

# PREMPANEL DECORATIVE WOODEN SLAT PANEL INSTALLATION INSTRUCTIONS

Thanks for choosing Prempanel Decorative Wooden Slat Panel. To ensure you get the best from you Wooden Slat Panel, please ensure you follow the instructions below.

Use Prempanel Decorative Wooden Slat Panels in hallways, lounge rooms, dining rooms, kitchens, bedrooms, and offices. Prempanel Decorative Wooden Slat Panels can be used to cover existing walls and ceilings.

**DO NOT** use Prempanel Decorative Wooden Slat Panels in areas where the panels may get wet or damaged by moisture. Avoid using Prempanel Decorative Wooden Slat Panels in areas where flames are present such as cooking spaces and around fireplaces.

## Storage and Handling

- Take care when storing your panel as the edges could get damaged if they encounter hard surfaces.
- Avoid storing near fires or hot surfaces.
- Lay panels flat on the floor or against a wall with a slight lean, supported by spacers to avoid direct contact with the floor.
- If not installing immediately, cover the panels to protect them from splits and marks.

## Cutting

To reduce chipping or damaging the face veneers on the panels, please adhere to the instructions below.

1. Always cut the panels from the wood slat side.
2. Mark out your cut with a pencil first (do not use a pen or permanent marker)
3. Once you have your markings, run a piece of 25mm wide masking tape from one cut point to the opposite.
4. Ensure the masking tape is stuck down at every surface point of the wooden slats.
5. Remark you cut line onto the tape.
6. Only use a fine tooth saw or circular saw to make the cut.
7. Guide the saw slowly to not gouge the edges of the wooden slats.
8. If using a circular saw, clamp a straight edge to the panel to ensure a smooth and straight cut.
9. When finished, remove the masking tape, and wipe away any residue.

## Installing the panels

Once you have cut you panel to size it's easy to install.

1. Flip the panel with the battens face down onto a soft surface to avoid damaging the wooden slats.
2. Apply a good quality construction panel adhesive glue as shown in the diagram below.
3. Follow the glue manufacturer's instructions regarding cure times for the glue, prior to fixing to the wall.
4. Fix the panel to the wall.
  - a. Angle the panel so the bottom connects with the bottom of the wall.
  - b. Carefully push the panel into the wall.
  - c. Screws the panel into place (if using screws) or apply pressure to the panel until the glue is dry.

**Note:** Screws must be used for the following applications.

1. Where panels are stacked on top of other panels to achieve more height on a wall, they must be glued, and screw fixed to the wall.
2. Where panels are fixed to ceilings must also be glued, and screw fixed to the ceiling.

**Caution:** Fixing panels to ceilings requires more than one person as well as a safe platform with which to stand while installing. Please ensure the area is safe prior to installing the panels.

Screws: Use black 8g x 40mm Button Head Panels wood screw, fixed at 300mm centres across the width of the panel and 600mm centres along the length of the panels. Fix screws through the black felt. Do Not use countersunk head screws as these will not provide the holding required to secure the felt.

### **Finishing your panels**

Prempanel Decorative Wooden Slat Panels require no staining or painting. Simply wipe down the surfaces using a damp soft cloth. If the surfaces require cleaning, use a mild detergent to wipe down and allow to dry.

### **Maintaining you panels after installation.**

Prempanel Decorative Wooden Slat Panels require very little maintenance. Keep clean by wiping down the surfaces when they are dirty, or when dust builds on the panels.

To remove any dust build on the felt backing, use a soft brush, or soft brush attachment on your vacuum cleaner. When using a vacuum cleaner, take extra care to ensure the hard edges of the vacuum pipe or fittings do not damage the edge of the wooden slats.

We trust you will enjoy your new modern living space!

**The Inova Team.**