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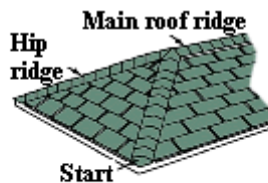
## Laying Shingles on Hip Roofs

What is a hip roof?, you ask. No, it's not a roof that's into the latest fashion and music. Actually, you've seen it a million times, you just didn't know there's a name for it. A hip roof is gable roof with the ends brought together at the same pitch as the rest of the roof. Now you know what it is...now find out how to shingle it.

### Tools and Materials:

- Shingles
- Hammer
- Carpenter's Apron
- #15 Felt Roofing
- Ridge Shingles
- Asphalt Roofing Cement
- Copper or Aluminum Flashing Material
- Soft Soled Shoes
- Level
- Clean-up Cloth
- Roofing Nails
- Chalk Line
- #90 Mineral Surface Roofing
- Tin Strips
- Ladder
- Work Gloves
- Safety Rope
- Hand Cleaner

### Step 1:



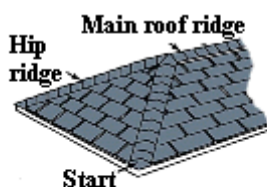
Each course of shingles applied to the hip roof should be continued around the roof.

**Always start at the eaves when applying hip shingles. Each course should be continued around the roof.**

### Step 2:

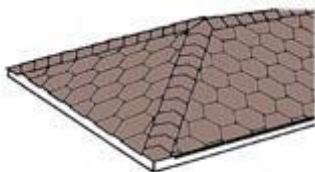
Trim each shingle to the angle of the hip ridge.

### Step 3:



Use regular hip shingles or cut standard shingles (three-cut) to cover the hip ridge. Cover the hip ridge before the main roof ridge.

**Apply hip ridge shingles before**

**Step 4:**

**Use two shingles to start the run on the hip ridge.**

Start at the eave, and apply hip shingles at the same exposure as the main roof. Use two shingles to start the run on the hip ridge. Use four nails per shingle and leave no nails exposed.

**Step 5:**

When placing the last hip shingle on the main ridge, seal it with roofing cement and nail it into position.

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