

# Installing Stair Nose Moldings With A Glue Down/Nail Down Floor

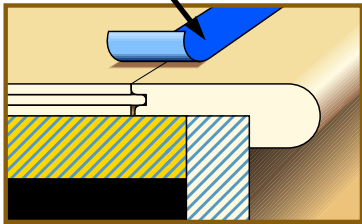
## Standard Tongue & Groove Stair Nose



## Standard Flush Mount Stair Nose

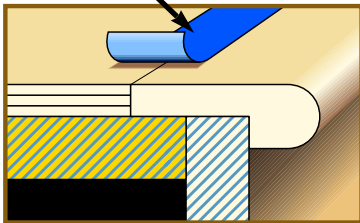


Blue Tape (Fig. H)

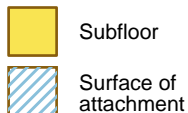


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Blue Tape (Fig. H2)



Standard Flush Mount Stair Nose



**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 Stair Nose moldings for glue down/nail down applications that mount flush with the hardwood floor to provide a clean transition to the next step or sunken room. Stair Nose moldings are available for floors ranging from 1/4 inch in thickness up to 3/4 inch. Because of variances in thickness in some manufacturers' hardwood floors, there are different molding sizes available. Match the molding up to a piece of flooring to verify size. Check the label on the bottom side of the molding to be sure you have the right Stair Nose for the job.

**Standard Stair Nose** - When used on a stairstep, the Stair Nose molding should cover and overlap the riser. (See Fig. H & H2). When used on a step-up to another room, the Stair Nose molding becomes the starting "edge" of the floor. Because of the interlocking of the molding with the floor, the Stair Nose molding should be installed first. Once the molding is in place, the interlocking floor can be installed out from this point. To install the Standard Stair Nose 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. To assure a flush surface in any glue down installation, it is recommended that the molding be taped with blue tape (Scotch 3M #2090) to the floor while the glue is setting up as shown in (Fig. H & H2).

**Overlap Stair Nose** - The Overlap Stair Nose is typically used for floating floor applications. See the floating floor section of this installation guide for instructions on how to install the Overlap Stair Nose.