



# LEG & SKIRT INSTALLATION GUIDE

## **EQUIPMENT NEEDED FOR INSTALLATION ON DRYWALL (Sheet rock):**

- Hammer
- Measuring Tape
- Pencil
- Electric Saw w/finetoothblade
- Nail punch/set
- Variable speed electric drill
- Drill bits (including Philips head)
- Drywall screws 3-1/2" or longer
- Molly Bolt Anchors with long bolts
- 2" finishing nails or finishing screws
- Carpenters level or similar
- Stud finder
- Construction adhesive
- Wood putty

## **EQUIPMENT NEED FOR INSTALLATION ON BRICK / MASONRY:**

- Masonry drill
- 1/2" Masonry anchors w/ 5/16" bolts or screws that will extend 1-3/4" outside the anchor (for mounting board) when fully screwed into anchor. Use at least 3 to mount cap and 2 for each leg.

**PLEASE READ THROUGH THESE INSTRUCTIONS AND VISUALIZE THE STEPS BEFORE BEGINNING THE INSTALLATION. SEE DIAGRAM ON REVERSE SIDE.**

**GENERAL SEQUENCE OF STEPS:** Temporarily position skirt and legs on fireplace in order to locate where they will align, and trim legs and skirt if needed to fit around stone facing, then install skirt and legs. Then install mantel and cap.

**STEP 1:** Hold skirt and legs against wall, with skirt level and centered over firebox. Skirt should sit in notches of legs. Determine how much length needs to be cut from skirt, if any, so that legs can be moved inward to desired position at outside of stone facing. Determine how much legs need to be shortened, so bottom of skirt will sit at a desired height on top of stone facing. NOTE: Inside returns of legs and skirt can be ripped shorter, if you wish, to have them overlap outside edges of stone or marble.

**STEP 2:** Cut length from skirt as determined above. Be sure to leave enough length so that skirt ends can extend into and rest in notches of legs. Cut leg height as determined above, from BOTTOM of legs not from notched ends. Position pieces again on wall and confirm fit.

**STEP 3:** Hold legs on wall in desired position and plumb them with the level. Draw pencil lines on wall along outside of legs. Remove legs. Draw parallel pencil lines 9/16" inside each of the prior lines. The inside lines mark the outside edges of the 2x2 mounting boards.

**STEP 4:** Attach leg mounting boards to wall using both construction adhesive and drywall screws or, if no stud is at that location, the molly bolts.

**STEP 5:** Attach legs to wall. Pre-drill nail holes 3/4" from the wall every 8" along the outside of legs where they overlap mounting board, then attach legs to mounting board using both construction adhesive and finishing nails. With hammer and nail punch/set, bury each nail head below surface of leg.

**STEP 6:** Attach skirt by applying a small amount of construction adhesive on top edge of leg notches to hold skirt in place. If you prefer, you can also pre-drill and insert screws down through the skirt bottom and into side returns of legs.

**STEP 7:** Now attach the cap. Place cap, centered, on top of skirt and legs. Draw a line across its top. Set cap aside and draw a parallel line 9/16" below the first line. Attach mounting board for cap as you attached mounting board for legs, being sure to place screws into at least 3 studs. Attach cap to its mounting board as in Step 5.

**STEP 8:** Attach feet to leg bottoms. Align the mitered pieces and attach with glue and finishing nails after pre-drilling nail holes. If needed, trim the inside edges of the mantel with the trim supplied, and fill nail holes. (Wood putty can be used for mantels to be stained).

**GENERAL SAFETY MEASURES:**

1. Do not put heavy weight on mantel. Generally, mantel should have no more than 25 total pounds on top of it.
2. Do not pull on mantel, or put excessive downward force on mantel.
3. Check local fire codes and instructions from manufacturer of your fireplace insert, or stove, for proper clearances between any wood mantel surface and firebox opening (usually 12")
4. Evermark cannot be held liable for incorrect installation of mantels.

