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Figure 1

## Stair Tread Worksheet



Figure 3
Left Hand Open (Left Return)


| Label | Description | Measurement |
| :--- | :--- | :--- |
| A | Length |  |
| B | Depth | $111 / 4^{\prime \prime}$ |
| C | Color <br> -or - <br> Product <br> Match |  |
| D | Return <br> Length | $12^{\prime \prime}$ |

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\begin{array}{lll}\text { Number } & \text { Name } & \text { Description }\end{array}
$$ \quad $$
\begin{array}{l}\text { Walled End } \\
\hline 1\end{array}
$$ \begin{array}{l}This end of the stair tread is placed against the wall and can also be referred to as the <br>

"closed end."\end{array} \quad $$
\begin{array}{l}\text { The finished walking surface of the stair tread. }\end{array}
$$\right]\)| The opening of the stair tread. This dimension is especially important for single return |
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| treads and is the most important measurement on double return treads. |
| This is a 1 1/4" solid stave that is bullnosed on one side and glued to fit along the open |
| end of the stair tread. This allows a pleasing visual and simulates the appearance of |
| penetration into the staircase when viewed from the side. Typically a return tread is only |
| used when pickets from the handrail directly intersect the stair tread. The side of the |
| tread that has a return is referred to as the "open side." |

## What information do I need when measuring a job?

When measuring a stair case for prefinished stair tread installation, three pieces of information are needed:

1) Length - The length of a tread is always determined by measuring the throat of a tread. Do not include the returns as part of the tread measurements. Since the mitered returns are al ways $11 / 4^{\prime \prime}$ in width, adding the return width is redundant. Prefinished stair treads are sold in $6^{\prime \prime}$ increments beginning at $36^{\prime \prime}$. If in doubt, order the next larger size. Notice how the length in figures 2 and 3 do not include the return as part of the measurement
2) Product Match (or species if the tread is finished natural) -

The flooring product to be matched is necessary to ensure a proper color and sheen level. If the tread is a natural product such as Red Oak, Maple, Brazilian Cherry, etc, this will simple be noted as "Natural" and the species. i.e. Natural Maple or Jamestown Winchester
3) Type - A notation of "Closed" is sufficient for closed or box treads. "Right Hand Open" or "Left Hand Open" must be specified for single return treads and "Double Side Open" suffices for double return treads.

