



Villa Nova Installation Instructions

(NOTE: Thin cast stone mantels are produced with a texture and color that replicate the appearance of natural stone. Due to the natural characteristics of the material and manufacturing process, variations in color shade and surface texture are normal. We do NOT recommend that gypsum based fireplace mantels be placed next to ventless or direct vent fireplaces without a hood and a circulating fan. Failure to do this will void the warranty.)

Construction adhesive will be needed to mount your surround. Use one that works for the types of materials you will be bonding to. You will also need a screw gun to mount the product.

New Package: Each surround is packaged in its own crate.

Before unpacking: Carefully remove each piece from the package without scratching the exterior finish.

Always carry or transport the header and hearth vertically and not flat like a table. We don't want to put too much stress on these long pieces and possibly cause cracks.

START WITH THE HEARTH:



Measure center of firebox



Apply adhesive to hearth



Center hearth on firebox

Prepare the surface to receive the hearth. The hearth can set on the sub-floor or hardwood flooring but not on carpet or easily combustible material. Make sure the floor is clean and has nothing sticking up that would not let the hearth set flush on the floor. You can use a mastic or construction adhesive to set the hearth. Keep it away from the edges of the hearth so it won't squeeze out from under the hearth.

Set the hearth and center it on the firebox so that the entire mantel will be centered around the fireplace.



NEXT INSTALL THE LEGS

Apply adhesive

Put adhesive on the back of one of the surround legs. There is a top and a bottom to each leg. The block on the face of the leg goes to the bottom.

Set one leg at a time so they won't fall off the wall until you put on the brackets. Make sure it is aligned vertically with the opening of the box.

Two "L" brackets are included to fasten the legs to the wall. Use one on the top of each leg. Screw to the wall first, with 3" screws, then the top of the leg, also with 3" screws. Do not over tighten and strip out the hole. The bracket is there to hold the leg until the glue dries.



ONE PIECE SHELF AND HEADER INSTALLATION:

Set the one piece shelf and header on top of the legs. Be careful not to drop the shelf on the legs. Ease it in place and hold it there. Have someone mark with a pencil where the top of the shelf is on the wall. Do this where the two studs on either side are located. Remove the shelf header –Carefully!–

Measure the thickness of the top of the shelf, on the back side. This will tell you where to mount the 2" X 2" mounting strip (included). If you do this correctly your shelf will sit square on top of the legs.

Screw the mounting strip to the wall into the studs, with 3 ½" masonry screws, with some adhesive behind the strip to hold it better to the wall. Dry fit your shelf to make sure it lines up right. Don't let it go; hold on! If it works, take it down.

Now put construction adhesive on top of the mounting strip to help hold the shelf and header piece in place. Put adhesive on the back perimeter of the shelf header on the bottom only. Keep it away from the edge.

When you set the shelf header for the last time:

Align the shelf header over the legs. Be careful not to slide the shelf header around and get adhesive all over the wall.

Screw through the pre-drilled and countersink holes using 3" screws.

When screwing the shelf in place make sure you don't over tighten or the shelf may crack!

If you damage the surround there are materials to repair the finish and any chips you have created.

If you have questions please call customer service at 256-764-4178.