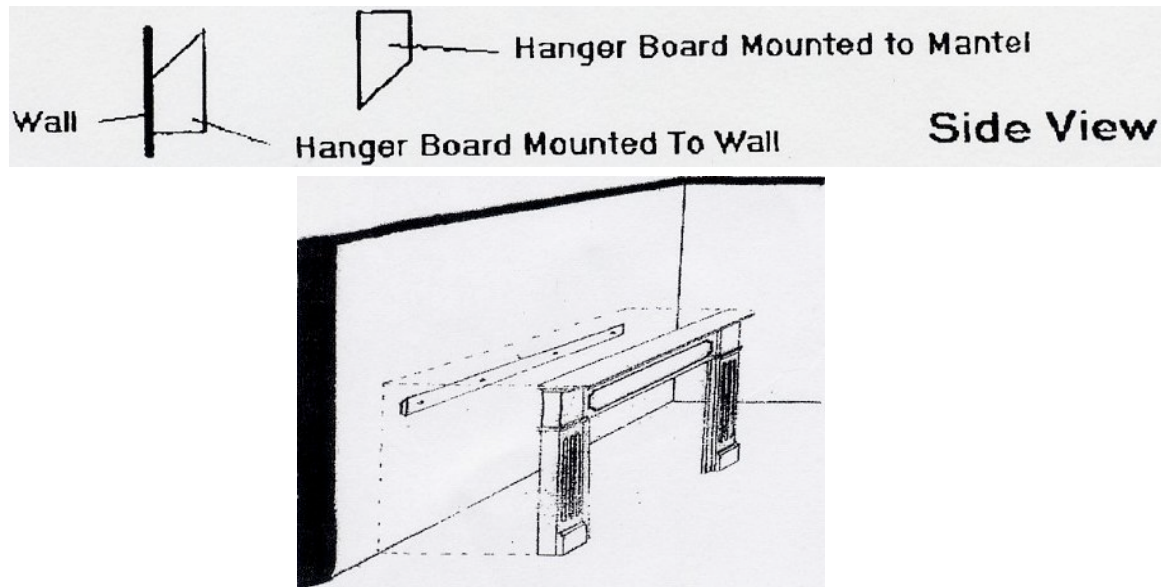


Suggested Installation and Preparation of a Pearl Mantel

Put the mantel together by putting the main shelf on the floor, upside down. Next bolt on each leg with the hardware included with your mantel.

We suggest that a hanger board be fabricated (if your mantel does not have one already) using a scrap 1x4, cut at a 45-degree angle. Use screws, lag bolts, etc., (depending on the medium of your wall) to mount the hanger board to the wall. When mounted correctly, the mantel will simply hang on the hanger board and the legs will touch the floor or the hearth. Once mounted, if the mantel or shelf doesn't seem to fit snugly to the wall, you may put a small shim of paper, cardboard, etc., to fill the gap where the 2 halves of the hanger board meet.



You may also cut a piece of wood that runs the length of the mantel shelf or use 2 blocks of wood that will be placed at either end of the mantel shelf.

Use the same measuring and fastening process mentioned above.

Set the mantel on the length of wood or blocks. Use finishing nails on back side of legs (right underneath the back overhang of the shelf) to fasten to length of wood or blocks.

Scribe Molding (If Applicable)

Once your mantel is installed, put the molding to the inside of each leg and just below the mantel shelf. Slide the molding back until it touches your surround. It is meant to hide the gap between the leg and the surround on the inside. You may attach it using small finishing nails or glue.

Preparation Prior to Painting or Staining of Wood Mantels

Lightly sand your mantel before painting or staining. Wipe clean. If painting, we suggest that a primer be used before applying your top coat. We also suggest that you follow the manufacture's recommendations for application of either paint or stain.

***The hanger board is only a suggested method.
Your installer may also have additional methods for mounting your mantel or shelf.***