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Market Report

Paul Barnhart



As the construction industry continues to drift along with little strength to establish clear direction, traditional price predictors have faded into the background. Perhaps the only trend that has established itself is that supply is so closely aligned with demand that even the slightest increase or decrease in activity can have considerable short term effect. The recent closing of two established plywood mills created a brief flurry of activity that pushed prices upward while at the same time some metal prices fell off due to lack of construction activity. Gypsum companies anxious to increase an eroded price will attempt to do so again in early October with no predictable degree of success. The same scenario exists in the shingle roofing arena. All areas experience longer lead times in getting material from manufacturers to the field due largely to cost and availability of transportation.

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Wood and Moisture: Facts and Fiction



Paul Fiset, a professor of Building and Construction Technology at University of Mass., has written some interesting material on Wood and Moisture. We have all heard various myths, and Paul addresses a few that we'd like to share with you.

Myth: Wood is destroyed by dry rot

There really is no such thing as dry rot. Wood decay has three requirements: water, oxygen and favorable temperatures (40°F to 105°F). Wood can be too wet to decay. For instance, Marine pilings kept fully submerged may never rot because waterlogged wood won't allow oxygen in to support the growth of fungi. Wood can also be too dry to decay. Keep wood below 22% Moisture Content and you are generally safe. But, the fact remains: Wood needs water to rot.

Carpenters replacing a sill or corner post in an old house often find a brown, crumbly rot they call dry rot. It may be dry when it is discovered, but don't be fooled. There was or is a moisture problem that needs fixing. Most likely there is intermittent wetting. A source of moisture is to blame, so inspect carefully for signs of leakage, dampness, or chronic condensation. There are a few strains of fungi that have water-conducting properties that carry water from soil into building elements, but these forms are quite rare.

Myth: Rot is infectious

If you install a new stick of lumber against a piece of rotted wood, the new piece of lumber may begin to rot. It won't be because the rot is 'contagious'. It will rot because the new lumber is now exposed to conditions that caused the existing wood to rot.

Rot fungi are 'seeded' by the spread of single-celled spores. These spores are everywhere. Essentially, all wood is exposed to the seed stock, but only when conditions are right will the infection develop into rot. The moisture content of wood needs to be above 28% to be initially infected. Since all lumber is above 28% moisture content at some time in its life, all lumber is infected. When the moisture content of wood drops below 22%, the rot fungi goes dormant. It's harmless, but it will be reactivated when the moisture content rises above 22%. The solution: Keep wood dry or kill the fungi with chemical treatment.

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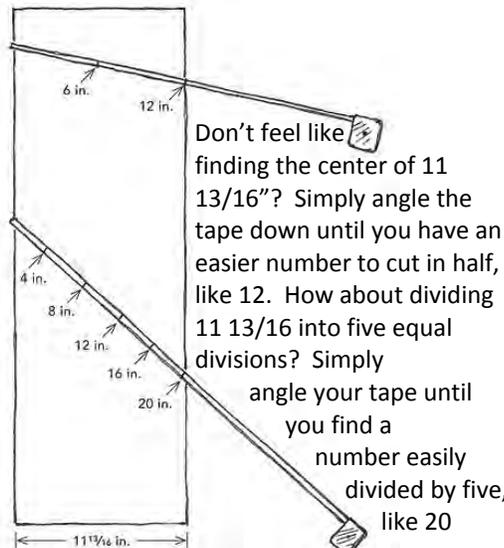
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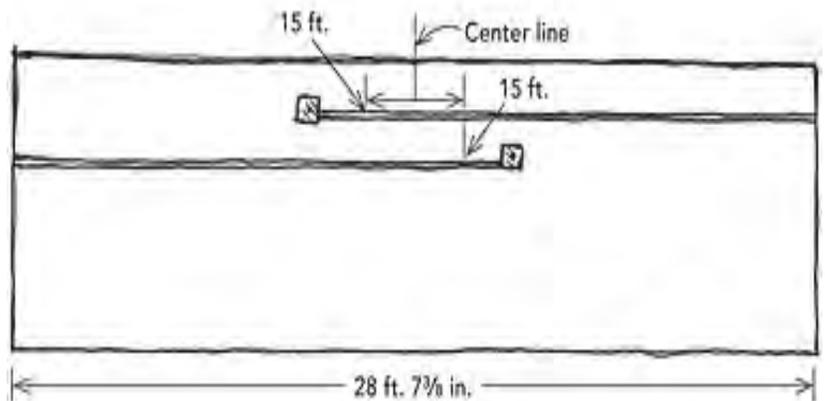
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Tips & Techniques: Simplified Measurements

It's a lot easier to divide 12 in half than 11 13/16. Here's a method that makes it easy to divide the more complicated number.



To find the center of a long wall, pull your tape a little more or less than half way. Make a mark, and pull the same distance from the other side. Now just measure between the two closer points.



David Kalin, Keneohe, Hawaii
 Fine HomeBuilding Magazine

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