

WOOD MANTEL INSTALLATION GUIDE

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FOR USE BY: INSTALLERS, CONTRACTORS, AND HOMEOWNERS



SCAN TO WATCH
INSTALLATION VIDEO

WHAT'S INCLUDED:

- Lexington Hearth wood mantel
- Mounting bracket (French Cleat or Slim Profile Bracket)
- Mounting hardware
 - (Qty 6) 2.5" pan-head, sharp point screws (for mounting bracket)
- Mounting instructions

TOOLS REQUIRED:

- Utility knife or scissors
- Impact driver (#2 Phillips bit)
- Power drill (1/8" wood drill bit)
- Stud finder
- Tape measure
- Level
- Pencil & felt-tip marker
- Safety glasses
- Rags
- Gloves

IMPORTANT SAFETY AND INSTALLATION NOTES

- Read the Inspection Required sheet found on the outside of the box for damaged product return procedure.
- Inspect the mantel for damage and check for all mounting hardware is included in the box before disregarding the box and packing materials.
- Use caution to avoid injury when handling the packing materials with sharp staples.
- **Do not apply adhesive tape directly to the mantel surface.** The finish will be damaged when tape is removed. Use paper or plastic to cover the surface, then secure with tape on top of the covering.
- For the large and/or heavy models, always use **at least two people** when handling and installing.
- This guide covers wood framing installations only. For other wall types, consult a professional.
- If you cannot locate studs, or there are less than required studs, you must open the wall and add wood studs.
- Minimum stud requirements:
 - 48" mantel: 2 studs
 - 60" mantel: 3 studs
 - 72"-84" mantel: 4 studs
- For masonry installations, consult your fastener supplier for anchors that support **4x the expected load (mantel and bracket plus items placed on the mantel).**

INSTALLATION STEPS



STEP 1 – UNPACK THE MANTEL FOR INSPECTION

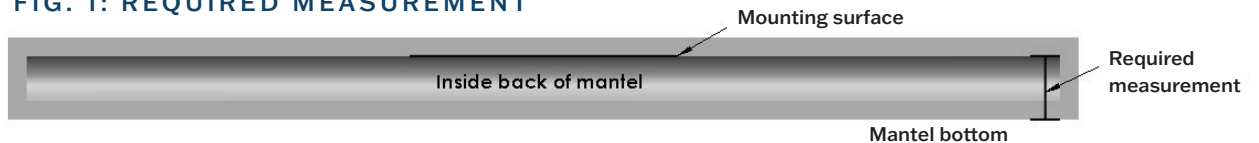
- Use gloves to avoid injury from **sharp staples** in the packaging.
- Using two people, remove the mantel from the box.



STEP 2 – IMPORTANT INSTALLATION MEASUREMENTS

- Carefully flip the mantel so the back is facing up.
- **For the Slim Profile bracket:**
 - Measure from the bottom of the mantel to the bracket mounting surface.
- **For the French Cleat bracket:**
 - Measure to the furthest point of the 45 degree angle.
 - Measure the short side of the French cleat—from the bottom edge to the start of the 45-degree angle.
 - Subtract the measurement from step 2 above from step 1 to get the height of the bracket.
- For either the French Cleat bracket or the Slim Profile bracket, mark the center of the bracket.
- **Record these measurements** for use in Step 3.

FIG. 1: REQUIRED MEASUREMENT



STEP 3 – DETERMINE MANTEL PLACEMENT

- **Mark Bottom of Mantel (BOM):**
 - Make a pencil mark on the wall above the fireplace and label it “BOM.”
- **Mark Center of Fireplace:**
 - Mark the center above the fireplace opening.
- **Extend a vertical line upward to intersect with the bracket line. Label it “Center.”**
- **Mark Bracket Position:**
 - From BOM, add the measurement from Step 2.
 - Mark this point and label it “bracket.”
 - Use a level to draw a horizontal bracket line.
- **Mark Stud Locations:**
 - Use a stud finder to locate studs.
 - Mark each with a 1” vertical line beneath the bracket line.

