## Chapter 3 - Laying Out Interior Walls

### Lay Out Walls on Deck
1. Referring to House Plan, layout location of all interior walls. Snap blue chalk lines on each side. Location of walls labeled “Ref” may not match House Plan owing to foundation differences.
2. All interior walls that intersect an exterior walls are measured from the inside of the exterior wall.
3. Start by laying out walls around the stairway opening (provide reference for other walls).
   a. If House Plan calls for door at top of stairs, extend walls 4¾” past lip of opening
   b. If not, extend walls 3” beyond lip.
4. At corners and intersections, pay attention to which wall end should abut the side or the other wall.
   REQUIREMENT: Bath tub/shower MUST be 60 1/8”

### Lay Out “Plumbing Walls”
5. Check the house plan for special 2x6 “plumbing” wall (for piping between basement and attic).
6. If 2x6 wall is a simple extension of 2x4 interior wall, lay out with flush side per house plan.
7. If walls intersect at 90⁰ (see figure below):
   a. If two walls create an “L”, butt the side of the 2x6 wall against the end of the 2x4 wall.
   b. If the two walls create a “T”, extend the 2x6 wall into the 2x4 wall.
   c. In both cases, lay out the Jack stud flush with the closet side of the 2x4 wall.
   Note that ½” OSB will be added to the King/Jack pair to match the 3½” width of the 2x4 wall

### Plumbing Wall Configurations

### Door/Wall Intersections
8. At corners, intersections, if a door is be build at that location, include an “L-Corner” at the end of the adjoining room wall. Allows for easy nailing into the King stud of the door:

### Identify Walls of Unusual Height
10. Referring to the House Plan,
    a. For a 42”-high partition wall, label the deck with “42” WALL/39” STUDS.
    b. For a combination of full-height and 42”-height wall, mark the location of the joint between the two sections on the DECK.
    c. For any wall at the end of the stairway where a platform will be built, label the DECK with “13-3/4” WALL/7-3/4” STUDS.
11. Before cutting and laying out interior wall plates, lay out ON THE DECK where doors will be located. This insures that any splice in a top plate is not above a door.
Quality Points

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- Main floor wall layouts are complete:
  - All Studs (X), Kings (K), Jacks (J) marked, door and window areas labeled with size on top edges of wall plates
  - All Wall plates are securely nailed together
  - All interior walls are labeled directionally and numbered with matching numbers on the deck
  - All interior walls are off the deck and set aside

- Component assemblies are complete and labeled:
  - Interior components

- Basement Wall Layout is complete