

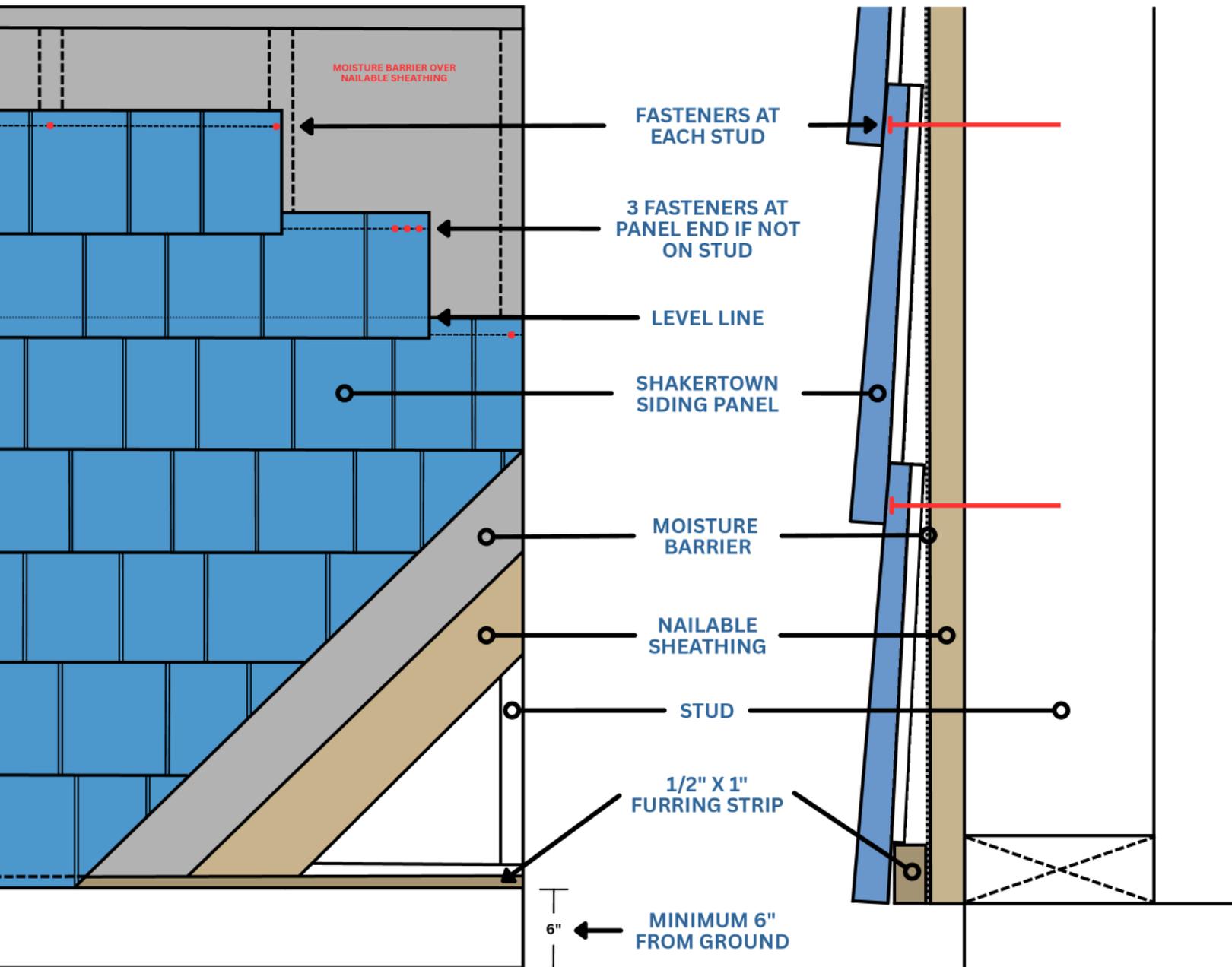
# Craftsman® Shingle Panel

Installation for 7" and 4½" Exposure Panels



## Product Description

Shakertown® Craftsman Panels combine real Western Red Cedar shingles with an exterior-grade plywood backer to form durable 8-foot self-aligning panels. Designed for both beauty and efficiency, each panel installs faster and cleaner than traditional shingles—reducing labor, waste, and installation time while providing a precise, handcrafted cedar finish.



