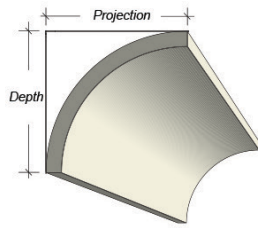


Cutting cornice for installation

Mitres – Measure twice and cut once.

After visiting many sites over the years I have concluded that there are quite a few plastering contractors reluctant to cut and install cornice, particularly the newer tradies.



Cornice is a little tricky for the first dozen or so cuts as it gets messy with internals, externals and how to cut standard cove cornices in the mitre box.

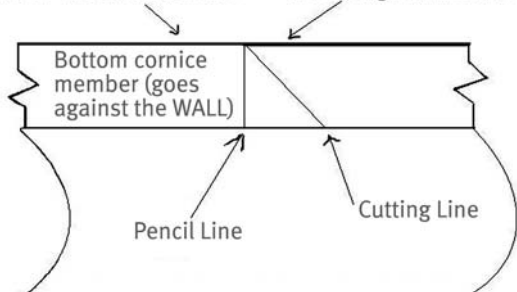
It is important to understand when cutting plaster cornice about the projection and depth of the cornice. Refer to the drawing above.

- **Projection** is the distance between the wall and the outside edge of the cornice on the ceiling.
- **Depth** is the distance between the ceiling and underside edge of the cornice on the wall.

Rules for cutting cornice

This side where the pencil line remains is the external Mitre for the left hand side

This side with no pencil line is the internal Mitre for the right hand side



Cornice is placed in the mitre box "upside down". The wall member always faces up and away from you.

If using a mitre box, make sure the cornice is standing upright in the box in the same orientation, but opposite to how it will be on the wall.



Place cornice in the mitre box with the wall member facing up and furthest away from you.

As a suggestion, when you first start off, it's wise to ask someone to give you a hand and whilst they are showing you, cut and mark off a set of templates (as per the picture) to help in the next couple of jobs when you are on your own and getting up to speed.

The cornice MUST be held upside down, opposite to how it would sit on the ceiling, before making the cut, therefore in the mitre box, the member that sits against the wall becomes the upper member and the member that sits against the ceiling becomes the lower member.



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