LEXINGTON HEARTH

STANDOFF BRACKET INSTALLATION GUIDE

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FOR USE BY: INSTALLERS, CONTRACTORS, AND HOMEOWNERS

WHAT'S INCLUDED:

- Standoff mounting bracket set (2 pieces)
- Mounting hardware
  - (Qty 6+*) 2.5" pan-head, sharp point screws (for mounting brackets)
- Mounting instructions

TOOLS REQUIRED:

- Utility knife or scissors
- Impact driver (#2 Phillips bit)
- Power drill (1/8" wood drill bit)
- Stud finder
- Tape measure
- Level
- Pencil & felt-tip marker
- Safety glasses
- Rags
- Gloves

IMPORTANT SAFETY AND INSTALLATION NOTES

- Refer to your mantel's "Lexington Hearth Mantel Installation Guide" for a detailed description on safety and installation instructions associated with your individual mantel.
- Inspect the Standoff Bracket Set (sold separately) for damage and check that all the hardware is included.
- Use caution to avoid injury when handling the packing materials with sharp staples.
- This guide covers wood framing installations only. For other wall types, consult a professional.
- For masonry installations, consult your fastener supplier for anchors that support 4x the expected load (mantel and bracket plus items placed on the mantel).

** Note: the number of screws included is dependent on the length of the bracket and the number of studs required for installation.*

INSTALLATION STEPS

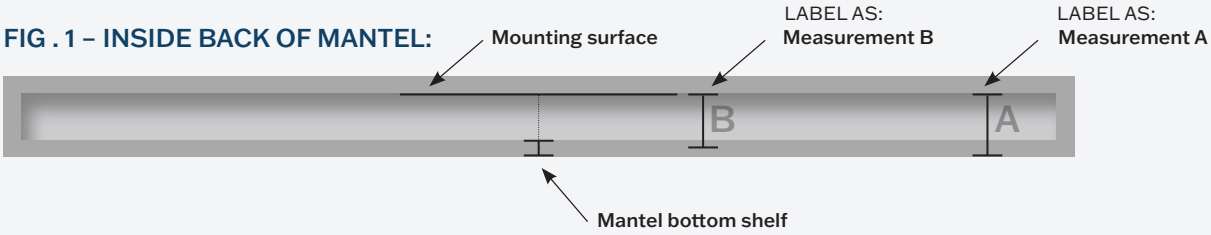
STEP 1 – UNPACK THE MANTEL FOR INSPECTION

- Use gloves to avoid injury from **sharp staples** in the packaging.
- Check that all the items are included in the box.

STEP 2 – IMPORTANT INSTALLATION MEASUREMENTS

- Carefully flip the mantel so the back is facing up.
- Measure to mark the center of the mantel. Lightly mark the bottom painted surface.
- Measure to mark the center of both metal brackets.
- Measure from the mounting surface to the bottom of the mantel. Label this as **Measurement A**.
- Measure from the mounting surface to the middle of the mantel's bottom shelf. Label this as **Measurement B**.

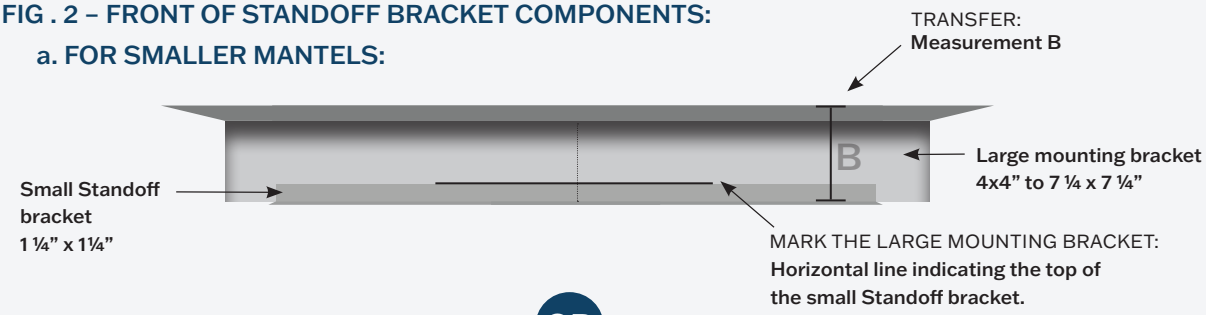
FIG . 1 – INSIDE BACK OF MANTEL:



- For the small Standoff bracket, use **Measurement B** to position the small Standoff bracket either on the large mounting bracket or below, on the wall, for larger mantels.
- Mark the placement of the top of the small Standoff bracket with a horizontal line on the large mounting bracket or below the large mounting bracket on the wall. (Note: See figure 4b.)
- Record these measurements for use in Step 3.

