

INSTRUCTIONS ON HOW TO HANG A HEADBOARD

There are several methods used to hang a headboard to a wall using the French cleat. The 4 most standard methods are:

1. Screwing the cleat into drywall using drywall anchors,
2. Screwing the cleat directly into studs (with either a plaster or drywall finish),
3. Screwing the cleat into a plaster wall using metal anchors, or
4. Screwing the cleat into a concrete wall using Tapcon screws.

The instructions herein will detail "Option 1", screwing into drywall using drywall anchors. The following instructions are to be used as an aid for those who already own a wall-mount headboard that includes the cleats.

Tools and materials required:

- Phillips screw driver,
- Hammer,
- Drywall anchors and screws, rated for 75lbs (minimum),
- Level (if you don't have a level, a measuring tape will do),
- Measuring tape,
- Pencil.

First off, there are two parts to a cleat (a.k.a. French cleat), one half of the cleat is affixed to the headboard (usually by the manufacturer) and the other half of the cleat is installed by the customer.

"Image 1", shows the two parts. Part B gets mounted to the wall by the user, and part A is usually affixed to the headboard at time of manufacture.

Here are the steps involved in hanging a wall mount headboard.

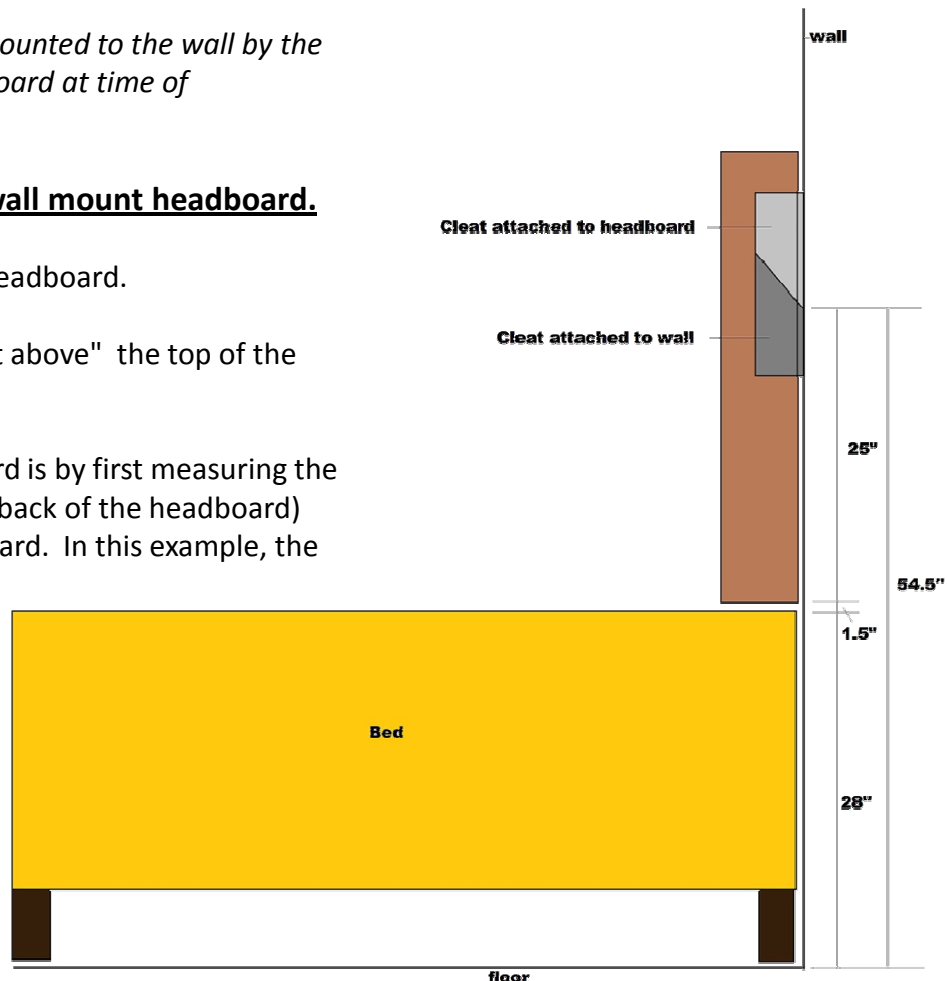
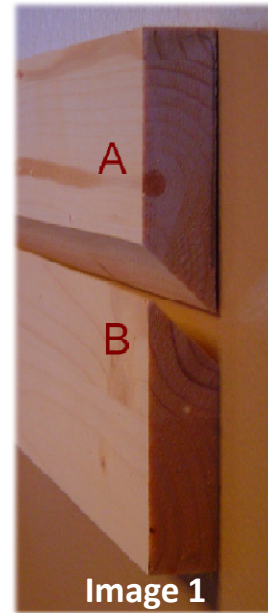
Step 1: Determine the hanging height of the headboard.

