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E-Z FIT MANTEL INSTALLATION INSTRUCTIONS

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**Step #1**
Make sure your floor is clean, then turn the mantel breast assembly upside down on the floor as shown below.

![Mantel Breast Assembly Diagram]

**Step #2**
Slide the legs into the mantel breast assembly. The metal dowel pins in the legs fit into holes in the mantel header.
(Note, Bridgewater Mantel does not have dowel pins or cam locks. The legs screw to the breast assembly)

![Mantel Leg Diagram]

**Step #3**
Cam Lock Fastening System
NOTE-When installing a Victorian, Colonial, Princeton and Charleston mantel, we recommend an additional scab block be added to the back of the leg and header, glued and screwed in place for added leg strength.
Bridgewater Mantel legs are held with screws.

With a screwdriver turn the Cams clockwise until they stop and legs are locked in place. Now you are ready to install the mantel.

![Mantel Cam Lock Diagram]
After you have assembled your mantel, place it on the wall where it will be permanently positioned. Lightly outline the mantel on the wall as shown. Then move the mantel to the side.

Install the mounting strips inside your lines either 1/2” or 3/4” depending on the thickness of your mantel. Secure mounting strips to the wall by nails, screws, and construction adhesive. Side mounting strips can be attached to the bottom plate of the wall if there are no studs where the strip is located.

**Step #4**
OUTLINE THE MANTEL

**Step #5**
INSTALL MOUNTING STRIPS 1/2” OR 3/4” INSIDE OF LINES

Use a construction adhesive on the mounting strips before putting the mantel on the wall. This will give you a permanent application. Place the mantel on the wall over the mounting strips. Nail mantel to mounting strips in positions shown below. Predrill holes and fasten with finish nails. (When using nail guns predrilling is not necessary).

Install scribe moulding inside the mantel opening. (You may need to trim the scribe moulding to fit after you install the mantel.) Predrill holes first, then glue and nail scribe moulding into place. Some styles have the scribe moulding preattached.

**Step #6**
INSTALL MANTEL OVER MOUNTING STRIPS

**Step #7**
INSTALL SCRIBE MOULDING
(FOR ADJUSTABLE MANTELS THE Scribe MOULDING MAY HAVE TO BE CUT TO FIT.)

Note: These instructions are subject to change and some mantels may use different methods and/or components than what are listed here. This is a general guideline for most of our wood mantels.