Ontario Resource Document
Selected Nail Typology

SELECTED NAIL TYPOLOGY

Common Siding Nails
Actual Size

HAND WROUGHT
up to 1830s
Made by hand on a forge. All four sides taper to a point.

MACHINE CUT
1830s to present
Stamped from sheets of iron and cut by a machine. Two sides taper and two are flat.

WIRE PULLED
1850s to present
Pulled from wire and cut by a machine. Nails are round.

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