## BARN WOOD WALL INSTALLATION GUIDE 30 Echo Lake Road Watertown CT 06795

## **INITIAL NOTES**;

This basic guide is our preferred method of installing barn wood, accent walls and ceilings. It allows for minimum waste of your product and helps achieve the best look for your finished wall, ceiling, surround etc. There are many other methods and you can choose the one that works best for your particular situation.

## PREPARING THE WALL.

- 1. Sheet your wall with 1/4" plywood. Glue and screw or glue and nail making sure to catch your framing material with the fasteners.
- 2. Paint the wall flat black. Let dry.
- 3. Using a long level and/or chalk line, draw a horizontal line somewhere near the middle of your wall.

## PREPARING THE MATERIAL

- 4. Cut the boards down to reasonable lengths before straight-line ripping. (ripping long lengths results in too much material waste). Any boards with kinks should be cut at the kink.
- 5. Straight-line rip your boards using a straight edge for the first cut. The second cut can be done using the table saw fence.
- 6. Make each board as wide as it will allow and put the boards in course groups. A Typical layout will have courses of 3", 3.5", 4", 4.5", 5" wide boards and sometimes wider. MAKING THE LAYOUT
- 7. Make your layout (oversized) on the floor taking care to stagger butt joints and blend colors and shades. Remember a light sanding and finishing once the wall is up will also help to blend. INSTALLATION
- 8. Your first course should be applied right at your horizontal line. Apply Loctite fast grab to the back of your first board in a zig-zag pattern then nail it in place using a pneumatic nailer with 18 ga. nails or pin nails. (You only need a couple of nails to hold the board until the glue sets up. The glue is going to do the actually work of fastening your boards to the wall.
- 9. Continue applying your boards one course at a time. Cutting for electrical boxes can be done using a drill and jigsaw. It is sometimes easiest to make a but joint right in the middle of the electrical box.