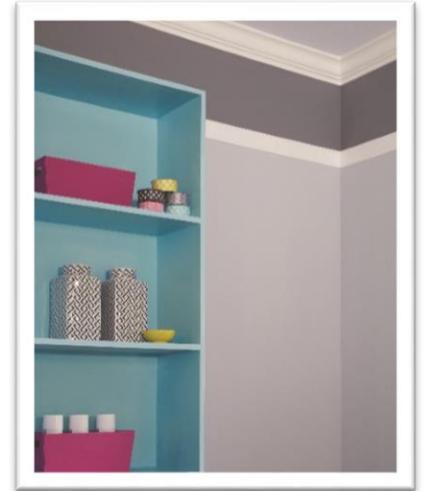


# How to Create Faux Crown Molding

Crown molding is a type of decorative trim that adds depth and visual interest to a room. The molding which runs along the walls of a room below the ceiling is typically made of wood or plaster. Now you can enhance the look of your existing crown molding easily or create your own inexpensively with just paint! A few tools and supplies and your favorite Clark+Kensington® paint colors are all you need to get the project done yourself, quickly and easily.



**Walls:** So Sophisticated N-C17  
**Upper & Lower Faux Crown Molding:** Smokey Eyes N-C22  
**Hutch, Sewing-Desk Shelf Backs:** Paris Runway 33D-3

## Tools + Supplies

- Clark+Kensington Paint
- Cloth Rags
- Drop Cloth
- Level
- Mini Paint Roller & Tray
- Nail Gun or Hammer and Nails
- Painter's Tape
- Tape Measure
- Trim Molding/Trim pieces
- Wood Putty

## Prepare the Surface

1. Cover your floor with a drop cloth to protect surface. Make sure the walls are clean, sound and free of dirt or grease.
2. Decide on the placement of the trim molding. If you have 8-foot ceilings with crown molding, measure 6 inches down from the base of the existing crown molding. Mark lightly with a pencil.
3. Place painter's tape directly below the pencil mark around the perimeter of the room. You will also want to place painter's tape along the bottom edge of the existing crown molding to protect it from paint.
4. To determine how much molding you will need, measure each wall and add another 10-15% excess to each piece to account for waste.

### Helpful Hint

Always follow the manufacturer's instructions and safety precautions for the products you use.

## Paint the Molding

1. Using a mini paint roller, paint the wall between the top crown molding and the painter's tape with a darker accent color.
2. Paint the trim piece with 1-2 coats of your favorite Clark+Kensington classic white color. Attach the painted trim piece directly over the bottom edge of the painted area using a nail gun approximately every 12 inches. Use a small level to ensure straight placement.
3. Once all molding is secured, use wood putty to fill in nail holes. Once dry, touch up the areas with your selected paint color. Allow to dry completely.

### Helpful Hint

If you use Clark+Kensington Paint and Primer in One, there's no need to prime before you paint.

### Ace Designer Tip

Use bold contrast. One way is to combine very ornate interiors with contemporary furnishings.

4. Double the impact when you mirror the look on the bottom portion of your walls. Simply follow these same steps and measurements using the baseboard molding as your starting point. You can create a similar look by just using paint in place of molding.



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