

Installation Guidelines for Non-Combustible Sandstone & Gypsum Overmantels



Tools and Materials Required:

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| 1. High temperature silicone adhesive | 3 | Pencil |
| 2. Measuring tape | 4. | Bracing material |

Overview

Fireside Furnishings Overmantels are available in Gypsum or Sandstone material and are typically installed directly on the top shelf surface of the Fireside Furnishings **CASTLE SERIES** Mantels.

Overmantels are installed **AFTER** the installation of the mantel is completed. The top of the mantel shelf must be level and secure to support the weight of the overmantel and its bracing.

Note: Make sure the top of the mantel shelf is level, as it will dictate the level of the overmantel that sits directly on top.

Handle products with care to avoid damage to ornamental surfaces and fracturing of components. Avoid unnecessary contact of exposed faces of components with objects that may scratch or scuff surfaces. Carry components on edge and store in original packaging at room temperature.

Overmantels are ideally applied to solid, stable, flat substrates such as plaster or drywall. Wood surfaces are typically not stable and may cause cracks in the product or filled joints.

Overmantel may be secured using a high temperature silicone adhesive.

Installation

1. Locate the center of the mantel shelf top and draw a **LIGHT** pencil line near its front edge.
2. Draw a **LIGHT** pencil line at bottom center of the overmantel.
3. If you are unsure of the condition of the wall above the overmantel, you may want to dryfit the overmantel. If you are sure that the wall is flat and sound, you may omit this step.

4. Apply a generous and continuous bead of adhesive to the back perimeter surface of the overmantel to ensure continuous contact between wall and bedding surface area of the overmantel.
5. With your assistant, carefully lift the overmantel above the mantel and gently place it on the mantel shelf top, tight against the wall. Ensure the marked centerlines of the mantel and overmantel are in alignment. **Note:** Exercise caution to avoid scratching of the top of the mantel shelf by dragging of the overmantel while fitting in place.
6. Check for full contact between the back perimeter of the overmantel and wall surface.
7. Use bracing to secure the overmantel tight to the wall until the adhesive sets.

Note: Avoid adhesive on exposed component surfaces. Use a finishing nail or a small piece of plastic (shaped like a 'V') to remove excess adhesive at joints. Clean off excess adhesive immediately as required by adhesive manufacturer instructions.

Finishing

If required, fill gaps around the outer perimeter of the overmantel with a paintable latex caulk and tool to a smooth finish.

Sandstone Overmantels are factory treated with a clear water-based sealer, and do not require additional surface treatment.

Gypsum Overmantels will accept lacquers, stains, oil-based or acrylic paints. Apply a drywall primer first, then apply finish in thin coats to avoid filling-up the design details. For best results, use flat or eggshell finishes.

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