# **ARO Shingle 1 Installation Instructions**

These installation recommendations consist of common-sense practices for installing wall panels and similar products. Installers should rely upon their own professional experience and understanding of their unique requirements to be the best guide to a successful installation.

## **Tools Needed**

- Bar level or laser level
- Carpenter's square
- Chalk line
- Drill

Stiff putty knife

Tape measure

Utility knife or oscillating multi-tool with a fine tooth blade (80 plus tooth)

Wall screws appropriate for wall type

### Components

Courses with	Interlock	male	mount	ts (as	s orde	ered)	

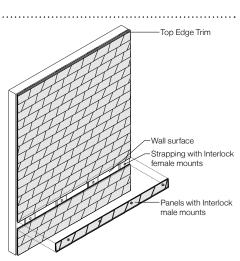
Top Edge Trim

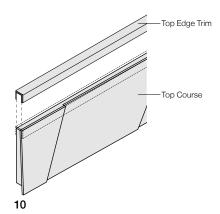
Strapping with Interlock female mounts

Strapping Map + Course Map

#### Installation Instructions

- 1 Handle the Courses keeping the felt faces together and the substrate faces together to reduce the possibility of damage during installation.
- 2 Inspect the products. In the case of product defect or damage in transit, FilzFelt must be notified within five (5) business days. FilzFelt cannot accept a return or warranty claim on any material that has been installed.
- **3** Allow components to acclimate to the installation environment. After the shipping crates have been opened, the Courses should be laid out individually on the floor for at least forty-eight (48) hours.
- 4 While the Courses are becoming acclimatized, clean the work surface. It should be smooth, dry, and dust-free to allow the best possible installation. A Level 4 Finish wall preparation is sufficient.
- **5** The Strapping and Courses provided have designations carved into them that indicate the placements shown on the Strapping Map + Course Map. Review the Maps and organize the Strapping and Courses accordingly before installing.
- 6 Using wall screws appropriate for the wall type (not included), secure the Strapping with Interlock female mounts to the wall as indicated on the Strapping Map. **IMPORTANT**: Make sure that Strapping pieces are plumb and level as the installation progresses.
- 7 Use the Course Map as a guide and start the installation at the bottom left corner of the wall. Install the first Course by aligning the corresponding male Interlock mounts to the female Interlock mounts. Press them into place until they snap in. Working left-to-right, install the full first row of Courses.
- 8 To detach a Course, slide a stiff putty knife behind the Course at the Interlock mount and gently pry and pull the Course away from the Strapping until the Interlock mount pops off.
- **9** Continue row-by-row going from the base of the wall to the top, each time starting at the left of the wall and working towards the right, as per the Course Map. Stop when you reach the topmost Course.
- **10** Before installing the topmost Course, slide the Top Edge Trim over the edge of the Course. Snap Course into Interlock.







11 If specified, cut-outs for outlets, switches, televisions, and other items may be field-cut into flat areas of the ARO Shingle 1 Courses. Use a carpenter's square and sharp utility knife or an oscillating multi-tool with a fine tooth blade (80 plus tooth) to cut outlet cut-outs needed to finish the installation. Devices may then be either wall-mounted or panel-mounted as specified by the client. All cutting and finishing of the cut-outs and installation of electrical devices are the responsibility of the purchaser.

#### **Cleaning Instructions**

Like any natural fiber, a minimal approach should always be taken to clean wool felt since the cleaning method could potentially do more harm than the soiling or stain. The cleaning approach should be (1) dust with a lint roller, (2) vacuum with a clean, soft brush, (3) clean with water and mild detergent, and (4) clean with chemical spot remover. **IMPORTANT**: Always test any cleaning method in an inconspicuous area before attempting general cleaning.

For complete instructions, refer to the Product Maintenance + Cleaning Guide at filzfelt.com/cleaning-guide.

