

# One Day ACTIVITIES

## Hurricane Resistant Soffits

*Properly installed soffits keep water out of your house and hurricanes will bring plenty. Soffits should stay in place in most high wind events, so take the day to make sure yours will stand up to a hurricane. Suitable caulking will ensure your soffits are fit for hurricane season.*

### Step One: Assemble Your Tools and Hardware.

What you will need for this project:

- Caulking/sealant material

### Step Two:

Caulk the bottom of the trim piece at the interface between the soffit and wall. The caulk improves the connection of the trim to the house and helps prevent the trim piece from rotating. Note: black caulk shown for contrast.



### Step Three:

- To hold the soffit panels in place, squirt a marble – sized dab of sealant into the V-shaped hole formed by the intersection of the soffit panels (with the bottom edge of the trim into which the soffit panels are inserted and where the soffit panels meet so that both are tied to the trim and to each other).
- The marble sized dab must have good adhesive contact with both the soffit panels and the trim. To test this, push the point of the caulk tube into the joint until it hits the back of the trim; squirt the sealant in until it nearly starts falling out of the trim and slowly continue inserting sealant while simultaneously withdrawing the tip.
- When you are done inserting the sealant, quickly remove the tube.

