

1. Gather Tools and Materials

- Wall-mounted shelves
- Shelf brackets
- Pencil
- Tape measure
- Standard level
- Stud finder
- Screws
- Drywall anchors
- Screwdriver
- Drill
- Hammer

2. Determine the Placement

-Before you start hanging a shelf, decide where it should be placed. Weight plays a big role in finding a suitable installation spot. Consider the weight of the shelf and the weight of each item you intend to place on top.

-For denser shelving or heavier display or storage items, you can use a stud finder to see if there's a stud in the area you want to hang the shelf. Wall studs offer additional support, but if there are none available, you can also use drywall anchors.

3. Mark the Position

-Have someone help you hold the shelf against the wall. Use a standard level to make sure it's placed in a straight line, then lightly mark the wall with a pencil on both ends.

-Position the shelf brackets against the wall along the bottom of the shelf. Mark inside the holes so you know exactly where to insert the screws.

-Remove the shelf and the brackets from the wall. Review your markings to make sure everything is properly labeled.

4. Drill Starter Holes

-Use a screwdriver or a power drill on the lowest speed to drill starter holes with the screws into the bracket markings.

-Do not twist the screws all the way into the wall.

5. Install the Anchors and Brackets

-Remove the screws and put the first bracket into place. If the shelf is on the heavier side and you weren't able to find a stud, install a wall anchor.

-Re-insert screws into the brackets and tighten until each bracket is secure.

-When screwing the brackets into place, make sure not to over-tighten them.

-Take a moment to tidy the pencil markings and drywall dust.

6. Hang the Shelves

-Place the shelf on top of the bracket and make sure it's centered.

-If the bracket has openings along the top, secure it to the bottom of the shelf by inserting screws into the holes and drilling until they are secure. This will prevent it from sliding or toppling over.