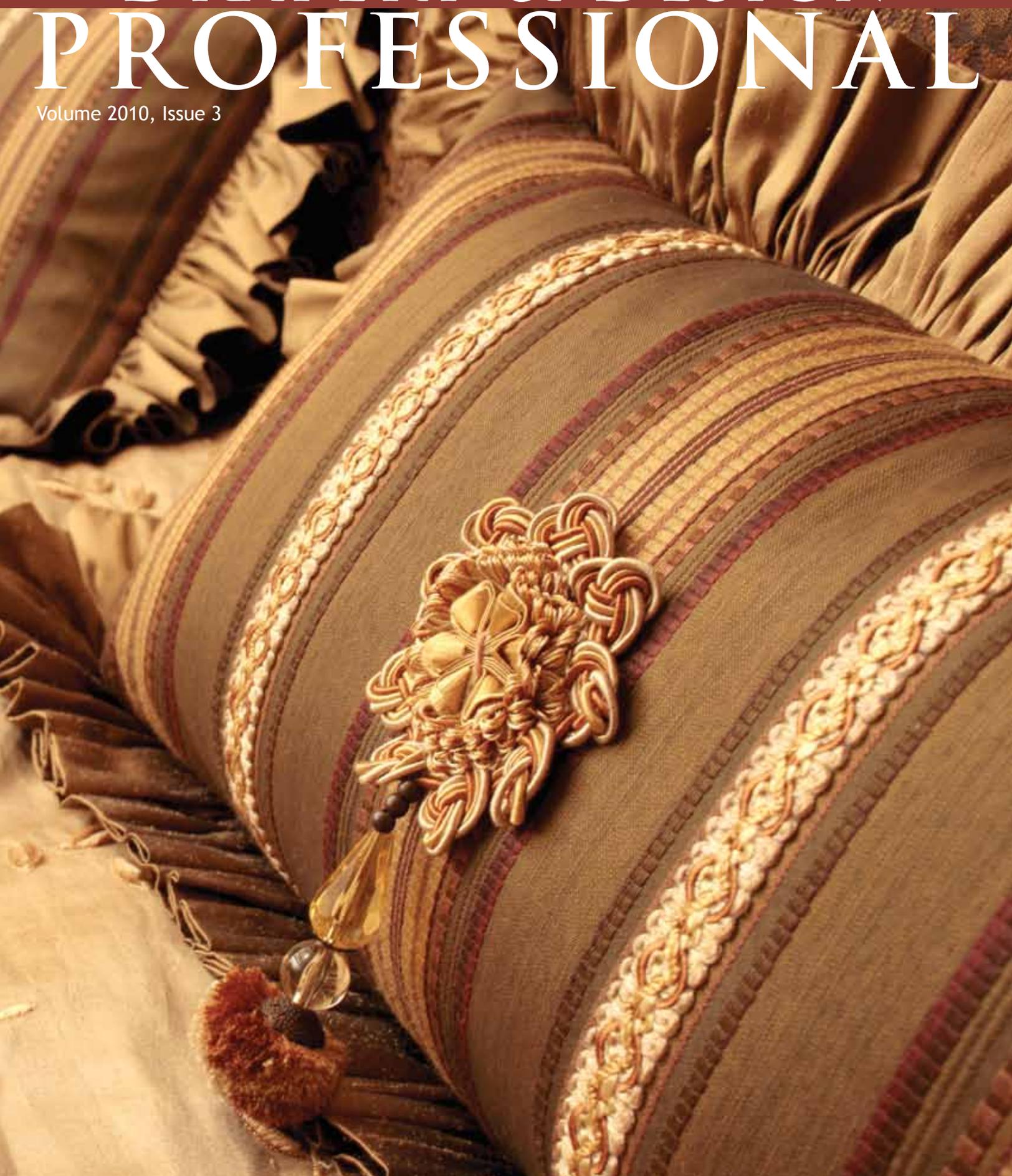


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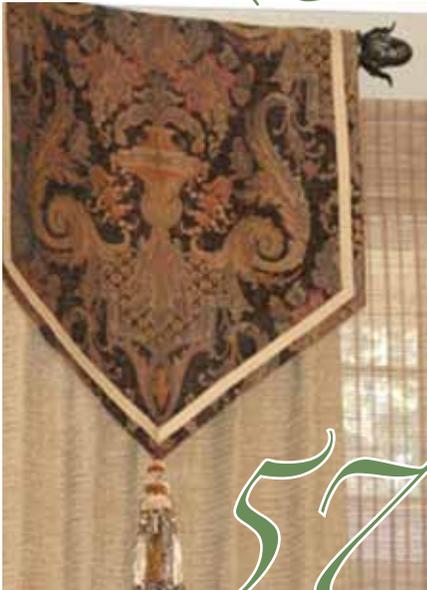
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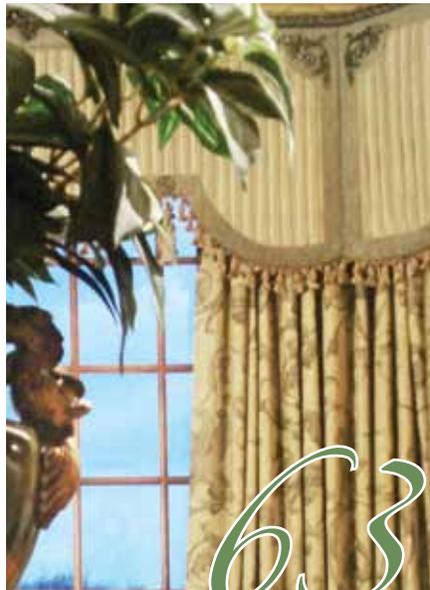
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From the Editor-in-Chief

