MKE SLATWALL
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PVC Slatwall Installation Guide

Tools and Materials Needed:

- Drill
- Level
- Stud finder
- Tape measure
- Pencil
- PVC slatwall panels
- Screws
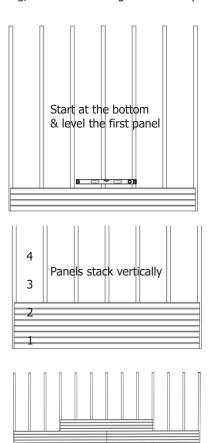
Cutting MKE Slatwall Panels:

MKE slatwall panels are designed for easy customization and can be precisely cut using standard woodworking tools. Whether you're working with a circular saw, chop saw, jigsaw, or multi-tool, these panels are cuttable to your project's specific needs. For the cleanest and most precise cuts, we recommend using a blade with 32 teeth or more.

Installation on Various Wall Types:

PVC slatwall panels are versatile and can be installed on a range of wall materials, including standard wood studs, drywall over studs, metal studs, concrete, brick, and cinder blocks. Ensure you use the appropriate screw fastener for each type of wall installation, making certain the screws are securely anchored. To choose the best screw fastener, ensure it is long enough to anchor securely, has a head diameter that fits the panel slots, and opt for a flathead for optimal usage.

Installation Steps

1. Wall Preparation: Ensure the installation area is clean, dry, and clear of debris to provide a suitable surface for the slatwall panels.

2. Planning for Trim (Optional): Consider your trim strategy beforehand if you're using trim to finish edges or conceal seams. Depending on your project, trim installation may occur before, during, or after mounting the slatwall panels. Plan accordingly.

3. Locate Wall Studs: Use a stud finder to identify and mark all studs within the installation area. This step is crucial for secure attachment.

4. Starting Point: Begin with the first panel at the lowest point of your installation area. It's essential to ensure this panel is perfectly level to set a solid foundation for the subsequent panels.

5. Attaching the First Panel(s): Start and position ALL base panels against the wall and, using a drill, secure it by driving screws through the panel's front slots directly into the stud centers until the screws are flush with the panel slots. Pre-drilling is not required.

6. Attaching Subsequent Panels: Place the next panel atop the first, ensuring a flush and seamless edge. Secure it in place by driving screws through the slots into the studs.

- **Alternative Layout Option:** For a more visually appealing layout, consider staggering the panels in a brick-layer pattern to minimize the visibility of seams (offset seams). This approach may require cutting the panels for proper alignment.

7. Continuing Installation: Continue the process of aligning, leveling, and attaching each panel until the entire area is covered. Ensure each panel is securely fixed to the wall.

8. Final Inspection: Conduct a thorough check to ensure every panel is firmly attached and there are no loose sections.

- **Installation Tip:** For optimal strength, we recommend placing a screw in every slot, securing them firmly into the studs.

Start at the bottom & level the first panel

Top lip facing up

Drive screws through panel slots

Panels stack vertically

Brick layer layout option