

STAIRCASE TIPS

Tips on How to Cut Stiles for Staircases

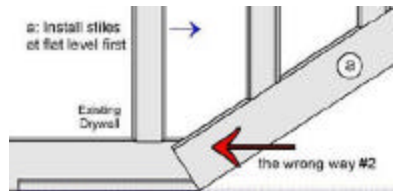
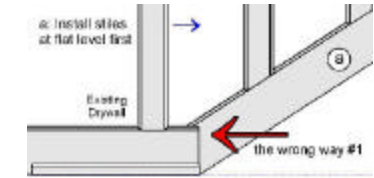
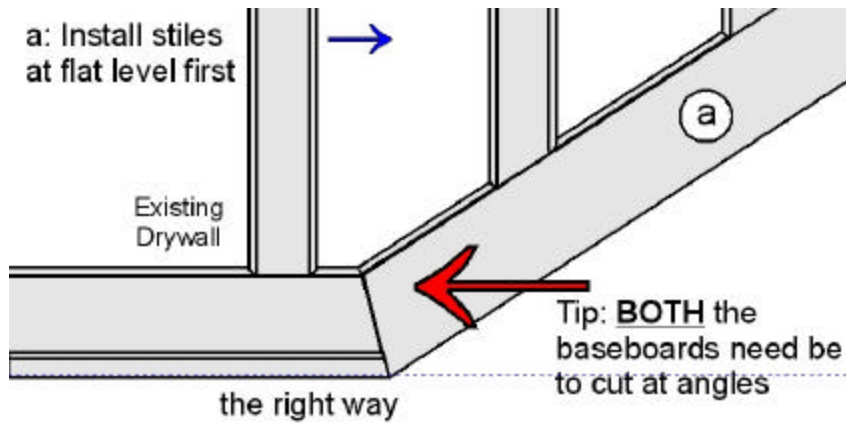


As seen by the illustration below, the stiles on stair casings need to be custom cut. Seeing as how some staircases sag in the middle, it is recommended that each stile be cut on site.

The router bit does not need to be an exact match. Many carpenters have similar bits in their toolbox, and simply fill any gaps. However, the closer the match, the less filling will be required.



Like installing on a flat wall, start by, installing the bottom rail the same way that you would a baseboard.



Tip: How to Cut Edges on Stiles

If your router is not fast enough or if your bit is not sharp enough...you'll find that the [MDF](#) will pucker at the end. This is a common occurrence. The puckering or flaring out of the ends of the stiles will result in a gap between the stile and the existing wall board. This can be sanded down or, simply adjust the depth on your chop saw and pre-cut as illustrated.

