

## INSTALLING CLADDING: SHIPLAP/SHADOW GAP

Lap claddings can be installed horizontally or vertically. For horizontal applications, start with the bottom course and work up with channels pointing upwards. Allow a 1/8 in. (3mm) expansion gap between pieces if the cladding is air-or-kiln-dried. Do not nail through overlaps. For cladding up to 6 in. (152mm) wide, use one nail one inch up from the lap. Face nail with two nails per bearing for 8 in. (203mm) patterns and wider, keeping nails 2-1/2 to 3 in. (63 to 76mm) apart to allow for dimensional movement without splitting.

For vertical applications, cladding should be nailed to horizontal blocking lines or furring strips (see [Wall Construction](#)).

