



Suggested Installation Instructions

for Wall Mounted Mantel Shelf

1. **Important:** Wood mantels are considered a combustible material, so heat clearances must be adhered to. Before installing, check your local building codes and the manufacturer's instructions for your specific fireplace insert or stove. Upon receiving your mantel, you may notice the smell of lacquer or stain. This is not a defect, and will not inhibit the installation process. But if it concerns you, simply remove the packaging and set the mantel in a space protected from sun and water (ex. garage) for 48 hours to allow the smell to dissipate.

2. Parts included

- (1) mantel shelf
- (1) hanger board (narrow unfinished board)
- (5) short screws
- (3) long screws (these screws are only for attaching to wall studs - NOT brick or drywall)

3. Minimum tools required

- Pencil or pen
- Tape measure
- Phillips screwdriver

Optional tools (not required, but recommended)

- Stud finder
- Level
- Drill
- Phillips drill bit and 1/16" drill bit

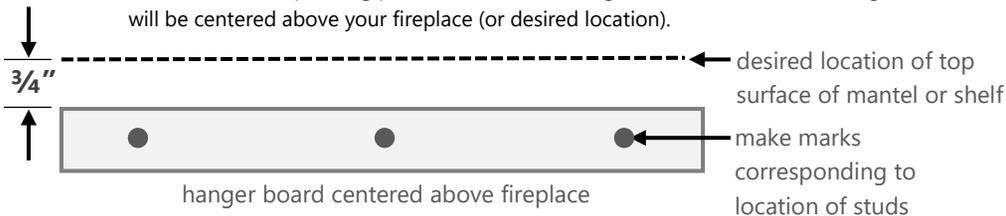
4. INSTALLATION (in order)

a. Detach the hanger board from the mantel shelf

- i. If your hanger board came pre-attached to the inside of your mantel shelf, you will need to detach the hanger board before continuing. Do this by carefully removing the screws from the top of the mantel using a screwdriver, and save the screws for use in the final step.

b. Determine mantel location and measure

- i. First, measure the width of your mantel shelf (should be approximately 48", 60" or 72").
- ii. Using a pencil, mark on the wall where you would like the left and right side of your mantel shelf to be.
- iii. Within those marks, locate 3 studs (2x4 boards) inside the wall you will be mounting to. For mantels 60" or longer, attaching to 3 studs is recommended. For mantels 48" long, attaching to 2 studs is sufficient.
- iv. After locating studs, make a pencil mark on the center of each stud located $\frac{3}{4}$ " below the desired location of the top surface of the mantel shelf (image below).
- v. Use a level or tape measure to check that wall marks are at the same height.
- vi. Then make corresponding pencil marks on the hanger board, such that the hanger board will be centered above your fireplace (or desired location).



c. Attach the hanger board to the wall

- i. Drive the long screws into the hanger board.
 1. If using a drill and 1/16" drill bit (recommended): first pre-drill holes in the marks you made on the hanger board, and then partially drive the screws into those holes.
 2. Or if using a Phillips screwdriver: partially drive the long screws directly into the marks you made on the hanger board.
- ii. After the long screws are partially driven into the hanger board, hold the hanger board up to the wall aligned with the marks you previously made. Drive the long screws completely into the studs, until the head of each long screw is flush with the surface of the hanger board.

d. Mount the mantel shelf to the hanger board (NOTE: this is easiest with 2 people)

- i. Locate the pre-drilled holes on the top surface of the mantel shelf.
- ii. Hang the mantel shelf on the hanger board so that the pre-drilled holes are facing up, and the back of the mantel shelf is tight against the wall (a second person is helpful to maintain pressure against the wall). Depending on the size of your mantel shelf, you may be able to adjust the mantel left or right as desired.
- iii. **Final step:** using a Phillips screwdriver (or drill), drive the small screws straight down through the pre-drilled holes in the top surface of the mantel shelf.

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WARNING: This product can expose you to Formaldehyde (gas), Carbon Black (airborne, unbound particles of respirable size), N- methylpyrrolidine, Cumene, Ethylene glycol (ingested), and Toluene, which is known to the State of California to cause cancer, birth defects, or other reproductive harm. For more information, go to: www.p65warnings.ca.gov.