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## Partially-Recessed Wall Niche Installation Suggestions

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**WARNING!** If you have any physical limitation or condition, consult your physician. We also strongly recommend that you always obtain assistance before lifting and setting wall niches into place. These are general ideas only, and should never supersede safety, common sense, or applicable laws and regulations. RWM Inc. assumes no liability for accidents or improper installations.

**We're Here to Help!** Every person processes information differently. If you have any questions or concerns, please call us at 1.855.RWM.ARTS (796.2787). We'll gladly connect you with an installer who can walk you through it, and give you any tips or pointers that might be helpful for your situation.

**Tools Needed:** Level, drill, 1/8" bit, 1/4" counter sink, keyhole saw, stud finder, construction adhesive, hammer, and nail set.

1. Locate position for niche. Use the stud finder to locate wall studs on either side. The niche will fit between any standard studs.

2. Determine where you want the top of the seat elevation to be. Note that additional seat backing will be needed if you purchased a separate seat.

3. Mark a level line between the studs at the seat elevation.

4. Carefully cut out the template drawn on the box your niche was shipped in.

5. Place the template on the level line you made and, using a pencil, lightly trace the outline on the wall.

6. Using a keyhole saw, cut and remove the drywall.  
**CAUTION!** Be very careful to avoid cutting any electrical or other wiring!

7. Set niche into the hole you created. Hold a level along the side of the niche. Once level, use a pencil to trace the niche and then remove it from the wall.

8. Lightly mark two framing points outside of the traced line at the top. If desired, mark two additional framing points outside of the traced line at the bottom (see diagram). These will help you determine where to drill your anchoring holes in the niche.

9. Set niche back into the hole, align with the traced line, and mark framing for 2-1/4" anchoring finish screws or finish nails.

10. Use 1/8" drill bit and 1/4" counter sink to drill holes.

11. Line glue along the inside of the traced line on the wall with construction quality adhesive, at approximately a 1/4" bead (i.e. approximately 1/4" diameter thick).

12. Set niche in the hole and nail or screw to framing.

13. Patch hardware holes with spackle, quickset drywall mud, or bondo.

14. Sand, caulk, prime, and paint (oil- or water-based is fine). For best finish, we recommend lightly sanding the entire surface prior to priming.

