

Crown moldings decorate the stark angle where the ceiling meets the wall. Available in a wide variety of sizes and styles, crown moldings attach to both the wall and ceiling, adding architectural interest. An elegant touch, they can soften and enliven an otherwise boxy room.

Typical costs:

- Standard crown molding professionally installed costs around **\$8-\$12 a foot** or about **\$300-\$500** per 10x10-foot room, according to [U.S. News & World Report](#).
- Elaborate designs, heavy or exotic woods, the need to stain or paint the moldings, uneven walls and ceilings, irregular layouts with lots of corners, and [the use of multiple moldings to create a dramatic effect](#) can bump the cost of materials and labor up to **\$25-\$35 a foot**, or **\$1,000-\$1,400** for a 10x10-foot room.
- Materials for a do-it-yourself project in a 10x10-foot room range from **90 cents-\$3 a foot** for wood composite, red oak or poplar, or **\$40-\$120 for a 10x10 room**, or **\$1.50-\$6.50 a foot** for woods such as mahogany, cherry or walnut, or **\$60-\$260 for a simple 10x10-foot space**. Buy about 10 percent more molding than needed, to allow for wastage.
- Correctly making complex cuts at the corners is crucial, and requires owning or renting a compound miter saw, [CompoundMiter.com](#) sells kits with instructions, tools, charts, templates and more for **\$75-\$118**.
- [Precut corner pieces](#) add an additional dash of style and make do-it-yourself crown molding projects a lot easier. They sell for about **\$8-\$20** or more each, depending on size, style and type of material.

What should be included:

- Standard crown moldings range from 1-1/2 to 20 inches wide, depending on the height of the ceiling, the size of the room and the home's architectural style. In an average home, crown moldings are about 4-5 inches.
- There's practically an unlimited variety of decorative crown molding styles, starting with either the simple concave design or the reverse-'s'-shaped profile, to layers of straight-edged grooves, to patterns of rosettes, vines, ovals, squares, columns or cornices and more. Custom moldings can be ordered in almost any size and shape.
- Crown moldings, particularly those made out of heavier woods, require two people to install properly. [Better Homes and Gardens](#) gives a quick overview of the process, while [InstallCrown.com](#) provides extremely detailed instructions.