

# Installation Tips

Stone Magic mantels are designed to be easily installed by a mason or other construction trade professional. Care must be taken because the pieces are heavy and many of the edges are delicate. Many installations are done in existing homes, so other elements must be protected from damage during installation.



**Before starting, layout the stone to dry and verify each piece. Scaffolding may be necessary to work on the upper portions of some mantels.**



**Fireplace that has been prepared for installation. And the installer is working on leveling and setting the hearth stones.**



**Once the hearth is set, the legs are carefully put into place and tied back to the framing. Note the ties in the tops of the stones in the photo above left. At right, the mason is checking joint spacing on the next layer.**





**For security, the stones can be tied together as well as to the wall.**

**Above, the mason drills a pilot hole to anchor leg to wall.**



**As the final step, the face of the fireplace is sponged with clean water to remove any grout haze or dirt.**

**As shown above, the arch of this fireplace is externally supported until the mortar can set fully in place and final point up is done.**

**After final installation, the stone is cleaned with muriatic acid to remove any remaining dirt. Once this is done and the stone is completely dry, it can be sealed or not as desired.**

