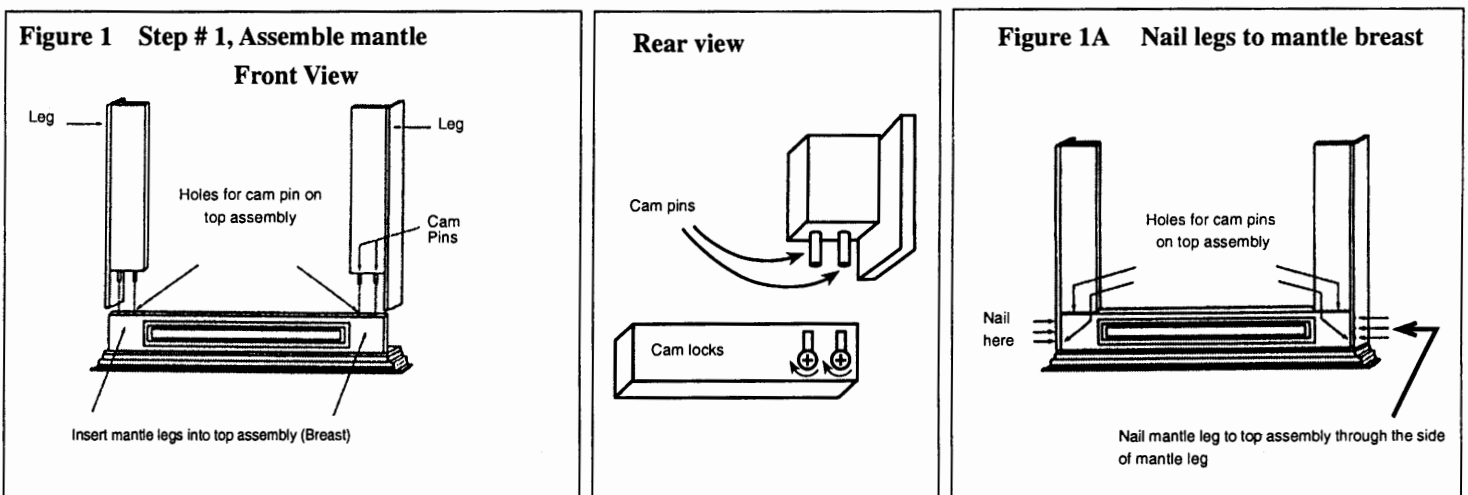


FULL MANTLE INSTALLATION INSTRUCTIONS

Each Mantle is carefully handcrafted one at a time by an experienced carpenter using only the finest materials available. Since wood is a product of nature, the color of the wood will vary from part to part. While we go to great lengths to try and match the color of each part as closely as possible, sometimes there will be color variations in some parts. Don't despair - just remember that the beauty of wood is in the fact that it's natural and not all trees have the exact same color.

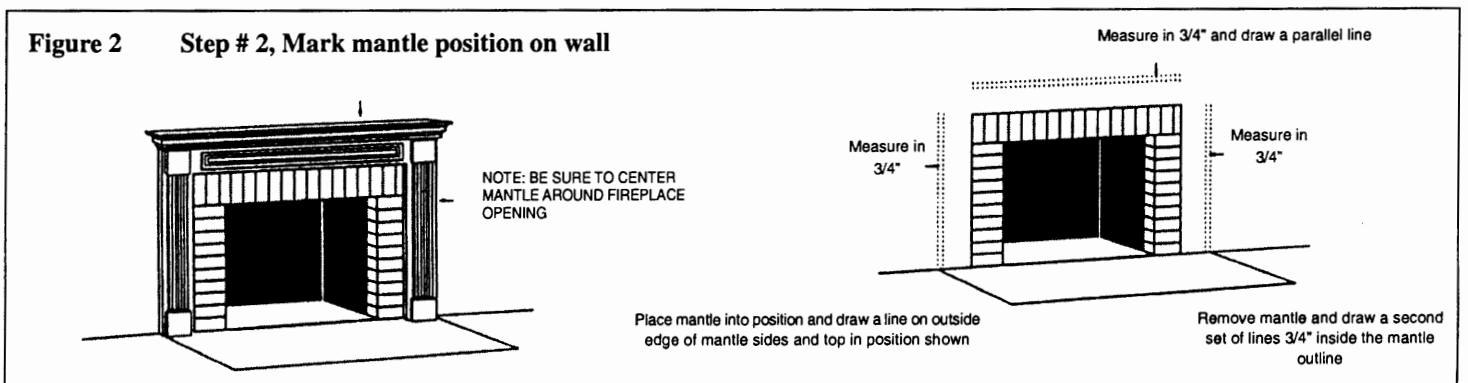
Step #1 Assemble Mantle

Carefully unpack the mantle from the box and inspect mantle for damage that may have occurred during shipment. If you find damage immediately report the damage to your Premier Mantles Dealer. Set the mantle top assembly (breast) with the mantle shelf top on the floor. Unwrap the mantle legs and insert the leg pins into the top assembly holes as shown in Figure 1. Twist cam locks with a screwdriver to tighten legs to breast, then nail the legs to the mantle top assembly (breast) on each side with two or three number 8 finish nails. Make sure that the leg edge is flush with the mantle top assembly before nailing. *Helpful Hint: Drill pilot holes in each leg nailing position. This will insure that you don't damage the mantle when nailing the mantle together.* See Figure 1A.



