

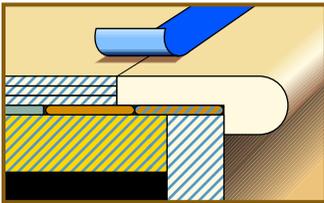
Installing Stair Nose Moldings With A Floating Floor

Flush Mount Stair Nose Moldings

Standard Stair Nose

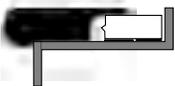


(Standard Stair Nose)

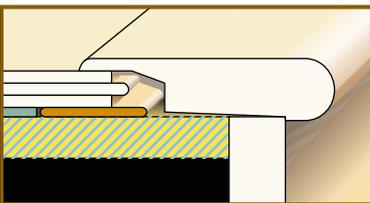


(Fig. N)

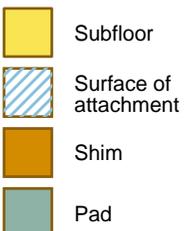
Overlap Stair Nose



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(Fig. O)



Application - The Stair Nose transition molding combines style and function to create an attractive threshold that catches the brunt of floor traffic while enhancing the beauty of a staircase or step. The Stair Nose also provides the proper overhang for a transition from one floor level to the next such as the step into a sunken living room.

Installation - Artistic Finishes manufactures two Stair Nose versions: an Overlap Stair Nose for quick, easy floating floor installations (See Fig. O) and a Standard Stair Nose for flush mount applications where an overlap is considered undesirable (See Fig. N). Artistic Finishes supplies Stair Nose moldings for floors from 1/4 inch in thickness up to 3/4 inch thick. Check the label on the bottom side of the molding to be sure you have the right Stair Nose for the job.

Standard Flush Mount Stair Nose - Many homeowners and installers prefer the look of the Standard Stair Nose to the Overlap Stair Nose molding. If you choose to use a flush mount Stair Nose, start the installation by installing Artistic Finishes Shims (Part # 17949). The first Shim should be placed flush with the front edge of the riser. Secure the Shim by either nailing or gluing it down. Install a second Shim directly against the first Shim and secure it in place. If properly installed, it should extend under the edge of the floating floor. The Shim provides a foundation for the Stair Nose molding and serves to stabilize the floor from compressing under weight. Install the pad with the edge of the pad placed directly against the Shim. Lay the Stair Nose molding in place. To attach the molding, apply one or two 1/4 inch beads of construction adhesive to the Shim and seat the molding in place. To assure a smooth, flush surface, it is recommended that you apply blue tape (Scotch 3M #2090) to the molding and floor to hold the reducer in place until the glue is dry (See Fig. N). An alternative installation method to hold the molding flush with the floor is to route the floor and the molding and insert a "spline" to connect the molding to the floor. If nailing, pre-drill the molding to prevent splitting and nail to the subfloor behind the lip of the molding.

When installing Overlap Stair Nose moldings on a floating floor, it is important not to attach the molding directly to the hardwood floor as the hardwood floor must be able to expand or contract under the lip of the molding per the manufacturer's recommendations.

Overlap Stair Nose. Start the installation by installing Artistic Finishes Shims (Part # 17949) wherever you plan to install an Overlap Stair Nose. The Shim should be placed approximately 1-3/4 inches from the front edge of the riser. Secure the Shim in place by either nailing or gluing it down. Install the pad with the edge of the pad placed directly against the Shim. Next, install the floating floor over the Shim so that only 1/4 to 3/8 inch of shim is showing under the floor. The Shim serves to stabilize the floor from compressing under weight. Lay the Overlap Stair Nose in place. **Note: The Shim should not extend under the base of the Overlap Stair Nose (See Fig. O).** Lay the Overlap Stair Nose in place. The Overlap Stair Nose should overlap the flooring by 1/4 to 3/8 inch, leaving the balance for required expansion or contraction. To attach the molding, apply one or two 1/4 inch beads of construction adhesive to the subfloor and seat the molding in place. If nailing, pre-drill the molding to prevent splitting and nail to the subfloor behind the lip of the molding. **Be sure when nailing, not to obstruct the floor's expansion space under the molding.**



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