

LEGACY MDF PANELLING FITTING GUIDE



Transforming your room has never been easier. Create your dream wall with Legacy Paintable panelling in hours, not days, by following these simple steps.

Our Legacy range includes Fluted, Reeded, Reeded Fine, SlatWall, V-Groove Tongue & Groove, and Beaded Tongue & Groove panels.

WHAT YOU'LL NEED

- Legacy MDF Panels (Full Height or Half-Height)
- Tape measure
- Spirit level
- Grab Adhesive
- Sealant gun

YOU MAY ALSO NEED

- Pencil
- Square tool
- Fine-toothed hand saw, Jigsaw, Multi tool
- 120-grit sandpaper
- Four to eight (1mm x 25mm) pins per panel (pin type dependant on sub-wall composition)
- Caulk
- Filling knife
- Water-based primer

PLAN AHEAD

1. If storing the panels before installation, keep them laid flat to minimise bowing.
2. Remove any screws, nails or other fixtures from your wall.
3. Make sure your wall is clean, smooth and level. If your wall is uneven, fill any holes or sand down high spots to create a smooth surface.
Top tip: We recommend noting the placement of cables and concealed pipework to avoid them during installation.
4. Unbox all your packages and check the panels before installation.
5. Decide on your layout, considering whether you are using full height or Half-Height panels to suit your space.
Top tip: We recommend starting in the centre of the wall and working your way outwards.
6. Cut the panels to size if needed (see instructions below).

MAKE THE CUT

1. Measure and mark where you need to cut.
Top tip: For Full Height panels, ensure your measurements are accurate to avoid wastage. Half-Height panels may require fewer cuts.
2. Use a square tool and pencil to draw a straight, precise cutting line.
3. For straight cuts, use a fine-toothed hand saw for a clean edge. A jigsaw can also be used for faster cuts, especially on larger sections, guide it steadily along the marked line to avoid chipping.
4. Sand any cut edges for a smooth finish if needed. We recommend using 120-grit sandpaper.



Cutting around Fixtures and Fittings

1. For cuts in the middle of the panel, drill a starter hole, insert a jigsaw blade, and cut smoothly along the lines.
2. For smaller, more precise cuts, use a multi-tool with blade attachment, plunge the blade into the panel, and follow the markings steadily.
3. Use a hole saw for circular cutouts, drilling slowly to prevent damage.
4. Test-fit the panel to check alignment and adjust if needed.
5. Seal any cut edges or gaps around fittings with a suitable sealant for a clean finish.

GET STUCK IN

1. We recommend doing a test-fit with your panels first, holding them up to the wall to inspect your panels and check the measurements and cuts are accurate.
2. Apply Grab Adhesive in three wavy lines along the back of your first panel, covering its full length.
Top tip: One tube of adhesive covers approx. 1 full height panel.
3. Position the 'first' panel against your wall.
Important: Ensure that when fitting the first panel you double check that it is straight using a spirit level.
4. Apply pressure all along the panel and press firmly to secure it.
Top tip: We recommend securing each panel with pins as you go to aid adhesion. (4 pins for Half-Height and 8 for full height panels)
5. Repeat for each panel. For Half-Height panels, a Top Trim or Dado Rail can be used to complement the design.
6. After installing all your panels, caulk the join line where panels meet and any pin holes. Smooth it out with a filling knife and remove any excess with a damp cloth. Apply primer over the caulk before painting.
7. If you have purchased 'Unprimed' panels, you will need to cover them with at least two coats of water-based primer - or until your desired coverage is reached - and leave to dry before installing.
8. Once your finished installation is dry, it can be painted.
Top tip: We recommend sanding lightly before, and in between, paint or primer coats for the best result.

GIVE YOUR WALLS AN EDGE

To complete the look of Half-Height Legacy MDF Panels, we recommend adding a paintable MDF Top Trim or Decorative MDF Dado Rail. For full details and fitting instructions, refer to their product pages on the Naturewall website.

LAST BUT NOT LEAST

Stand back and marvel at your beautiful wall.

We're here to help with your wall transformation. If you have any questions about installing Legacy MDF panelling, please contact our customer service team at info@naturewall.com

