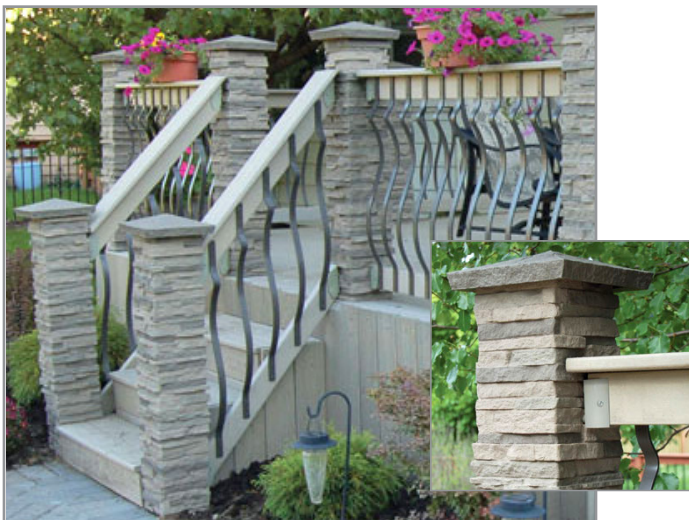


INTRODUCTION

Carefully plan your entire deck, from floorboards to deck rails and stairs before cutting your first board or drilling your first hole. Account for the unique design and dimensions of Deckorators Postcovers and your chosen rail system in the planning stage. Inventory all necessary Deckorators Postcovers and associated rail connectors and fasteners at the job site before getting started.

You will need silicone caulk or epoxy glue, wood shims and a drill and 1.5-inch spade bit to complete the job.



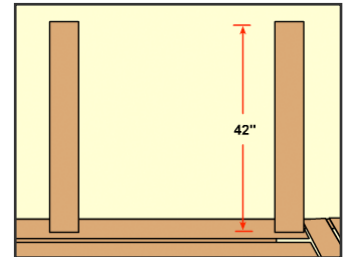
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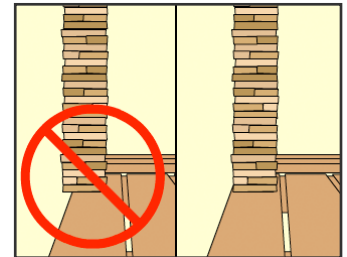
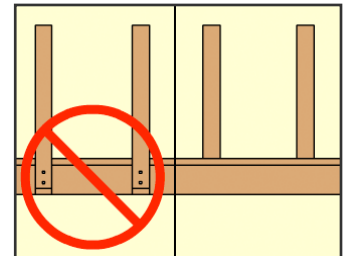
STEPS

STEP 1 | Secure Posts

The deck design will dictate how you install and secure the deck posts. But be sure the post extends 42 inches above the deck surface to ensure a proper fit with the Postcover.

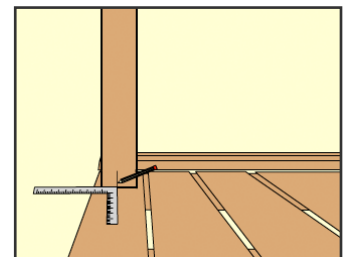


Post should be installed on the inside of the deck frame to allow Postcover to rest entirely on decking.

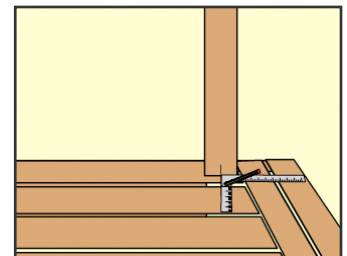


STEP 2 | Mark Center of Post

To properly finish the deck rail in the next step, you need to mark the center of the wooden post on the top and at the deck surface on any sides where a rail assembly will be added.

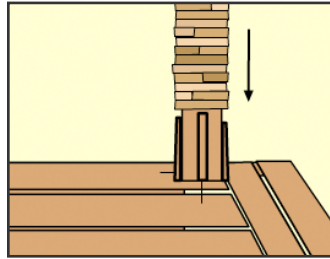


Use a square and make light pencil marks that can be erased later. Extend the lines on the deck surface a few inches away from the post so you'll see them after the Postcover is added.