## General.

Shakertown's Craftsman panels may be applied over solid nailable sheathing, over insulative board and over spaced sheathing. The Panel does not provide shear. The shingle panels may be applied to slight curves over solid nailable sheathing provided that each shingle on the panel is nailed with two fasteners 3/4" from each edge, 3/4" to 1" from the top.

## Limitations

The Craftsman panels may be applied on walls of at least 20/12 pitch (60°). For Information on Mansards refer to Tech Bulletin 8002 for our Mansard Panels.

## Fasteners

Shakertown recommends using a corrosion-resistant (hot dipped galvanized or stainless steel) 1-3/4" roofing nail or 7D siding nail for blind nailing. Nails should always be of sufficient length to penetrate the studs a minimum of 3/4". Special applications or high wind loads may require optional fasteners. Power nailing is permitted, but care should be taken to set the head flush with the panel. Sinking the heads into the siding panels can affect the long-term performance of the siding. Staples are not recommended.

## Corners

On outside corners use the Shakertown Craftsman corners (see Technical Bulletin 1103 or 1104) or other corner boards. For inside corners 2x2 cedar is commonly used. (Note: The Shakertown Craftsman shingle panels come 3/4" to 7/8" from the surface of the sheathing. We recommend that all trim and corner boards be a minimum 1" thick.)

## 1. Staining

The Shakertown Craftsman panel is available natural, primed or pre-finished on all sides. Panels can also be pre-stained on the job site.  
(Refer to Technical Bulletin 4001, Stains and Finishes.)

## 2. Weather Barrier

Apply a suitable weather-resistant barrier, such as type 15 felt or other, in accordance with local code requirements. Use a two-inch head lap and six-inch end lap when fastening barrier.

## 3. Level Line

Establish a level line around building. Mark the level line about four feet off the ground or at any convenient height. Then simply measure down from the level line to position the first siding course. Begin by nailing an optional 3/8" x 1" to 2" furring strip along the bottom of the house. Keep siding at least 6" from the ground, and 1" to 2" above cement or roofing surfaces.

## 4. Flashing

Proper flashing and caulking are essential. Keep the bottom edge of panels a minimum 1/4" above flashing ledge. At roof junctures, siding should be a minimum 1" above roofing material. Refer to your local building code for stricter guidelines. (Refer to Technical Bulletin 1005, Flashing Details.)

## 5. Alignment

Nail a corner in place as alignment. (If you are not using corner prefabricated corners, align panel ends with corner stub or corner board.) Be sure that the first corner is plumb in both directions. Install the first course of siding. The bottom of each panel sits on top of the previous panel so each course goes up easily, maintaining a consistent exposure. Trim the overlap of the panel's left end or the under-lap on the panel's right end when butting to window and door trim or corners.

## 6. Nailing

Shakertown recommends a corrosion-resistant (hot dipped galvanized or stainless steel) 1-3/4" roofing nail. A pneumatic nail gun will speed up application. Position nails at the studs. Nail on or below the nailing line which is 7/8" from the top edge of the 7" exposure panels and 3/4" from the top edge of the 4-1/2" exposure panel. Always put one nail 1/2" from the ends of each panel. If the panel end misses a stud, place three nails approximately 1" apart at the panel end. Nail each course of panels from one end to the other, maximum 16" on center. Never nail from both ends toward the middle. Do not force panels into place.

## 7. First Course

Nail up the first course of siding. Take care that the first course is perfectly straight and level. Allow 1/16" spacing at overlapping end joints to allow for expansion. Allow 1/8" spacing where panels butt against windows and doors, caulk these joints with non-hardening caulking compound.

## 8. Subsequent Courses

Each course of panels will automatically align when laid up. Level should be checked occasionally. Panel end joints should be offset 16 or 24 inches (depending on the stud spacing) from previous courses.

## 9. Cutting

When it comes time to cut a panel, use a portable circular saw and place the panel face down to prevent splintering. Make sure the cut is square. You may cut several panels at once to speed application.

## 10. Top Course

Chances are you'll probably have to rip the last siding course to fit. This top course will have to be face nailed, or a trim board can be attached to cover the siding nails.



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