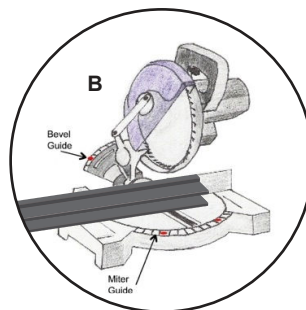
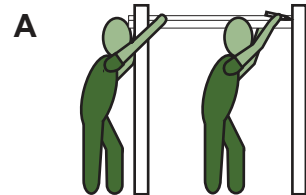


- A** It is easier to measure and mark your top rail before the pickets are in place. Measure between posts or hold your rail next to the post in line with the top rail brackets and mark the rail to fit.
- B** Place the rail on your miter saw with the top side against the fence. Line the blade up with your marks and cut the rail. Repeat the process with the other end (If using a circular saw, transfer mark around top cap before cutting).
- C** Test fit the top rail on the brackets. Leave in place while cutting and fitting top rails for the remaining sections to ensure everything fits properly.
- D** Remove the top rails and set aside until after the pickets are in place.



ADVANCED TIPS AND TRICKS:

- A1** When dealing with a slope or complex angle, set your top rail on top of your posts. Hold your speed square against the post and mark the rail. Repeat on the other post.
- A2** For a complex angle, mark the rail underneath where it crosses the post. Repeat on the other post.
- A3** Determine the miter angle by laying your speed square on the side of the top rail in line with your mark. Make sure the pivot point touches the bottom edge of the rail. Read the angle by noting where the bottom edge of the rail crosses the gauge. Set the miter angle of your compound saw to this angle.
- A4** Determine the bevel angle by laying your speed square on the bottom of the rail in line with your mark. Make sure the pivot point touches the edge of the rail. Read the angle by noting where the edge of the rail crosses the gauge. Set the bevel angle of your compound saw to this angle.

