Majestic Mantels

Finishing Techniques

MDF (Medium Density Fiberboard) is made from wood fibers and is a great low cost alternative to wood. Its hard surface resists dents and scratches and its low cost will save you money on your painted applications.

Poplar mantles are made of solid clear poplar that can either be painted or stained.

Oak mantles are made of clear red oak and ideal for staining.

Embossed/High Relief mantles are made from clear poplar.

Feel free to explore the different finishing options listed below.

**Painting**

1. Choose the color of paint you wish to use.
2. It’s a good idea to test your paint color on an inconspicuous area (preferably the backside) prior to starting.
3. Install the mantel.
4. Fill-in all nail holes with putty or painters caulk.
5. Prime the mantel before you paint (Kilz is recommended).
6. Using either latex or oil base paint, paint the mantel.
7. If necessary, paint the mantel or shelf a second time.

**Staining**

1. Choose the stain finish you wish to use (Minwax is recommended).
2. It is recommended that you brush a small portion of the back with the stain finish and let it dry to make sure you are happy with the color. If you will be using a polyurethane finish after the stain is applied, please apply the polyurethane and let it dry to make sure you are happy with the outcome before you start on the finished side of the mantel.
3. Install the mantel.
4. Stain the mantel and let dry.
5. Fill all nail holes with putty to match the stain.
6. Brush polyurethane on the mantel and let dry.
7. Brush polyurethane on a second time if you feel necessary.

**Faux Finishing**

It is highly recommended that when faux finishing, marbleizing, or any other exotic finishing is to be done, that you consult with a professional finisher. They can literally make all the difference on a custom project. Many of these highly skilled professionals are true artisans and can really add the “wow” factor to your home.

For more options, please see our website ELandELWoodProducts.com

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Majestic Mantels by EL & EL are constructed using Poplar, Solid Oak, and a more economical version constructed of Ultralight MDF. The EL & EL style of shelves are easy DIY “flush mount”, with a bottom projection of 3 ¼” inches. All shelves are available in 2’ thru 6’ lengths, and in Nine (9) different styles. Custom lengths and special order options are available (check with your local dealer).

**Charleston Primed**
4-3/8” Tall x 7-1/4” Deep
MAN413MUL Ultralight MDF

**Large Charleston**
6-5/16” Tall x 9-1/4” Deep
MAN410MUL Ultralight MDF

**Carolina**
4-5/16” Tall x 7-1/4” Deep
MAN423MUL Ultralight MDF

**Imperial**
4-5/8” Tall x 7-1/4” Deep
MAN810P Poplar

**Embossed/High Relief**
5-1/8” Tall x 7-1/4” Deep
MANCM83 Poplar

**Large Dentil**
5-5/8” Tall x 7-1/4” Deep
MANCM73P Poplar
MANCM73-O Oak

**Small Dentil**
3-3/16” Tall x 7-1/4” Deep
MANCM74P Poplar
MANCM74-O Oak

**Georgian**
4-9/16” Tall x 7-1/4” Deep
MAN412MUL Ultralight MDF
MAN412P Poplar
MAN412-O Oak

**Acanthus Leaf Embossed/High Relief**
4-5/8” Tall x 7-1/4” Deep
MANCM8810 Poplar

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MAN410MUL with MDF Surround & Wellington Pilaster Kit