

Sheetrock Estimator - Calculation Considerations & Formulas

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1. Adjusted Surface Area

Wall Area = $2 \times \text{height} \times (\text{length} + \text{width})$

Ceiling Area = $\text{length} \times \text{width}$

Door Area = $\#\text{doors} \times 21$ (avg door ~3x7 ft)

Window Area = $\#\text{windows} \times 12$ (avg window ~3x4 ft)

Total Adjusted Area:

$\text{total_area} = \text{wall_area} + \text{ceiling_area} - (\text{door_area} + \text{window_area})$

Ensure $\text{total_area} \geq 0$

2. Sheet Estimate

Standard Sheet Area = 32 sq ft (4x8)

Raw Sheet Count:

$\text{raw_sheets} = \text{total_area} / 32$

Include waste and buffer:

$\text{sheets_needed} = \text{ceil}(\text{raw_sheets} * (1 + \text{waste_factor})) + 1$

Suggested $\text{waste_factor} = 0.12$

3. Joint and Tape Estimation

Each sheet contributes approximately:

- 2 vertical joints (8 ft total)
- 1 horizontal seam (~4 ft average)

Estimated linear feet of joints:

$\text{linear_ft_of_joints} = \text{sheets_needed} * 12$

Tape requirement:

$\text{tape_coverage} = 500$ ft per roll

$\text{tape_units} = \text{ceil}(\text{linear_ft_of_joints} / \text{tape_coverage})$

4. Corner Bead / Trim Estimation

Assume:

- Each outside corner = ~8 ft
- User can specify number of corners or use defaults

Corner Bead length:

$\text{corner_bead_length} = \text{num_outside_corners} * 8$

Bundle size:

$\text{corner_bead_units} = \text{ceil}(\text{corner_bead_length} / 100)$

Defaults (rectangular room):

- $\text{num_outside_corners} = 4$
- $\text{num_inside_corners} = 4$

5. Joint Compound & Screws Adjustment

Joint compound:

$\text{compound_multiplier} = 1 + (\text{linear_ft_of_joints} / 1000) * 0.1$

Screws:

$\text{screws_multiplier} = 1 + (\text{sheets_needed} / 10) * 0.05$

Use these multipliers when calculating:

$\text{total_compound} = \text{base_amount} * \text{compound_multiplier}$

$\text{total_screws} = \text{base_amount} * \text{screws_multiplier}$

These scale material needs based on complexity.