Step #2 Mark Mantle Position On Wall

Once you've assembled the mantle legs to the mantle top assembly, turn the mantle over and place in position around the fireplace opening. Center the mantle and then draw the outline of the mantle top and sides on the wall. Remove the mantle and make a second set of lines $\frac{3}{4}$ inch inside the mantle outline. These lines are the location of the outside edge of the mounting boards. **Mounting boards are not included with the mantle.** See Figure 2. Use $\frac{3}{4}$ " thick material, 1 x 2's or larger, for your mounting boards. The top mounting board should be one foot shorter than the length of the shelf.



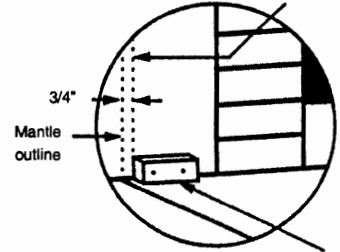
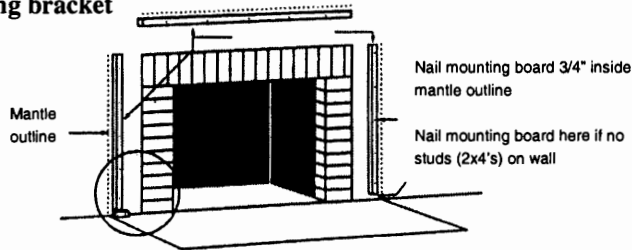
Step #3 Install Mounting Boards (mounting boards not included)

Once you've marked the position of the mounting boards on the wall, place the mounting boards so that the top edge of the top mounting board and the outside edge of the side mounting boards are on the inside edge of the second line that was drawn. Secure the mounting boards to the wall by nailing through the mounting boards into the wall studs. For the side mounting boards, if you are not lined up on a wall stud, cut the mounting board down to a small block, and secure block by nailing into the floor sill which is located at the bottom of the wall. See Figure 3.

Figure 3

Step # 2, Install mounting bracket

Nail mounting boards to wall on both sides for legs and across top for shelf assembly



If there are no studs on side boards, nail mounting board to wall as shown

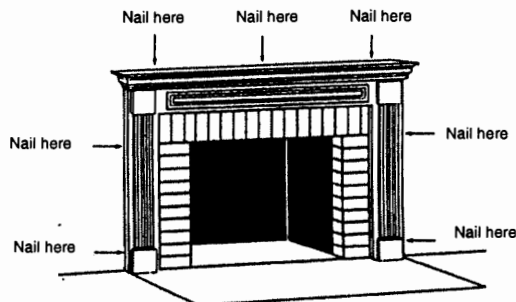
NOTE - MAKE SURE MOUNTING BOARDS ARE SECURELY FASTENED TO THE WALL

Step #4 Install The Mantle

Once your mounting boards are properly secured to the wall, you are ready to install your mantle. You may wish to paint or stain the mantle before final installation. Place the mantle in position over the mounting boards and nail into position using an 8 penny finish nail. **Make sure that you keep the mantle tight against the wall when nailing into position.** *Helpful Hint: You may want to drill pilot holes in each position on the mantle before nailing. This will insure that you don't damage the mantle when nailing into position.* Where the wall and the mantle meet the wall may not be perfectly flat and some small gaps may appear. Simply fill the gaps with caulk and paint and finish the mantle appropriately. See Figure 4.

Figure 4

Step # 4, Install mantle

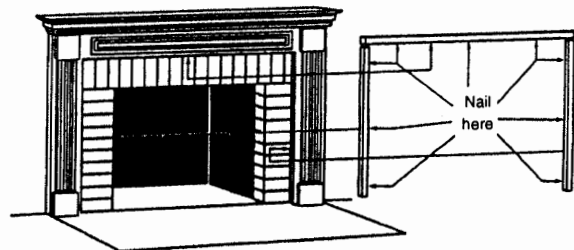


Nail the mantle into mounting boards in the positions shown

NOTE: MAKE SURE TO KEEP MANTLE TIGHT AGAINST WALL WHEN NAILING

Figure 5 Step # 5, Install scribe moulding

Install scribe moulding in positions shown



NOTE: MAKE SURE YOU KEEP SCRIBE TIGHT AGAINST FIREPLACE FACING MATERIAL.

Step #5 Install Inside Scribe Moulding

You should note that there will be a gap between the fireplace facing material (brick, tile, marble or slate) and the mantle legs. The mantle's inside scribe moulding is used to cover the gap between the mantle and the facing material. Put the scribe moulding into position and nail scribe moulding to the mantle leg. Make sure you keep pressure on the leg when nailing to keep the leg from coming off the mounting brackets. *Helpful Hint: Drill pilot holes in each scribe piece for nail positions.* See Figure 5.