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## Tiny Baseboard Tip

**Here's a little trick** for those small pieces of baseboard where the casing is close to an adjacent wall. Usually this area has a terrible buildup of drywall mud or plaster that kicks the little piece of baseboard out of plane with the casing. To avoid this, I'll cut the little piece of baseboard and attach it with Dominos and glue to the base of the casing. It's a lot easier to install this piece of baseboard as an extension of the casing than as a separate piece of baseboard. If the baseboard piece is really small (less than an inch), I'll use flat stock instead of a profiled base stock, and just butt the intersecting baseboard into the flat stock. It's difficult to caulk and paint in that area, so the simpler the better.

This detail is more important on baseboard and casing that is installed flush to each other because there's no reveal to help hide your sins.

Alternatively, if the casing is already installed, you can pre-attach the small piece of baseboard to the cope on the long piece of baseboard with nails or trim-head screws and install the unit as one piece. This works especially well to keep the tiny baseboard from moving around and opening up.

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