Today I was going through some old photos of our magazine's founder, Cheryl Strickland, and it still amazes me the vision she had for this industry. Cheryl worked hard to bring workrooms together. I am referring to the time when the letters *WWW* didn't mean a thing. She knew if she traveled all over the country and looked hard, she would find people who make window treatments and get them connected. She knew she could create this connection by sharing knowledge and, as we all know, she was right.

I remember Cheryl at a regional trade show back in 1994, handing out a small, pink eight-page newsletter. I thought I had hit the jackpot finding this jewel. Inside that newsletter I found out how to string a bottom-up shade, how to make a working balloon shade look like a swag with tails and where to purchase a screw eye driver. I was hooked on this very first issue and from that day, the *Sew-What? Magazine* became a part of my required reading. Little did I know back then that 12 years later, I would be leading the next generation of workrooms to the path of this wonderful resource.

I was so blessed to have known her as an industry icon and as a personal friend. She taught me so many lessons. When things happen, I can still hear her voice tell me how to handle it. She and I would go away for a weekend once or twice a year and talk endlessly about the industry. She was my mentor and passed on to me all the little bits of wisdom in her head. She was amazing.

Cheryl taught a generation how to stand up and proclaim that they are professionals. She could command a room filled with those who wanted to hear her every word. She inspired so many of us to step outside our workrooms and teach others through classes, seminars and writing. She raised an industry, showed us how to share, made us laugh and made us cry. Sadly, Cheryl passed away in April 2008 after a four-year battle with breast cancer. She is greatly missed. Her work, legacy and dreams still live on through the CHF Academy and all those who knew her.

Margie Nance



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Molding Cornice

By Diane Preston
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A couple of years ago I made window treatments for a local parade of homes. The designers wanted the treatments to reflect the Tudor theme of the home, so they designed wooden cornices decorated with moldings and wooden embellishments to mount on top of the treatments. This style of cornice is an amazing — yet not-too-difficult — way to make a simple treatment more elaborate or to put an already-elaborate treatment "over the top." By the way, we won Best of Show, Best Interiors and People's Choice Best Window Treatments.

Tools and Supplies

- Compound miter saw
- Brad nailer
- Pin nailer
- Wood putty
- Wood glue
- Primer (spray can for faster application)
- Paint (latex interior paint with a flat or satin finish) or a water-based wood stain
- Rub 'n Buff metallic finish (found at Hobby Lobby or Michael's)
- Medium- and fine-grit sandpapers
- Steel wool
- Furniture-grade 1x4- and 1x6-inch lumber
- Crown molding of choice
- Smaller decorative moldings
- Optional: Kitchen cabinet knobs or wood embellishments

Sources for moldings and embellishments:

- White River - www.whiteriver.com
- Cumberland Woodcraft Co. - www.cumberlandwoodcraft.com
- Fretworks International (Victorian moldings) www.fretworks.com
- Architectural Depot - www.architecturaldepot.com
- Crafts Etc./Hobby Lobby (wood embellishments) www.craftsetc.com

Cut the cornice dust cap 1 inch longer than the dust cap of the soft treatment. You may need a wider board to clear any fullness (gathers or thick pleats) created on the face of the window treatment. For example, if the treatment is mounted on a 1x4, you may want to use a 1x6 for the cornice so the treatment will hang freely. The cornice dust cap is the base from which you'll build the cornice.

Miter the ends of the face board to 45 degrees where the face board meets the returns.



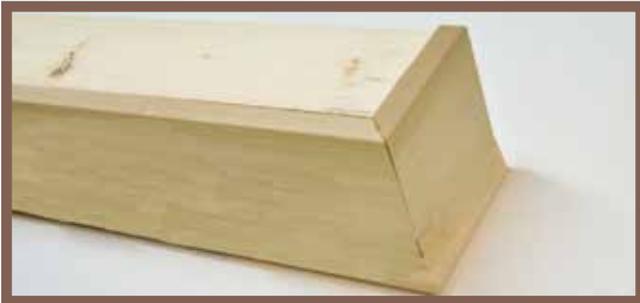
Use the outside measurements of the dust cap for the inside miter measurement for the face boards. For this example, I'm using a 1x6 board for the face. Cut the face board first. To cut the returns, lay the face board facedown, place the dust cap on top of it in the proper position, then hold the mitered return section next to the dust cap return and mark where the return is to be cut.



