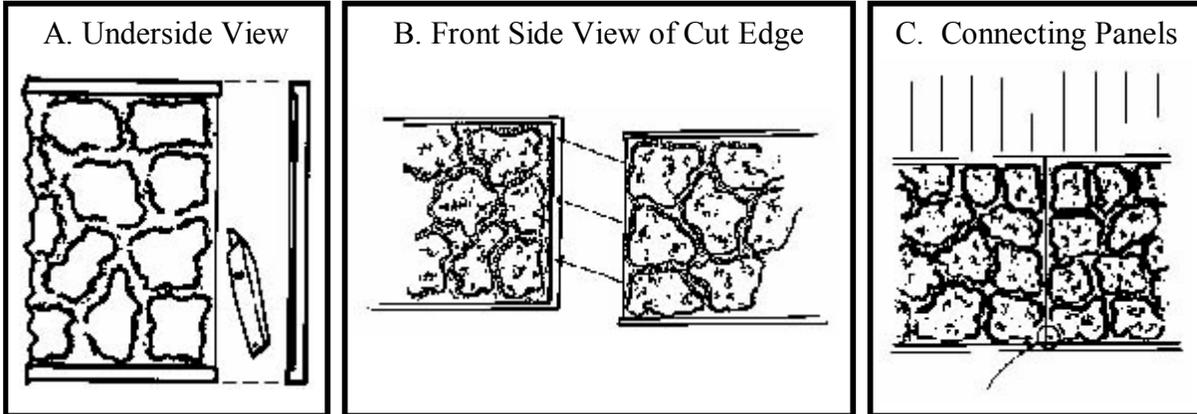


Climates Where Frost Heave and / or Soil Movement is Significant

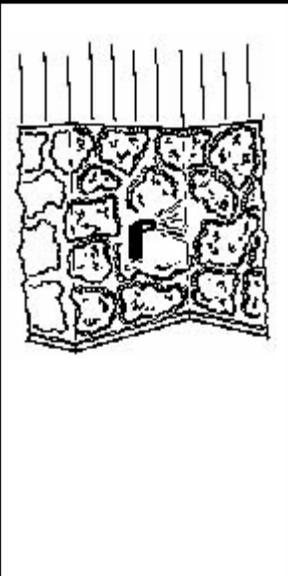
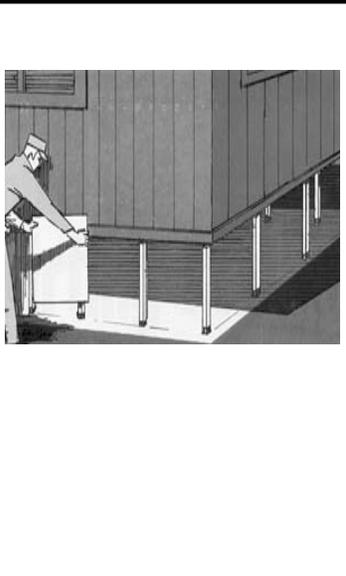
A top metal rail or framing with 1" x 4", 2" x 2", or 2" x 4" treated wood will allow earth movement when EverRock is not installed on a concrete foundation or slab.

Step 3 - Connecting Panels (To be done concurrent with Step 2)

- A. Remove lip of only one side of the panel by cutting along edge of rock face.
- B. Place panel with cut edge on top of flat lip of last panel installed.
- C. Screw panels together using hex head screws in the mortar joints between the rock faces.



Note: Each side of every panel can be connected to each side of the other panels using this method regardless of panel height. This allows “stacking” and flexibility for unusual terrain.

Corners	Framing
<p>Inside and outside corners can be made by heating panels with a heavy duty heat gun and bending panels around the corner. Score the panel at desired location prior to heating and bending.</p>	<p>Framing is recommended regardless of size or height. Installing vertical treated wood or u-channel dry wall posts behind each overlap will secure screws and help prevent blowouts.</p>
	



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Ventilation - Since EverRock skirting is nearly airtight and will not self-ventilate, vent inserts are needed and are available in black and sandstone. Each vent insert provides 28 square inches of ventilation. Cutting out louvers in the vent inserts will allow additional ventilation if needed. Ventilation codes may vary by community, manufacturer or locality. Check with the proper authorities in your area to determine the amount of ventilation required.

Using a power saw (reverse blade) or concrete blade or razor utility knife, cut an opening in the panel. Insert the vent through the opening with the vent flange on the outside of the panel and attach with 1" hex head matching screws.

Black Vent Insert



Sandstone Vent Insert



Access - Access can be obtained at virtually any point by using the Access Door Conversion Kit which allows for a full panel to be completely removed.

Sandstone



Grey

