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MITERED RETURNS

A return is a small piece of trim, often triangular in shape that ends a run of moulding. Returns are used in traditional finish work on window stools and aprons, or anywhere a piece of moulding doesn't end in a corner.

How do I miter cut a return?

1. Measure and mark the end of the moulding that needs a mitered return.
2. Position the piece vertically in the miter box, with the good face toward you.
3. Depending on whether you are cutting a right or left end, make the appropriate 45-degree cut, angled toward the back of the moulding.
4. Using a second piece of moulding, make the first cut for the mitered return piece by cutting a miter in exactly the opposite cutting direction as the first piece.
5. Cut the fragile wedge-shaped return by carefully making a 90-degree cut on the moulding where the miter cut meets the back.
6. Apply carpenter's glue to the wedge and adhere it to the mitered end of the moulding.