Most wall mount headboard usually hang "just above" the top of the mattress as shown in "Image 2".

How we determine the height of the headboard is by first measuring the distance of the cleat (which is attached to the back of the headboard) between it's lip and the bottom of the headboard. In this example, the height is 25". (Image 3)

From the diagram (Image 3), you can see that our cleat will be installed 54.5" off of the ground.

The example shown in "Image 3" is a typical Wall mount application. Your dimensions, or set up may vary to that of the attached diagram.



Step 2: With a tape measure and pencil in hand, mark the location to where the “loose” cleat will be mounted onto the wall. As shown in “Image 4”. The height for this example is 54.5”

Step 3: With the height of the cleat marked out, you will now position the cleat below the line. Put a level on top of the cleat, adjust the cleat to ensure that it is positioned horizontal (level) against the wall (as shown in “Image 5”).

When satisfied with it’s positioning, remove the level. Take your pencil and make a straight line across the top of the cleat. This will help you align the cleat at the later stages.

Step 4: It is now time to mark out the positioning of the drywall anchors and corresponding screw locations for the cleat.

With the cleat against the wall, under the pencil mark you just made in Step3, you will make two marks on the wall (as shown in Image 6), where the drywall anchors will be driven.

Most wall mount headboards require two to three anchors per cleat.

You will now make two marks on the cleat for the screw locations, as shown in Image 7, which will coincide with the anchor marks you just made on the wall.

Step 5: It is now time to install the drywall anchors. Take your screwdriver and position it over the marks made against the wall, and tap the screwdriver into the wall with your hammer. This step will make it easy to screw the anchors into the wall. As shown in Image 8.

Step 6: It is now time to screw the drywall anchors into the holes in the wall you just made using the screwdriver. As shown in Image 9.

Step 7: Take your cleat, and lay it on a sturdy flat surface. Drill a screw into the cleat, where you just made the marks for the anchors (from step #4). Ideally, you want to drive the screw into the wood, so that the screw protrudes the back of the cleat by 1/8" - 1/4" (Image 10). *Note: screws should have been included with the package of drywall anchors.*

Step 8: Take your cleat, and position it over the anchors on the wall. The protruding tips of the screws on the back of the cleat will act as a guide, to help position the screws over the anchor opening. Drive the screws into the anchors using your screwdriver, till the cleat is safely and firmly secured (Image 11).

Step 9: It is now time to hang your headboard.



Image 4



Image 5



Image 6

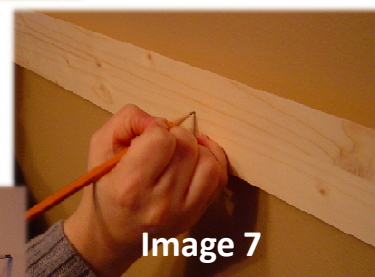


Image 7

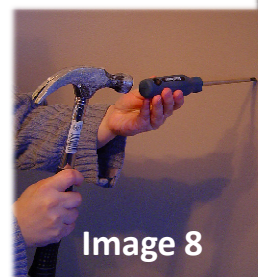


Image 8



Image 9

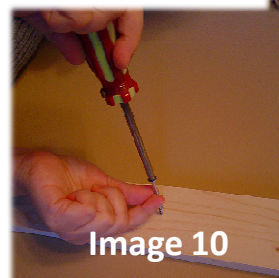


Image 10



Image 11

