Siding

Use the illustrations and formulas below and enter totals on the estimating form in this section. These formulas apply for both horizontal and vertical installations.

**NOTE:** When estimating for a large project, you may want to add a waste allowance of 10 percent to the totals for siding, soffit and accessories.

**Rectangular wall surfaces**
Measure height (excluding gables). Measure width (including doors and windows).

\[
\text{height} \times \text{width} = \text{surface area}
\]

Repeat for remaining walls.

**Triangular gable end surfaces**
Measure height at center (add 1' to allow for waste). Measure width and divide by half.

\[
\text{height} \times \frac{1}{2} \text{width} = \text{surface area}
\]

Repeat for remaining gables.

**Upper wall of gambrel house**
Divide the upper wall of a gambrel house as shown in the illustration. Then use the following formulas:

\[
\frac{1}{2} (B + C) \times H = \text{__________}
\]

\[
\frac{1}{2} C \times D = \text{__________}
\]

Add these figures to get total area:  

\[
\text{__________}
\]

Repeat for remaining gambrel surfaces.

**Dormer sides**
Measure height of dormer (add 1' to allow for waste). Use the following formula:

\[
\frac{1}{2} \text{height} \times \frac{1}{2} \text{width} = \text{surface area, 1 side}
\]

\[
\text{__________} \times \text{__________} \times 2 = \text{total dormer surface area}
\]

Repeat for all dormers.
**Measuring**

Before ordering accessories, you also have to determine the width of the J-channel into which you will fit the vinyl siding. To do this, you must first determine which of two methods you will use to apply sheathings or underlayments. This is covered in more detail under “Sheathings.”

**Starter strip:** Measure along base of building. ________

**J-channel:** For siding installations, measure around doors and windows, under eaves, at rake edges of gables where dormer meets roofline, and anywhere else required to provide a finished appearance. ________

For soffit, measure along wall under eave and along fascia board. ________

For porch ceilings, measure along perimeter of the porch area. ________

**F-channel:** For soffit, measure along wall under eave. ________

For porch ceilings, measure along perimeter of the porch area. ________

**3-1/2" and 5" lineals:** For casing, measure along perimeter of doors and windows. For gables, measure at rake edges of gables where dormer meets roof line. ________

**Undersill trim:** Measure above and below windows and above doors and top course of siding below soffit. ________

**Soffit H-bar:** Measure diagonals at all eave corners. ________

**Outside cornerpost:** Measure length of outside corners. ________

**Inside cornerpost:** Measure length of inside corners. ________

**NOTE:** If you plan to use J-channel instead of inside cornerposts, remember to double this measurement and add the total to your entry for J-channel.

**Dual undersill trim:** Measure along top of wall where siding will meet eaves. ________
Estimating Form

**Siding**

- Walls __________ sq feet
- Gable ends __________ sq feet
- Dormer sides __________ sq feet
- Upper gambrel walls __________ sq feet
- Total wall surface area __________ sq feet (A)
- Large areas not to be covered: (garage doors/sliding glass doors) __________ sq feet
  \[ \times .50 \]
- Uncovered area __________ sq feet (B)

Subtract B from A for
**Total net surface area** __________ sq feet

**Soffit**

**Porch Ceiling**

**Accessories**

- Starter strip __________ lineal feet
- Window & door lineal starter __________ lineal feet
- Four piece corner starter __________ lineal feet
- Utility trim __________ lineal feet

**Receiving Channel**

- J-channel __________ lineal feet
- 2-1/2" window & door casing __________ lineal feet
- Flexible J-channel __________ lineal feet
- F-channel: 5/8" or 3/4" __________ lineal feet
- 3-1/2" or 5" lineals __________ lineal feet
- Deluxe F-channel __________ lineal feet
- New construction window starter __________ lineal feet
- Dual undersill trim __________ lineal feet

**Outside Corners**

- Outside cornerpost __________ lineal feet
- Fluted SuperCorner __________ lineal feet
- Traditional SuperCorner __________ lineal feet
- Beaded SuperCorner __________ lineal feet
- Cedar Impressions/True Comfort cornerpost __________ lineal feet
- Four Piece Corner System __________ lineal feet

**Inside Corners**

- Inside Cornerpost __________ lineal feet
- J-channel __________ lineal feet

**Other**

- Soffit cove trim __________ lineal feet
- H-bar: 1/2" or 3/8" __________ lineal feet
- Corner blocks __________ pairs
- Cornice molding receiver __________ lineal feet
- Cornice molding __________ lineal feet

**Nails**

- Pounds required (1-1/2" minimum) __________

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