Step Flashing

- Bend the flashing in half lengthwise so that it extends 5 inches over the roof deck and 5 inches up the wall (see illustration, top right).
- Place each step flashing piece about ¼ inch short of the bottom edge of the shingle that will overlap it — just enough so that the flashing piece is not visible when the overlapping shingle is in place.

Because the flashing is 2 inches wider than the exposure of the shingles, each step flashing piece will overlap the one on the course below by 2 inches.

- Nail the flashing to the roof deck only. Do not nail it to the wall.
- Bring siding down over the vertical sections of the step flashing to serve as counterflashing. Do not nail siding through the step flashing.
Kick-Out Flashing

Because sidewall flashing must handle a large volume of water, one of the most critical flashing details occurs where the roof-wall junction terminates. To deflect water from the siding, install a kick-out in the corner.

Though not always possible in the construction sequence, it's best to install a full 36-inch-wide piece of rubberized asphalt on the wall before nailing subfascia and trim boards in place, then come back to install the kick-out.