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# What's lightweight and puts a smile on your face?



## Lightweight Cove

Quality, lightweight coving that meets the demands of the trade

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Artex and Gyproc are brands synonymous with quality – and we don't supply anything less than the best. That's why you can be sure of the same excellent quality from our NEW lightweight coving as you've come to expect from our ever popular paper-faced gypsum cove products.

The range is lightweight yet durable, with the same superior smooth finish, associated with our renowned gypsum cove products. That's why you can be sure that whereas you would never have considered lightweight coving in the past – you can now!

Highly durable, it also withstands bumps and knocks on site and is as easy to cut as gypsum paper-faced cove. Installation is now light work as trade lengths can be fitted by just one person. Once installed, excess adhesive can be wiped away with ease and a professional finish is achieved. It's even pre-primed to save you time painting.

Available in trade lengths of 3m or 3.6m.





## A cove design to suit every room

For smaller rooms, Gyproc LITE 100 offers a contemporary coving solution. This popular 'C' shaped profile is the perfect finish for new-build apartments or townhouses giving a clean line finish to every room.



For larger or open plan rooms Gyproc LITE 127 is the ideal choice, offering a deeper version of the classic 'C' shaped profile for older houses with larger proportions or new executive homes.



Artex Heritage LITE Original offers a twist on the contemporary. This 'S' shaped cove profile creates a sleek finish, which looks at home in larger open plan rooms and master bedrooms.








For a more traditional feel, choose from the Artex Heritage LITE range. Based on Artex Heritage original plaster moulding designs, the Georgian and Grecian profiles can be used to restore or create original features in period style homes.



Artex Heritage LITE and Gyproc LITE cove can even be fitted directly over an existing, old or damaged cove moulding to make refurbishment projects quicker and easier.

## Product range

Artex brings you the widest choice of cove products in trade lengths of 3000mm or 3600mm.

Brand	Material	Profile / Name	Length (s)	Pack size
Gyproc LITE 	Extruded polystyrene	100	3000mm	6 lengths
Gyproc LITE 	Extruded polystyrene	127	3000mm 3600mm	6 lengths 6 lengths
Artex Heritage LITE 	Extruded polystyrene	Original	3000mm	6 lengths
Artex Heritage LITE 	Extruded polystyrene	Grecian	3000mm	6 lengths
Artex Heritage LITE 	Extruded polystyrene	Georgian	3000mm	6 lengths

## All the tools for the job

All the tools required to cut the complete Lightweight cove range are brought to you by Gyproc Tools.

For simple cutting of all lightweight cove profiles, use the fine tooth Gyproc Tools Cove Saw giving clean cut lines and neater edges for easier installation.



To enable you to make clean cut lines use the Artex Universal Cove Mitre Box. Can be used with all Gyproc LITE and Artex Heritage LITE products.



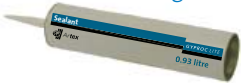
## Your adhesive options

Artex has a range of specially formulated adhesives for fixing cove.



Artex Multi-Purpose Adhesive is available ready mixed in a choice of 1ltr, 2.5ltr and 5ltr tubs. 1ltr of adhesive will cover up to 6 metres of cove. Dries to a white finish.

Gyproc LITE Cove Sealant comes in a 930ml cartridge using an applicator gun for a mess free installation. Each cartridge provides sufficient adhesive for 12metres of cove. Dries to a white finish.



Movement during setting is less likely to occur with lightweight cove. Should this happen 30mm or 40mm Gyproc Nails can be used to secure in place until dry.



## Ready for decoration

Gyproc LITE and Artex Heritage LITE are pre-primed and ready for direct decoration which means fewer coats of paint are required to finish. This offers a real time saving on the job. Check individual paint manufacturers' guidelines for product use.

## Handling

Lightweight cove is far less susceptible to damage but care should be taken when handling cove products. Whether in a pack or just a single length, always carry 'edge-on' to avoid damage. Care should also be taken when lifting and carrying longer lengths when manually handled.

## Installation and cutting guides

Visit [www.artexltd.com](http://www.artexltd.com) or call **0800 032 6345** for a FREE 'How to Cove' DVD.

## Fixing methods

Installation to clean, dry and sound backgrounds is usually achieved using Gyproc LITE Cove Sealant or 930ml Artex Multi-Purpose Adhesive, available in either 1ltr, 2.5ltr or 5ltr. In special circumstances, where either the wall or ceiling has severe irregularities, cove profiles may be mechanically fixed with non-rusting screws into plugs.

Any gaps along either the wall or ceiling edge of the profile may be filled with Gyproc LITE Cove Sealant or Artex Multi-Purpose Adhesive. Either way, the fixing instructions which follow should be carefully observed to ensure the best results.

### 1 Drawing guidelines

Before marking-out, first remove any wallpaper from the walls and ceiling, then, with a pencil, draw guidelines along the walls and ceiling.

