

# Column Wrap Installation Instructions

Additional tools needed: Speed Square or T-square

1. Measure the column or post. Make sure it is 5 ½ "X 5 ½ ". Furr out or plane off as necessary.
2. Determine the height from the ground you want to start the column wrap. Nextstone recommends starting flush with the bottom of the column or post. If you choose to raise the starting height of the Column Wrap, mark a line at that height, and use a Speed Square or T-Square to draw a line around the column or post at that height.
3. Draw a line running up the center of each face from top to bottom.
4. After locating the starting height and center line, place the starter piece (T-shaped piece) so that the center mark of the piece lines up with the center line drawn, and the bottom of the piece aligns with the bottom height previously determined .
5. Place 2 screws in each starter piece. Pre-drill if necessary.
6. Mark a line 17" from the bottom of the starter piece. Using a Speed Square or a T - Square, draw a line around the column or post at that height.
7. Align the middle of the Center Brace on the vertical center line. Align the bottom of the Center Brace with the horizontal line drawn. Use 2 screws to secure.
8. Slide Panel #1 down so that both the center brace and starter piece engage and secure the column wrap piece firmly against the column or post.
9. Repeat for pieces # 2,#3 and #4, completing the first row.
10. Additional rows require only the Center Brace. Measure up 17" from the top of the previous row . Using a Speed Square or a T- Square, draw a line around the column or post. Measure from the top of the piece, not the top of the tongue. Note: The starter piece (T-shaped piece) is not necessary for additional rows.
11. Align the middle of the Center Brace on the vertical center line. Align the bottom of the Center Brace with the horizontal line drawn. Use 2 screws to secure.
12. Place Panel # 2 on top of Panel #1 from the lower row. Lock the panel in place making sure the center brace and the top of the lower row fit tightly. Repeat the process using panels #3, #4 and #1 in the same direction as the 1<sup>st</sup> row was applied.
13. Continue with this process until the desired height is achieved.

## Termination of the column wrap

There are 3 ways to terminate the column or post Wrap.

- 1) Wrap the column from bottom to top
- 2) Use the Wrap as a wainscot, stopping at some pre-determined height
- 3) Use it to wrap a post.

Refer to the specific section depending on your choice.

### Section 1- Full Column.

Measure and cut top row to height. Place a center brace if the final piece is greater than 18". Face screw through the top of the piece if it is not a full piece and caulk the screws or flash over with an appropriate building material.

Section 2- Wainscot. Measure and cut top row to height. Place a center brace if the final piece is greater than 18". Face screw through the top of the piece if it is not a full piece. Place the column wrap cap (separate 2 piece set) over the last row. Use caulk to seal the cap and secure it in place. Flash above the column Wrap Cap to insure appropriate water runoff.

Section 3- Post Cap. Measure and cut top row to height. Place a center brace if the final piece is greater than 18". Face screw through the top of the piece if it is not a full piece. Place the Post Cap (separate 1 piece set) over the last row. Use caulk to seal the cap and secure it in place.