

## Floating Shelf Installation Guide



Please Note: This installation document is not intended as a specific recommendation for your particular application. Designs of Distinction® cannot provide installation guidelines that address the unique requirements of every application.

# Characteristics of the Floating Shelf Kit/Support Bracket

The floating shelf kit ships to you in the selected species and includes mounting bracket(s). The mounting bracket is heavy duty steel with a gloss black finish. 4 slots are provided for adjusting the placement as needed. Slots are 16" on center from center of the slot to center of the slot. Arms extend from both ends of the bracket for insertion into the floating shelf box.

#### **Characteristics of Hardwood Floating Shelves**

**Textured Shelves (formerly hand-scraped):** Finely crafted in the USA from select and better North American Hardwoods. Our strong lap joint construction means your shelves will stay true and beautiful for years to come. Shelves may contain small open knots & pin holes, mineral streaks, and growth rings. These are not considered defects of Textured Shelves.

**Contemporary Shelves (formerly furniture-grade):** Finely crafted in the USA from North American Hardwoods and cabinet grade veneer. Smooth, cabinet grade veneer top & bottom (over MDF), and solid 3/4" face & sides. Cabinet grade veneer stains easily and seamlessly with solid face & sides. Built to last using lap-joint construction.

## **Considerations When Installing Floating Shelf Bracket**

Whenever installing the floating Shelf Bracket, make sure you are tying into a minimum of 1.75" thick stud wall material. You will want the fasteners to have as much biting material as possible. This will provide a secure fastening of the bracket. Remember, a weak support bracket makes for a weak floating shelf.

### **Installing Floating Shelf Bracket**

Once shelf is finished (stain, paint, etc.) and placement is decided, hold the bracket in place and mark your slots. Drill pilot holes, using a drill bit slightly smaller than the fasteners (0.25"). Once the pilot holes are drilled, place the bracket in place and install fasteners. Prior to tightening fasteners completely, check level across the arms of the bracket. Adjust as needed and make final tightening of fasteners.

With the bracket securely fastened, a thin bead of clear silicone can be applied to the back open edge of the shelf prior to sliding it over the arms of the bracket.

Once the shelf is in place, wipe it down to get rid of any hand prints or other debris.



