The Modular Panel System from Fabricmate Systems can be installed on a wide variety of surfaces such as drywall, plywood, wood paneling, concrete, brick, concrete block, steel, and glass among others. Installation methods vary. The following instructions are for installation on drywall or other semi-rigid surfaces that will accept and hold screws. Please contact us for recommendations on-mounting panels to other surfaces.


**INSTALLATION PROCEDURE**

**Tools Required**

- 4’ Level
- Drill
- Scissors
- Pencil
- Fabric Installation Tool (provided)
- Panel Alignment Tool (provided)
- Drywall Screws (provided)
- Driver Bit (provided)

**FIRST STEPS**

PERSONAL SAFETY IS ALWAYS THE FIRST STEP IN ANY INSTALLATION PROCEDURE. WORK SAFELY, OBTAIN ASSISTANCE AS NEEDED, AND ALWAYS WEAR SAFETY GLASSES!

1. Identify panel components. There will be two End Modules for each Modular Panel ordered and there will be as many Field Modules (and in the widths required) as necessary to achieve the specified length of your panel(s). Together with the fabric covering, they will form the finished Modular Panel. For your convenience, if you’ve ordered more than one panel, both the panel modules and the associated fabric cover have been numbered.

2. Have the required tools ready and available. We recommend that you have assistance with the installation.
INSTALLING THE MODULAR PANELS

1. Determine the finished panel’s position on the wall. Locate the lower left corner and make a mark on the wall with your pencil.

2. Using your level to ensure accuracy, draw a vertical line extending upward 2’ from the corner mark. Draw a second line horizontally extending 2’ to the right of the corner mark. These will serve as guides for placement of the first end module.

3. Place one End Module on the wall, being careful to align the End Module with the lines drawn in Step 2.

4. Using the drill, driver bit and drywall screws, install the screws at the locations marked on the front of the module. Installing the screws at the indicated locations ensures that the screws will engage the module’s framework.

NOTE: AT THIS POINT, INSTALL SCREWS ONLY AT THE FOUR CORNERS OF THIS AND SUBSEQUENT MODULES. IF NECESSARY, THIS WILL MAKE REPOSITIONING THE MODULES EASIER. THE REMAINING SCREWS WILL BE INSTALLED WHEN THE PANEL IS

5. Confirm that the panel is both plumb and level. If it is not, remove the screws and re-mount the panel. Any error at this point will be exaggerated as additional modules are added.

6. Place a Field Module next to the End Module just installed. Line up the End Module and insert the Panel Alignment Tool (putty knife) in the jaws of the frame across the joint line between the End Module and the Field Module. This will maintain alignment while installing the screws in the Field Module. Install the screws at the locations marked on the front of the panel.
7. Install additional Field Modules as required using the same method outlined in step 6.

8. Install the other End Module.

9. Confirm that the panel is properly positioned and that it is level. If not, reposition and realign the modules as necessary.

10. Install all remaining screws at the indicated locations.

**INSTALLING THE FABRIC**

1. Make sure that the surface of the panel is clean and free of debris. A simple brush down should do the job. Also, make sure no screw heads are sticking out from the panel surface.

2. Your fabric cover has been precut to fit your panel(s). You will notice that the fabric is slightly larger than the panel.

3. Starting at an upper left-hand, or right-hand, corner of the panel and overlapping the edge of the frame with the fabric on both the top and the side by 1 – 2 inches, use the fabric installation tool to “set” by pushing the top center of the fabric into the hidden channel in the top frame. **Do not roll the fabric into the channel at this time.**

4. Work across the panel from end-to-end, and keep tension on the fabric, set the fabric about every twelve inches.

5. Using the same procedure, set the fabric in the bottom frame and then in the sides. Again, **do not roll the fabric into the channel at this time.**

6. Make certain that the panel is evenly covered by the fabric cover.

7. Now, starting at the top center of the panel, use the fabric installation tool to roll in the fabric working from the center out to each side. Do this for all four sides. Use the putty knife (or even a dull butter knife) to insert the fabric at the corners of the panel. Ensure that the fabric is evenly stretched across the surface of the panel. Don’t worry about the excess fabric protruding from the channel. It will be addressed in the following steps.

8. Using your scissors, trim excess fabric from around the edge of the panel. Don’t worry about trimming it too close to the frame, excess fabric will be rolled in to the frames hidden channel.

9. Using both your fabric installation tool and again working from the middle of each side of the panel (top, then bottom, then sides) roll the excess fabric into the hidden channel. Use the putty knife, to insert the fabric into the hidden channel at the corners.

10. You’re done! Retain both the fabric installation tool and putty knife. You will need them should you ever need to change the fabric.