

**Follow these 3 easy steps and you will be ready to enjoy your new shelf.
You will need the following tools and materials to build your mantel shelf:**

- Bubble Level
- Tape Measure
- Drill
- Pencil

Step 1

Place the shelf on the wall above your fireplace or on the wall at the desired height. Level the shelf and draw a line on the wall at the top of the shelf. Remove the shelf and measure down 3/4" from the line and draw a second line on the wall parallel to the first line.

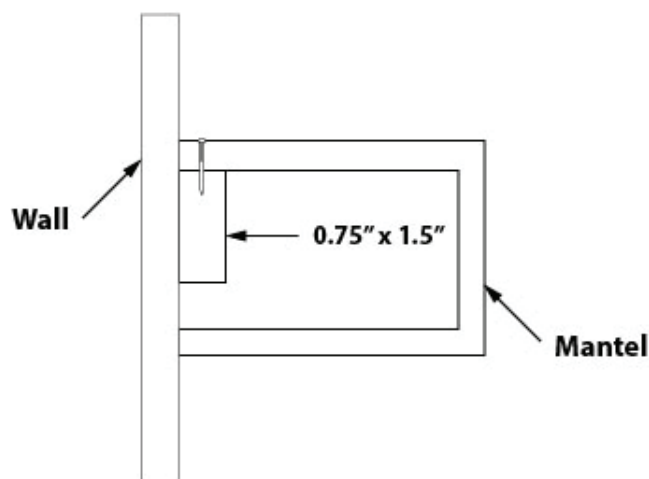
Tip: Height of shelf varies. Normal height ranges from 50 to 55 inches above the floor.

Step 2

Place the included mounting board on the wall, line up the top of the mounting board with the lower line. Attach the mounting board to the wall with appropriate fasteners for your application. If you are mounting on a standard drywall over stud construction, make sure you screw the mounting board into the wood studs for strength. When attaching the shelf to a brick surface you must use a masonry lag bolt. Drill three holes in the mortar joints of the brick in the desired position. Insert lag and attach mounting board with a bolt.

Step 3

Install shelf over mounting board and slide down until the shelf is tight against the wall. Push the shelf tight against the wall, with the mounting board on the inside of the shelf cavity, then push down firmly on the shelf to ensure that the bottom of your shelf is resting on top of the mounting bracket. When the shelf is in position, nail down through the top of the shelf into the mounting bracket, using #8 penny finish nails. You may wish to pre-drill pilot holes before nailing. You may also wish to toenail through the top of the shelf into the wall to ensure a tight fit. Make sure the shelf is level before nailing. See below.



Note: The edge of the shelf against the wall may not be tight against the wall across the whole length of the shelf. The wall may not be uniform and flat. If not, use caulk to fill gap before painting.