Over-Mantel Mirror Hanging Sheet

Size your glass perfectly and mount it securely to masonry using a flush, invisible system.

A balanced fireplace display relies on proper room proportions and a rock-solid installation. Use this guide to find your ideal mirror size, test placement, and securely mount a hidden French cleat.



Key Installation Specs

2/3
of flat usable mantel shelf width

+ 20%
minimum weight rating safety margin

1 inch
minimum screw penetration past track

2
stacked felt pads for bottom spacer

Measure the Usable Space

Measure only the flat usable top shelf rather than the widest trim to ensure your mirror aligns perfectly with the actual display area you will decorate.

Kraft-Paper Mock-Up

1. **Trace and cut** Create a paper outline to test the arch shape and proportions without drilling.
2. **Tape to brick** Check the reflection from your usual seating area to confirm the ideal height.
3. **Mark with chalk** Lightly mark the top center edge; chalk washes off painted masonry easily.

Mantel to Mirror Size

Find your row: **Mantel Width**

Mantel Width	Your pick	Why
48 inches	32 to 36 inches	Leaves 4 to 6 inch gap
54 inches	36 to 40 inches	Leaves 4 to 6 inch gap
60 inches	40 to 44 inches	Leaves 5 to 7 inch gap
66 inches	44 to 48 inches	Leaves 5 to 7 inch gap
72 inches	48 to 52 inches	Leaves 6 to 8 inch gap

Masonry Hardware Checks

- ○ Weigh mirror on a digital scale to find needed hardware ratings.
- ○ Check cleat packaging for specific masonry load limits.
- ○ Ensure masonry screws are explicitly rated for heavy shear strength.
- ○ Select fluted masonry-specific plugs matched exactly to your brick type.
- ○ Match your masonry drill bit exactly to the printed anchor diameter.
- ○ Verify you are drilling directly into solid brick face, never mortar.

Hidden French Cleat Installation

1. **Pre-drill frame** Center the frame-side cleat lip-down and pre-drill shallow pilot holes to prevent splitting.
2. **Attach frame cleat** Drive wood screws until heads sit completely flush against the aluminum track.
3. **Add bottom spacer** Attach a matching bottom spacer exactly as thick as your metal cleat.
4. **Secure wall cleat** Fasten the wall track into masonry plugs, verifying with a spirit level.
5. **Lock together** Slide the heavy mirror down the wall until the two tracks click.

Project Notes

Enjoy your beautifully anchored focal point and the brilliant light it brings!