High Ceiling Fireplace Wall

Your 2-day schedule for a custom batten grid and limewash finish

Transform your tall living room into a stunning focal point this weekend. Use this guide to map your grid, prep materials, and apply a flawless mineral texture.



Key Wall Measurements

2/3 height
Placement for the oak picture ledge

Under 11 ft
Ledge height for 16-ft ceilings

Centerline
Anchor position for the middle panel

1.5-inch
18-gauge brads for the finish nailer

Half-degree
Bevel cut for horizontal cross rails

4 hours
Minimum dry time for base limewash

Box the limewash pails
Mix multiple buckets together in a utility tub before application to guarantee a broad, evenly toned expanse and completely eliminate natural color variations between product batches.

2-Day Fireplace Wall Schedule

1. **Saturday: Map and Anchor** Mark clearance zones, find studs, and place the center batten panel exactly over the firebox middle.
2. **Saturday: Cut and Secure** Cut horizontal rails, dry fit, then secure battens with glue and brads spaced evenly.
3. **Sunday: Prep and Prime** Fill holes, caulk seams, check plumb with a 4-foot level, and roll micro-grip mineral primer generously.
4. **Sunday: Wash and Texture** Brush a cross-hatch base, let dry, then layer the second coat using tighter, overlapping X-motions.

Firebox Clearance Zones

Find your row: **Material zone**

Material zone	Your pick	Why
Combustible wood trim	6 to 12 in	Check NFPA 211 guidelines
Non-combustible stone	0 in (flush)	Check manufacturer specs
Wood mantel shelf	12 to 18 in	Check local building code
Hearth extension	16 to 20 in	Check safety regulations
Side walls	36 in	Check clearance codes

Materials & Cut List Checks

- [ ] Stage enough 1x3 boards for your cut list plus 10 percent.
- [ ] Verify you have three fresh tubes of heavy-duty construction adhesive.
- [ ] Confirm mineral primer and limewash quantities cover the upper drywall expanse.
- [ ] Check the unit manual for drywall backing requirements behind the stone.
- [ ] Verify your 120-grit sponge and shrink-resistant wood putty are fully stocked.

Project Notes & Measurements

Enjoy styling your beautiful new picture ledge with seasonal art and ceramics!