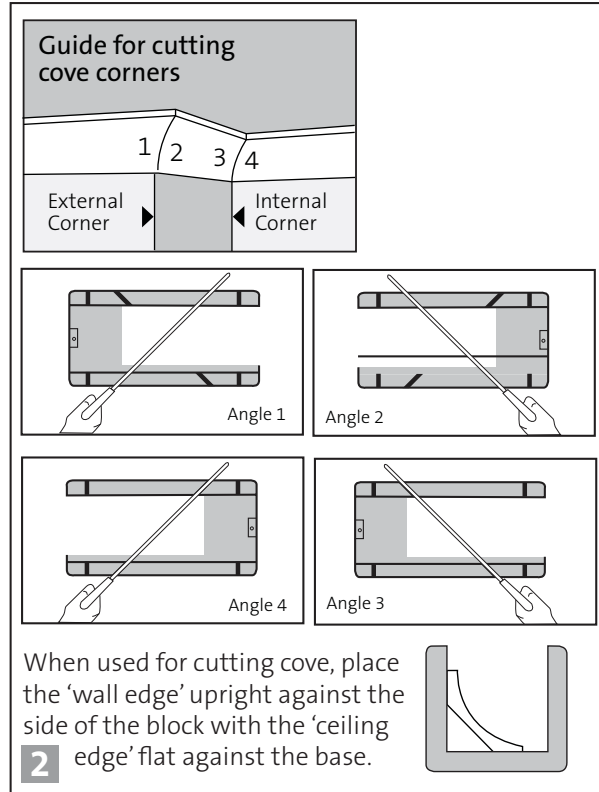
	From wall	From ceiling
Gyproc LITE 100	68mm	68mm
Gyproc LITE 127	88mm	88mm
Artex Heritage Original	82mm	85mm
Artex Heritage Grecian	75mm	78mm
Artex Heritage Georgian	75mm	78mm

Scratch the plastered or painted areas which will be in contact with the cove to provide a key for the adhesive and brush away any dust or loose material.

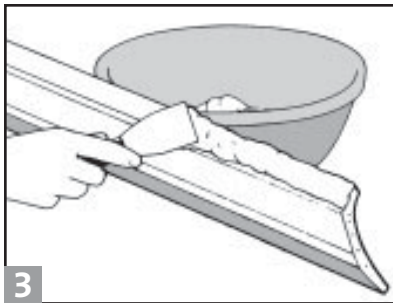


## 2 Cutting

To cut the profile to length use a Gyproc Tools Cove Saw or similar fine tooth saw. You should make saw cuts into the curve as illustrated. Lightly sandpaper any rough edges.



For angles other than 90° you need to use 'the projection method', described later.



## 3 Applying adhesive

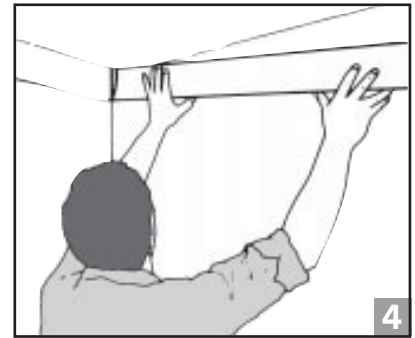
Apply ready mixed Artex Multi-Purpose adhesive to the cove profile. Apply sufficient product evenly to both of the surfaces which will be in contact with the wall and ceiling along the full length of the profile.

When using Gyproc lite Cove Sealant, apply an even bead of 6 - 8mm thickness to both of the surfaces which will be in contact with the wall and ceiling along the full length of the profile.

## 4 Installing the Cove

Offer up the profile and push it firmly into position between the guidelines. If you're working with lengths greater than 2 metres you may need assistance to secure in place.

Lightweight cove can be installed with ease by one person. To avoid moving the profile accidentally, it is a good idea to lightly nail the wall and ceiling immediately below and in front of the cove. Nails can be removed once the adhesive is set.

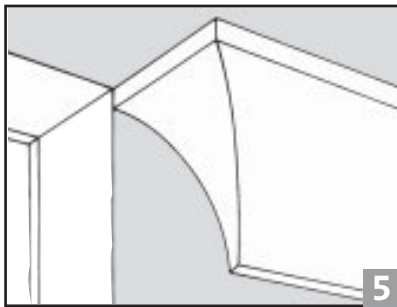


Remove excess adhesive and use it to make good the mitres and any joints. Finally, moisten a paint brush and trace it along the junctions of the profile and background.

## 5 Stop ends

If you have stairwells, windows or doors that extend to ceiling height you may need to stop the cove on either side of the opening. You can make 'stop ends' for this purpose quite simply.

Begin by measuring out a length of profile for the run which meets the wall opening or reveal and cut the appropriate external mitre, as described previously.



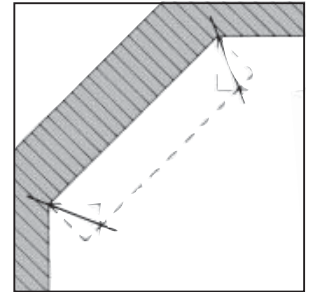
Cut the corresponding mitre on a short surplus length and cut it off square to leave you with a wedge shape which forms a perfect fitting, mitred stop-end. Fix both lengths as normal, the longer one first, and make good the mitre with Gyproc **UTE** Cove Sealant or ready mixed Artex Multi-Purpose Adhesive.

## 6 Creating mitres by the projection method

To illustrate this technique, take a bay window as an example. In the diagram, the broken lines show the position of each length of profile before the mitres are cut.

First draw pencil lines along the ceiling parallel to the walls and extend them so they intersect as shown. (The correct distances from the wall / ceiling angle are given in section 1).

Place a suitably sized profile section with square ends in position and mark on its wall edge the point where the walls meet, and on the ceiling edge, the point where the lines you've drawn intersect. Cut the profile along a line drawn between the two marks.



## 7 Finishing

Having ensured that all gaps and joints have been made good with Gyproc **UTE** Cove Sealant or Multi-Purpose Adhesive, the installation should be allowed to dry thoroughly before adding the final surface finish.

Gyproc **UTE** Cove and Artex Heritage **UTE** are suitable for most types of decorative paint finish. Prior to painting, refer to individual paint manufacturers guidelines for product use.

### Advice

Should you require guidance at any stage simply call **0800 032 6345** Monday to Friday 8am - 5pm.