

Quick Reference Guide

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Chapter 3 – Cutting Interior Wall Plates

Cutting Plates	<ol style="list-style-type: none">1. Cut upper and bottom plates to match the layout on the deck.2. Recheck wall intersections to determine which will be “long” and which will be “short” at the intersection (this may be dictated by an adjoining door). NOTE: All closet side walls are typically the “short” wall in the layout and are typically 25” long.3. On walls that require multiple upper and bottom plates (or have a joint), stagger the upper and bottom plates by placing upper and bottom plates at opposite ends of the wall.<ol style="list-style-type: none">a. Join the upper and bottom plates at the top and bottom of separate studs.b. The upper plate joint must be centered on a stud, not over a door.4. On walls that include both full-height and 42”-height sections:<ol style="list-style-type: none">a. Cut separate plates for each section.b. Cut the bottom plate to span the joint.c. NOTE: Cut the <u>upper plate of the 42” height section 1½” short</u> to accommodate a future corner post.
Label Short Wall Plates	<ol style="list-style-type: none">1. For any 42”-height walls, label the TOP AND BOTTOM plates with “42” WALL/39” STUDS”.2. For any short wall that supports the closet platform above the stairway, label the plates with “13¾” WALL/10¾” STUDS”.

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