

Instructions for Using C-88 Baluster Centerline Tool

1. To mark the handrail centerline, place the tool on the tread so the lower lip sits flush against the stringer. Find the line on the tool for the dimension of baluster you are using (example 1 1/4" square). Place your pencil beside the tool at that line. Lightly run the pencil and tool along the entire depth of the tread, keeping the tool flush against the stringer the entire way.

2. Mark the centerpoint of the first baluster by placing the tool on the tread so the lower lip sits flush against the riser near the open side of the stair. Find the line on the tool for the baluster size you are using (example 1 1/4" square). Place your pencil beside the tool at that line. Lightly run the pencil and tool along the tread until you cross the handrail centerline made in step 1.

3. To mark the centerpoint of the second baluster, first determine the run of your tread. This is the depth of the tread from riser to riser, not including the nosing. Using the side of the tool which corresponds to the baluster size you are using (example 1 1/4" square), place your pencil beside the tool at the line of your run dimension. Lightly run the pencil and tool along the tread until you cross the handrail centerline made in step 1.