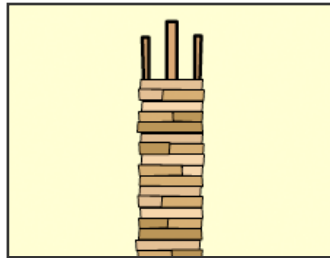


STEP 3 | Install Postcover

A 6 by 6-inch treated S4S (smooth 4 sides) post can vary from 5-1/4 to 5-5/8 inches in thickness and may be subject to slight irregularities. You'll use wood shims at the top and bottom of the post to ensure a snug fit. Slide the Postcover over the post to the deck base.

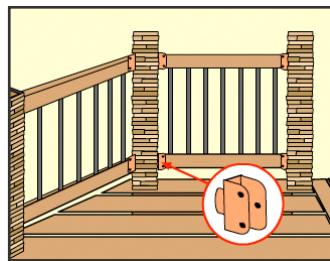


Shim the bottom and then the top of the post for a tight, level fit. It is important to shim evenly on all four sides so that the post remains centered within the Postcover.



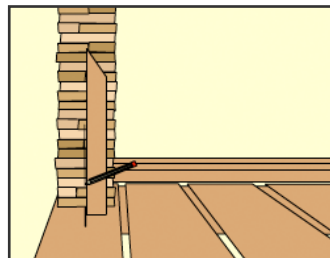
STEP 4 | Build Rail Section

DecKorators Postcovers can be used with rail sections made from wood, composite material or vinyl. Functional nylon connectors allow for trouble-free installation of rails angles 90 degrees, 22.5 degrees, 45 degrees and stair angles of 35 degrees. Build small rail section to use as a template before adding the rail connectors to the Postcovers.

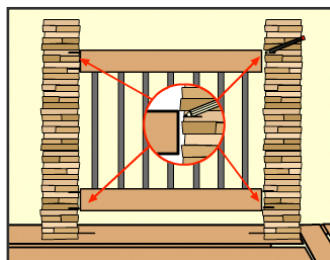


STEP 5 | Rail Connector Placement

Before you install the rail connectors you must first find the center of the post in relation to the Postcover. To do this, make a vertical mark on Postcover matching the top and bottom post center marks you drew earlier.

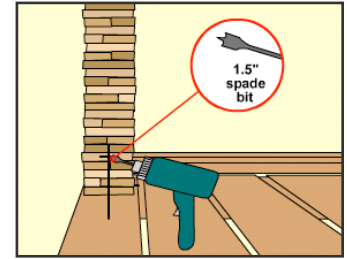


Lift the rail section into place and line it up with the vertical mark on the post cover. Make sure it is level and plumb and mark where the rail connectors should go.

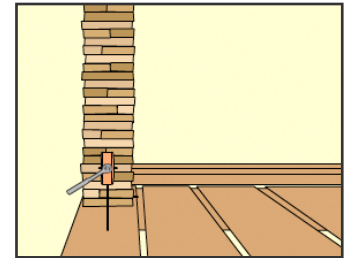


STEP 6 | Install Rail Connectors

Use a 1.5-inch spade bit to drill the connector holes through the Postcover. Do not drill into the post itself. Use a utility knife to trim the Postcover as needed to create a flush surface for the connectors.



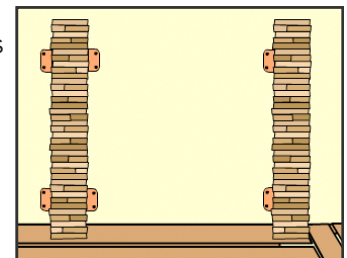
Add caulk around the inside surface of the holes to create a vapor barrier and insert the connectors.



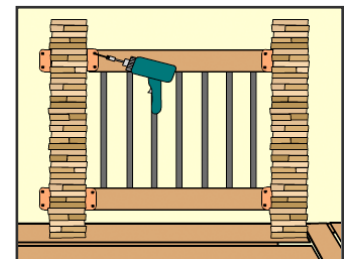
Fasten the connector to the post through the hole in the Postcover using the included stainless steel lag screws.

STEP 7 | Finish the Job

To complete the first rail section installation, drill holes and install connectors on the other side. Cut rails to fit and place them as you go.



Secure rails to connectors with provided stainless steel screws.



Finish deck railing.

Note: If using Postcover postcaps, use a strong exterior adhesive to secure postcap to the Postcover.

