

Trim Carpenter Job Description

Duties and Responsibilities:

- Cut and shape wooden components using saws, planers, and sanders
- Assemble wooden components to form structures using jointers and nail guns
- Design and implement the blueprint for a wood construction project
- Read and interpret the plan/sketch of a carpentry undertaking
- Carry out scribing of moldings to allow for proper fitting on even or uneven surfaces
- Perform leveling and trimming of doors and windows using implements such as power sanders and planers
- Carry out construction of cabinets and built-in bookshelves
- Engage in staining and varnishing of wooden products and fixtures
- Install crown moldings and trim for doors, windows, and baseboards
- Fabricate customized woodworks that serve as accessories necessary for the finishing of a carpentry structure
- Prepare cost estimate of materials and labor require for a trimming/finishing project
- Oversee the selection and purchase of raw materials needed for construction to ensure the use of appropriate wood type
- Guide and supervise the work operation of trainee trim carpenters and interns to ensure they are in line with set standards
- Take measurements of wood materials to establish suitable dimensions for a finishing project
- Participate in workshops, conferences, and seminars to stay up-to-date with developments in the field of trim carpentry
- Install add-ons such as door knobs, hinges, and handles onto finished structures.

Trim Carpenter Requirements – Skills, Knowledge, and Abilities

- Education and Training: To become a trim carpenter, you need to possess at least a high school diploma which is the minimum

qualification for entrance into a trades school. You can opt for a 3-year apprenticeship program with a recognized body such as the United Brotherhood of Carpenters. Relevant experience increases job prospects and chances of securing the trim carpenter job

- **Math Skills:** Trim carpenters are skilled in measuring and calculating the dimensions of a woodwork project
- **Physical Strength/Dexterity:** Trim carpenters possess the strength required in lifting and handling heavy materials, as well as possessing the coordination required in using carpentry tools
- **Eye for Details:** Trim carpenters are precise and detailed in performing finishing operations to ensure refined structures.