If you're staining the cornice, apply a furniture-grade stain to all the pieces you've cut so far. After that's dry, glue and nail the returns to the face board.



Then nail them to the dust cap.



Cutting crown molding can be a very intimidating process. Oftentimes the manual that comes with your saw will give you a better understanding of how to cut these difficult angles on your particular piece of equipment. This article from www.extremehowto.com offers step-by-step miter cutting instructions for both miter saws and compound miter saws. You'll also find angle tables that are very helpful. The link is http://www.extremehowto.com/xh/article.asp?article_id=60354. Practice on some scrap pieces first to get the hang of how to cut compound miters. For this sample I used a compound miter cut for the outside corners of the crown molding. I set the bevel

setting (blade tilt) to 33.9 degrees and the miter setting (angle) to 31.6 degrees.



Miter cut the decorative moldings at 45-degree angles where the face section joins the return section. Remember to use the outside measurement of the face board for the inside cut of the miter.

A pin nailer is essentially a small brad nailer. It shoots very thin nails that are barely noticeable. The holes usually don't require any filling or sanding. Cabinet-makers use this tool regularly. Glue and pin-nail the crown molding to the top edge of the face boards and the decorative molding to the bottom edge of the face boards.



Add any embellishments in the desired locations using the pin nailer. This photo also shows a brad nailer on the left and a pin nailer on the right.



Fill any holes and seams with wood putty and let dry. Sand with sandpaper and steel wool. Remove any sawdust with a slightly damp rag.

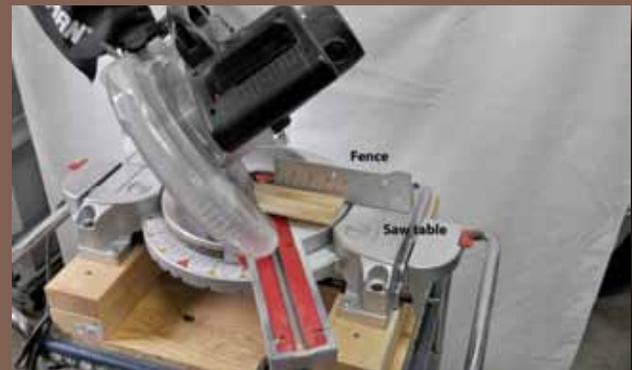
Prime the molding cornice. After it's dry, apply a total of two coats of paint. If you want, lightly highlight the moldings with a very small amount of Rub 'n Buff on a piece of lint-free cloth. (Practice first on some scraps until you get the feel of how this product goes on and what effect you want to achieve. If you happen to get too much on an area, paint thinner will decrease the intensity.) Place the finished cornice on top of the window treatment, screw together through the dust cap of the soft treatment and mount normally.



A. Outside corner – left side. Lay the molding face side up flat on the saw table and the bottom of the molding against the fence. Set the bevel setting at 33.9 degrees. Set the miter table at left 31.6 degrees, the molding to the right of the blade is the finished piece.

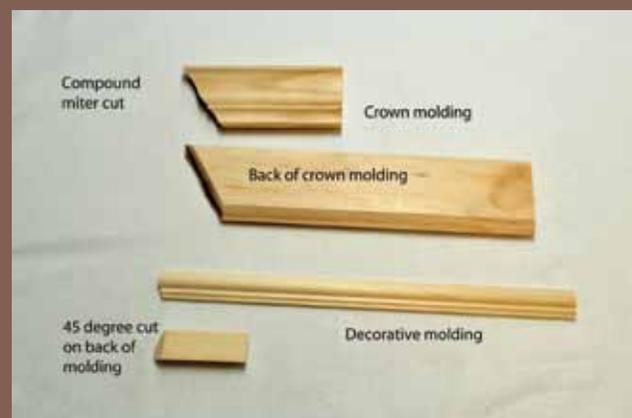


B. Outside corner – right side. Lay the molding face side up flat on the saw table and the top of the molding against the fence. Set the bevel setting at 33.9 degrees. Set the miter table at right 31.6 degrees, the molding to the right of the blade is the finished piece. ✨



Compound Mitering Up Close

Compound mitering is often a confusing topic, but once you know a few basic tips the process becomes much easier. A compound miter is the combination of a miter (horizontal) cut and bevel (vertical) cut. In our case, when crown molding on the face of the cornice meets with the crown molding on the return, a compound miter cut needs to be made in order for the two to fit together properly. Normally when two pieces of wood that are flat on the back come together to make a 90-degree angle, each end is cut at 45 degrees to join them. Crown molding, however, sits up against the cornice at an angle with the top of the molding protruding out farther than the bottom. In order to create an outside 90-degree angle, each piece needs a compound miter cut to make the top and bottom of both the right and left sides of the crown molding fit properly (see photo at right.) The following shows you how to accurately cut the majority of crown moldings successfully each time. Note: Always practice with two scrap pieces of a particular molding to ensure a proper fit before cutting the actual pieces.



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