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How to Measure and Install Acrylic Sheets from OzzieSplash

Measuring up for your splashback is the first and most important task.

The more exact the measurements the easier it is to install the acrylic sheets and the better the look of the finished project.

Most of the time you will want to measure for the largest sheet first, or the one which is least accessible, e.g. where it needs to fit in between two walls. This allows you to leave a 2 to 3 mm gap on each side for an easy fit, and the joining panels will cover up the gap in the corner.

For joining panels in corners allow 6 to 7 mm for the thickness of the panel that goes in first.

Always check if corners are square; if not, draw the sheet with its dimensions and angles onto a plan, so we can physically look at the same thing. This way misunderstanding is cut to a minimum.

Power points are measured through the centre of the power point from top to bottom and from one side of the panel to the other, whichever side is safer to measure.

Holes for taps, etc, are also measured through the centre of the hole, specifying the diameter of the cut out.

If you ordered your project cut to size there should be no need to do any cutting, however, should there be errors in measurement and you need to alter the size of the sheets, you can do so.

To cut acrylic sheets on site we recommend basic woodworking tools

For a clean cut you will need a circular saw with a fine tooth blade, such as those used for cutting aluminium or melamine boards. For a straight cut a guide rail or straight edge is recommended.

You can also use an angle grinder for smaller cuts or to cut out notches.

Cut outs such as power points can be done with a jigsaw. Simply drill a hole in each corner and cut across with a fine cut jigsaw blade, such as those used for hardwood.

For drilling holes depending on diameter you can use a HS drill bit, spade drill or hole saw. With the use of a spade drill or hole saw we recommend drilling half way through from both sides to achieve a clean cut.

Edges can easily be sanded or polished with a sanding block, orbital sander or sheet sander.

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Before you glue the sheets to the wall make sure the wall is clean and free from obstructions, such as screws, nails or other sharp bits.

The glue can be applied either to the wall or to the acrylic sheet, whichever is more easily accessible. For larger sheets we also recommend the additional use of mirror tape, to hold the sheet in place, as sometimes walls are not even or there could be tension in the acrylic sheet.

The glue can be applied in straight lines, a zig zag pattern or blobs, particularly where walls are not perfectly straight.

Always dry fit the sheet before installation, making sure there is a 1 to 2 mm gap around the edges for expansion.

We suggest peeling off the masking paper before installation, so you don't damage the glue and silicone when peeling off.

Important note:

Always use **NEUTRAL CURE** glazing silicone and **NEUTRAL CURE** silicone. Most silicones contain acid which will eat through the paint. We recommend "Selleys Wet Area Silicon" available from most hardware stores and Bunnings.

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