FIG . 2 – FRONT OF STANDOFF BRACKET COMPONENTS:

a. FOR SMALLER MANTELS:



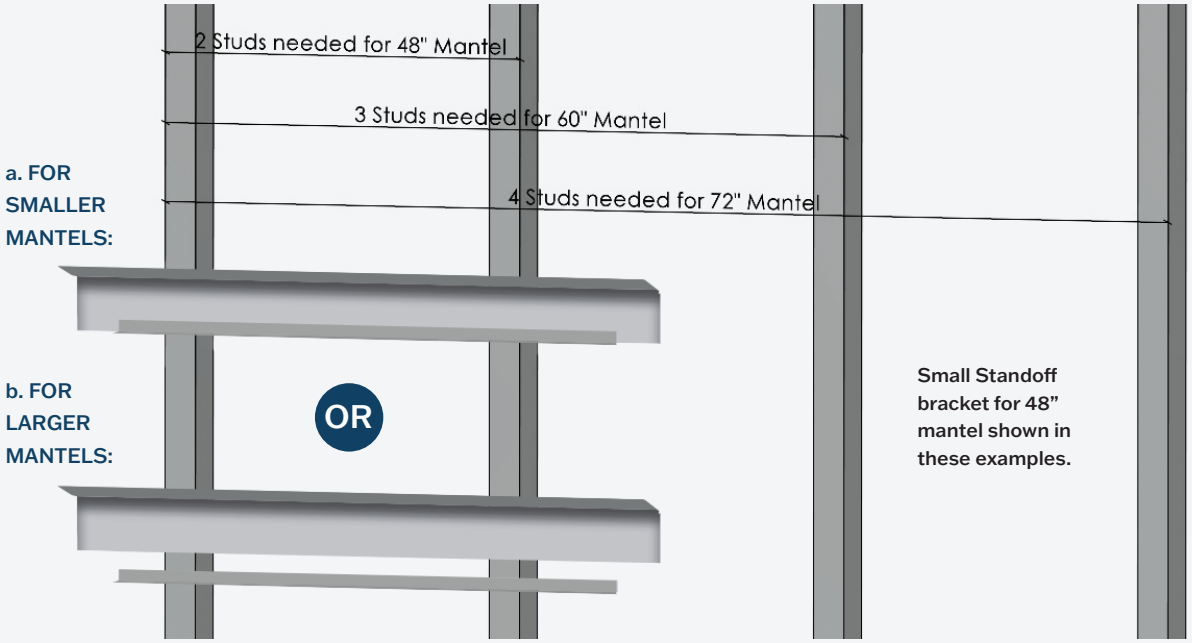
OR

b. FOR LARGER MANTELS:

STEP 3 – DETERMINE PLACEMENT ON WALL

- **Mark Bottom of Mantel (BOM):**
  - Make a pencil mark on the wall above the fireplace and label it “BOM.”
- **Mark Center of Fireplace:**
  - Mark the center above the fireplace opening.
- **Extend a vertical line upward from the fireplace opening to intersect with the bracket line. Label it “Center.”**
- **Mark Large Mounting Bracket Position:**
  - From BOM, add the measurement from Step 2—**Measurement A** above the BOM.
  - Mark this point and label it “bracket.”
  - Use a level to draw a horizontal bracket line. This is the top of the large mounting bracket placement.
- **Mark Stud Locations:**
  - Use a stud finder to locate studs.
  - Mark each stud location with a 1” vertical line beneath the large mounting bracket line.

FIG. 3 – STANDOFF STUD LOCATIONS:



STEP 4 – MOUNT THE STANDOFF BRACKET

- Align large mounting bracket center with wall center mark.
- Transfer stud locations to the front of the large mounting bracket.
- Drill two vertically aligned 1/8” pilot holes at each stud location. The top pilot hole should be as high as possible under the top metal angle.
- Align the small Standoff bracket center line with the center line of the large mounting bracket and transfer the stud locations to it.
- Drill one 1/8” pilot hole at each stud location.

- Place the small Standoff bracket on the large mounting bracket, align the center marks and the horizontal line and use the pilot hole to drill down through the large mounting bracket.
- Temporarily hold the large mounting bracket with one pan-head screw on one side. Use a level to ensure alignment.
- Secure the large mounting bracket with another screw on the other side. The large mounting bracket should be secure and level.
- Screw down the small Standoff bracket.
- Screw down the remaining screws in the large mounting bracket, flush but not overtightened.

FIG. 4a: SMALLER MANTELS

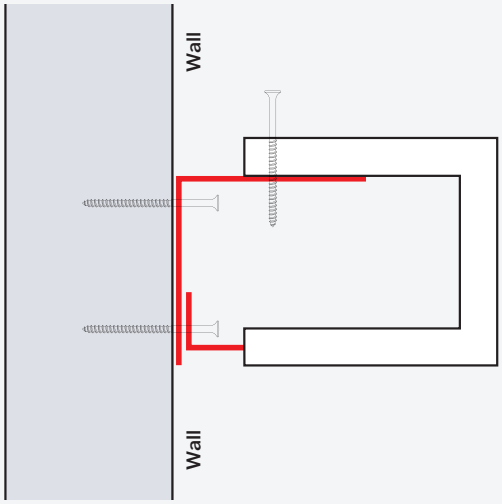
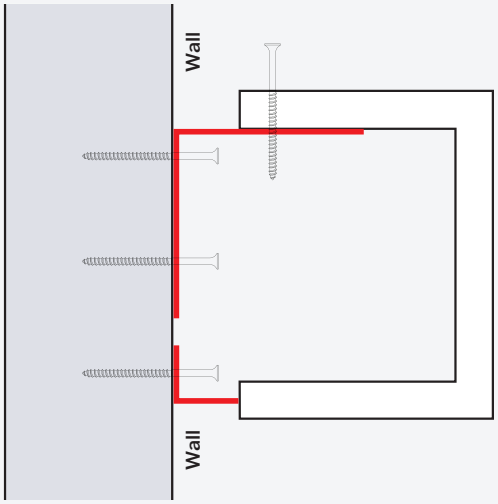


FIG. 4b: LARGER MANTELS



STEP 5 – INSTALL THE MANTEL

- With two people, lift and position the mantel onto the large mounting bracket.
- Secure the mantel to the large mounting bracket using self-tapping screws (provided with mantel).