FIG. 2: SLIM PROFILE STUD LOCATIONS

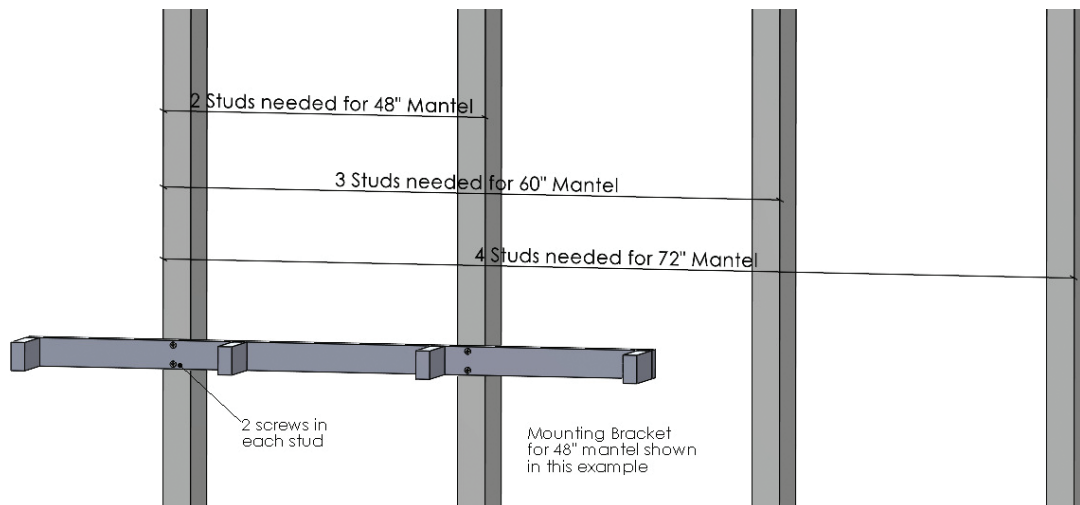
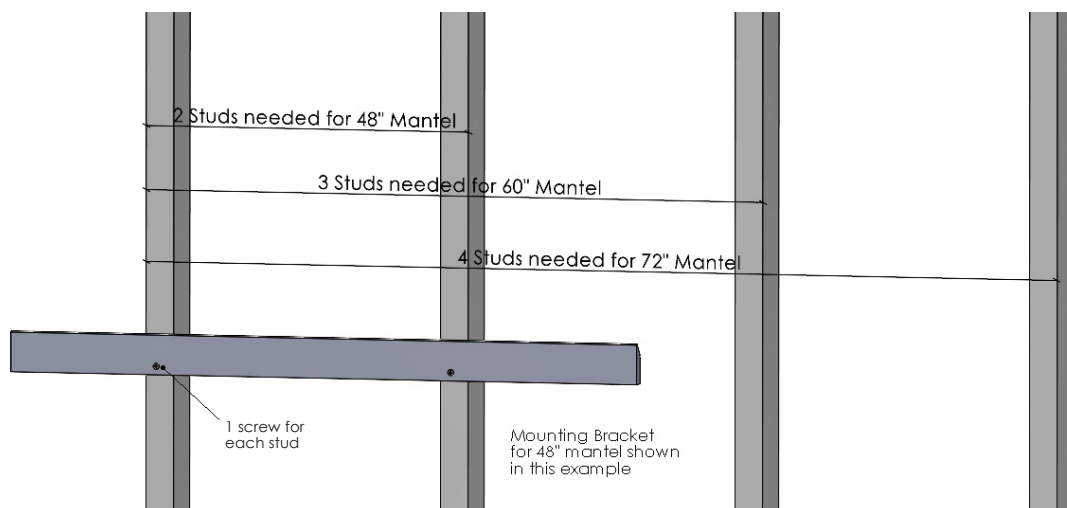


FIG. 3: FRENCH CLEAT STUD LOCATIONS





STEP 4 – MOUNT THE BRACKET

- Measure the bracket and mark its center on the top of the bracket.
- Align bracket center with wall center mark.
- Transfer stud locations to the front of the bracket.
- Drill two vertically aligned 1/8" pilot holes at each stud location.
- Temporarily hold bracket with one pan-head screw. Use a level to ensure alignment.
- Secure the bracket with remaining screws, **flush but not overtightened**.

FIG. 4: SLIM PROFILE BRACKET

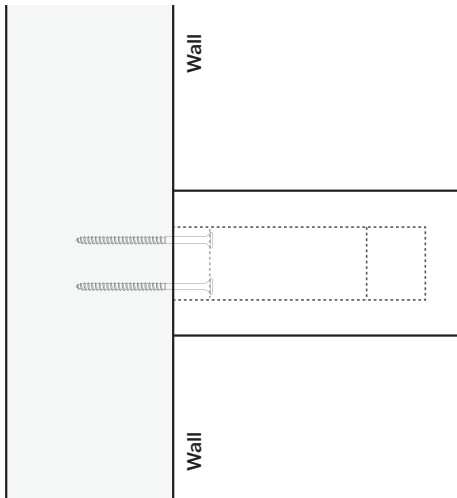
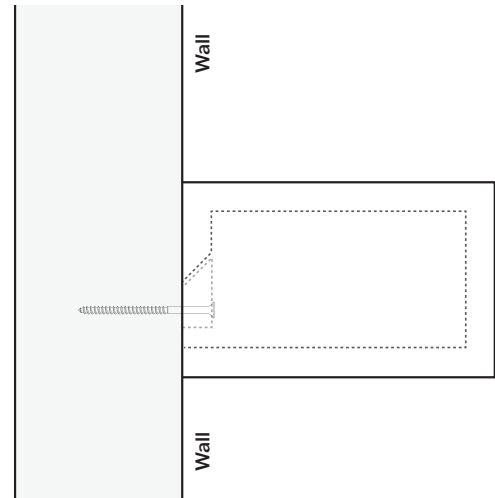


FIG. 5: FRENCH CLEAT BRACKET



STEP 5 – INSTALL THE MANTEL

- With two people, lift and position the mantel onto the bracket.
- Check level across mantel length and depth.
- If needed, insert **shims** at stud locations.
- OPTIONAL: secure the mantel to the bracket using finish nails (not provided).