

## Prestige Columns™ – Installation Instructions

Before you begin, please remember that your Prestige Column™ is a decorative column only and is **NON-LOADBEARING**. If the column needs to support any weight, a sufficient load-bearing structural post must be in place before installation begins. Please consult your local building and safety codes for specific requirements.

Your Prestige Column™ has been designed to be straightforward to install. You will need the following tools:

- Power saw or woodworking handsaw
- Power drill
- Concrete drill bit, 3/16" (for installation on concrete)
- Phillips drill-bit head and/or Phillips screwdriver
- Carpenter's level
- Measuring tape
- Pencil

Note that some of the component edges may be sharp, so please handle them carefully.



In all likelihood, you will need to cut your column to fit before installing it. To determine the appropriate height, measure from floor to ceiling where the column will be installed. Cut each column panel 1/4" shorter than the measured height.



A plain panel style can be cut from one end. A non-tapered fluted, raised, or recessed panel should be cut an equal amount from both ends to keep the decorative panels centered. Tapered columns must be cut from the bottom **ONLY**, or the upper trim pieces will no longer fit.



Place a male column panel on the cardboard packaging box, with the SmartLock™ joints facing up. Apply assembly adhesive liberally to one SmartLock™ joint, on both the inside and outside edges of the lock.



It is especially important to cover the outside edge of the lock with assembly adhesive. Repeat for the second SmartLock™ joint. It takes approximately 15 minutes for the adhesive to set, so you should be able to work at a moderate pace.



With the column panel still lying flat, firmly press one of the female column panels onto one of the male panel SmartLock™ joints to form a column corner. Take care to align the ends of each panel before pressing them together, as they are difficult to adjust afterward.



A rubber mallet can be used to gently tap the panels together. Repeat the previous step for the second female panel.



You should now have a 3-sided column. Carefully lift it into position around your load-bearing post. Although the adhesive will not have set, the SmartLock™ joints will prevent the three sides of the column from separating while you maneuver it into place.

With the column positioned in the desired location, pencil-mark that position on the floor. This is the precise location where your column will be installed. Place a Squaring Corner on the floor flush against two sides of the column.

Using a 3/16" concrete drill bit, drill two holes through the Squaring Corner into the concrete floor. Move the Squaring Corner aside, insert two concrete sleeve anchors, replace it onto its marked location, and then screw it to the floor using the 1-1/2" screws.



With the column set flush inside the lower Squaring Corner, level the column, and mark the beam at the top of the column. Holding the top Squaring Corner in place, drill two holes through it into the beam, and then screw it to the beam using the 1-1/2" screws.

Apply Assembly Adhesive liberally to both SmartLock™ joints on the remaining panel. Lift this panel and press it firmly into the open side of the 3-sided column, being careful to align the ends of each panel. You should now have a 4-sided column.

Place another Squaring Corner on the floor flush against two sides of the column, forming a complete square around the base of the column. Using a 3/16" concrete drill bit, drill two holes through the Squaring Corner into the concrete floor, and insert two concrete sleeve anchors.



Before screwing the Squaring Corner into place, apply assembly adhesive to both ends of it, and then replace it onto its marked location, and then screw it to the floor with the 1-1/2" screws.

Position the final Squaring Corner flush with the beam above and the top of the column, forming a square. Mark the position, and drill two holes through it into the beam. Apply Assembly Adhesive to both ends and then screw it to the beam with the 1-1/2" screws.

Congratulations, you have successfully installed your Prestige Column™. It is ready for you to enjoy. If you would like to add decorative caps/bases (as shown), see the available Cap/Base Installation Instructions. Would you like to add some colour? While painting is not required, your column can be painted a wide variety of colours. For more information, please see the available Painting Instructions.

