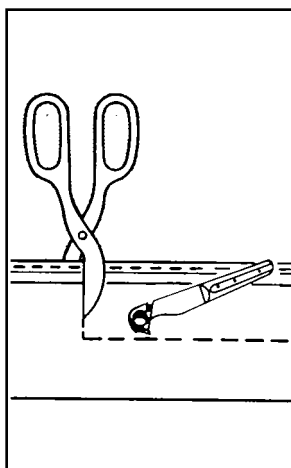
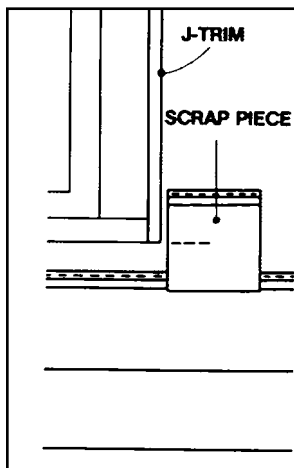
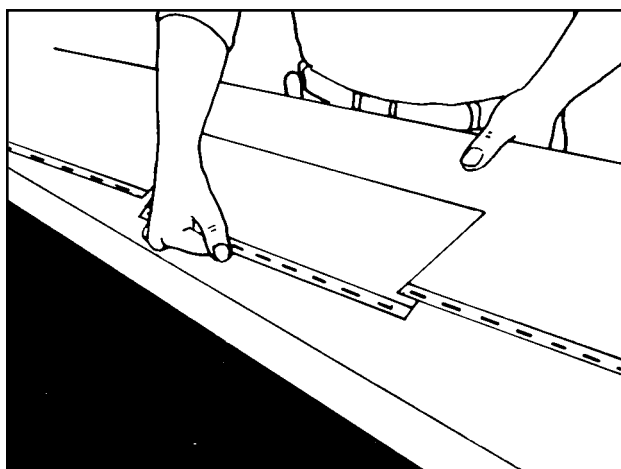


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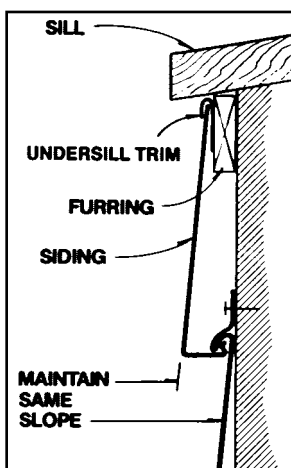
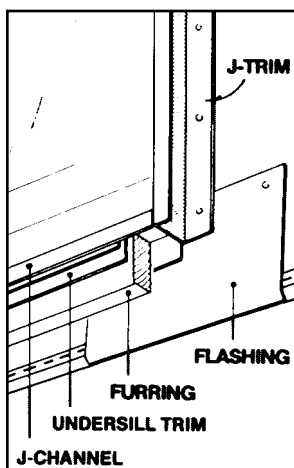
Measuring

As siding courses reach a window, a panel will probably need to be cut narrow to fit the space under the window opening. Plan this course of siding so that the panel will extend on both sides of the opening. Hold the panel in place to mark for the vertical cuts. Use a small piece of scrap siding as a template, placing it next to the window and locking it into the panel below. Make a mark on this piece 1/4-inch below the sill height to allow clearance for undersill trim. Do the same on the other side of the window. Since windows are not always absolutely level.



Cutting

The vertical cuts are made with tin snips or power shear from top edge of panel. The lengthwise (horizontal) cut is scored with the scoring tool, and bent back and forth until the unwanted piece breaks out.



Rimmed Fur

The raw cut edge of the panel should be trimmed with undersill the exact width of the sill. First determine if furring is required behind the cut edge to maintain slop angle with adjacent panels. Nail the correct thickness of tuning under the sell and install undersill trim over it with steel nails, close up under the sill, for a tight fit.

Install

Slide the panel upward so as to engage the undersill trim, the J-channels on window sides, and the lock of the panel below.

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Measuring and Cutting

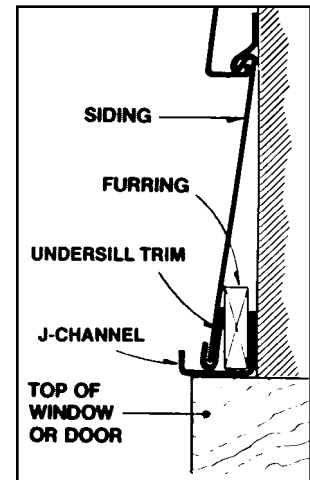
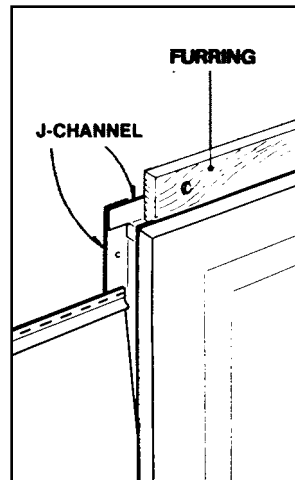
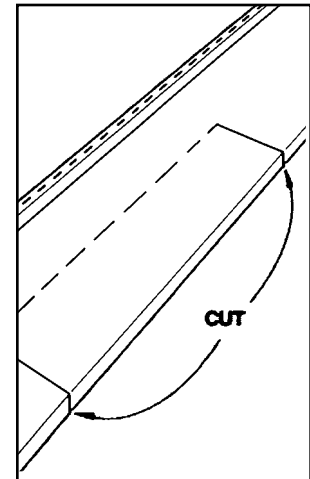
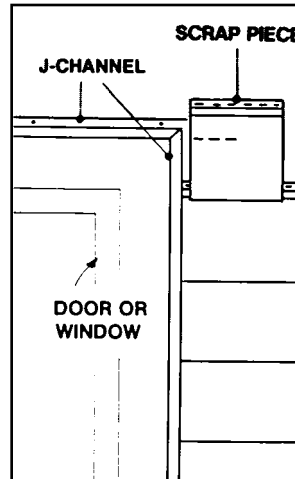
Fitting panels over door and window openings is 3/4 most the same as making undersill cut-outs, except that clearances for fitting the panel are different. The cut panel on top of the opening needs more room to move down to engage the interlock of the siding panel below, on both sides of the window. Mark a scrap piece template without allowing clearance, and then make saw cuts 1/4 to 3/8 inch deeper than the mark. This will provide the necessary interlock clearance.

Furring

Check the need for furring over the top of window or door in order to maintain slope angle, and install if required.

Trim

Cut a piece of undersill trim the same width as raw edge of cut panel, and slip over this cut edge in the panel before installing. Drop panel into position engaging interlocks on siding panels below. Undersill trim can now be pushed downward to close any gap noticeable at juncture with J-channel.



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Measuring and Cutting

When installing siding on gables, diagonal cuts will have to be made on some of the panels. To make a pattern for cutting panels to fit the gable slope, use two short pieces of siding as templates. Interlock one of these pieces into the panel below. Hold the second piece against the J-channel trim on the gable slope. Along the edge of this second piece, scribe a line diagonally across the interlocked panel and cut along this line with tin snips or power saw. This cut panel is a pattern which can be used to transfer cutting marks to each successive course along the gable slope. This pattern should be checked on each course for accuracy, as the slope is not always straight. All roof slopes can be handled in the same manner as gable end slopes.

