

Glossary

Bottom plate: The bottom 2x4 of a wall

Common nail: Everyday nail used in rough construction (usually a gold color)

Cut-in: The 3” border around doors, windows, baseboard and the ceiling to be painted with a brush

Deadwood: 2x6 that overhangs top plates to provide a nailing surface

Eave wall: A wall at which the roof is even all the way across

Fascia: The board that runs along the bottom of the roof

Flush: Even with a surface; in direct contact with

Gable wall: A wall at which the roof has two different slopes that meet at the top

Galvanized nail: Zinc-coated nails used in bottom plate application to help protect against corrosion from moisture

On-center: The measurement from the center of one stud to the center of another stud

OSB (or sheathing): The 4' x 8' boards of composite wood that cover the walls on the outside

Plumb: Straight up and down; completely upright

Stud bay: The section in between two studs

Toenail: To join two wood members together with angled nailing

Top plate: The top 2x4 of a wall

Truss: The “bones” of the roof; composed of a web of triangles

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Valley: The part of the roof at which two different rooflines intersect