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Installation Instructions for SPLIT INTERIOR WOOD COLUMNS

A WRAP AROUND COLUMN SHOULD CONSIST OF THE FOLLOWING ITEMS:

Plain or Fluted turned shaft (split in half), two round plates (split in half), and two square plates unassembled (each square plate consists of 4 mitred boards + 4 keys for assembly).

PRE ASSEMBLY:

Before final installation and gluing, it is recommended to preassemble the column in the desired place to ensure an accurate fit.

FINAL INSTALLATION:

The final installation consists of three steps:

a) TOP & BOTTOM SQUARE PLATES

Bottom Square: Attach bottom square plate (Item - B) around existing pole by inserting plastic keys into mitred boards. Secure square plate to floor.

Top Square: Attach top square plate (Item - T) around existing pole by same method. Secure to ceiling joists with 2" finishing nails or to drywall with butterfly bolts.

b) COLUMN SHAFT

To hold the two column halves together while glue is drying, you will require either C-clamps or strap tie-downs with ratchets or home-made rope tourniquet (rope that is tightened with a piece of wood). Apply white or yellow carpenters glue to both surfaces of the half columns and place around existing pole. Tighten clamps etc. at the bottom, middle and top of the shaft and align the two halves so that the glue lines are flush. Wipe off excess glue with a damp rag or sponge.

c) TOP & BOTTOM ROUND PLATES: In most cases, top & bottom round plates are the same design. Apply glue to edges of split plates for re-assembly as well as top and bottom of plate for adhesion to square plate and column shaft.

Bottom Round: Slide two round plate halves between bottom square and base of column shaft. Hold together for a couple of minutes until glue sets or use a C-clamp, etc. Wipe off any excess glue.

Top Round: Slide the other two half rounds between top square and top of column shaft; again, hold or clamp together until glue sets. Wipe off any excess glue.

NOTE: Before painting, inspect column and fill any necessary voids or gaps with wood filler
