

How to Mount Your Sisal Runs



What You Will Need

- Small level
- Pencil
- Stud finder (optional but helpful)
- Electric drill with Phillips Standard Bit #2
- Paddle bit, 3/4-inch width
- Phillips head screwdriver
- Measuring tape

Contents

- Sisal run (sizes vary)
- Brackets and covers
- Two butterfly toggle bolts
- Two self-tapping screws with insert
- Four 2-inch screws (for stud mounting)
- Four 1/4-inch screws (to secure brackets to runs)

Instructions

Important Tips

We recommend vertically spacing your sisal runs 11 to 13 inches apart to ensure that cats of all ages and abilities can access every level. If runs are spaced too far apart, they may not be used, especially if your cats are handicapped, senior, arthritic, or declawed.

Be sure the runs are staggered. Cats are not squirrels. Runs should not be placed directly above one another.

Measure and mark.

To determine where the brackets will mount to the runs themselves, make the following measurements and mark the holes with a pencil:

- On the bottom of the 12-inch run, measure in 3 inches from each side.
- On the bottom of the 18-inch run, measure in 3 inches from each side.
- On the bottom of the 24-inch run, measure in 5 inches from each side.
- On the bottom of the 36-inch run, measure in 6 inches from each side.

Note: Do not attach the brackets to the runs at this time. The brackets will be mounted to the wall first, then the run will be mounted to the brackets. This is much easier.

Determine where you want to mount your sisal run. Position the run on the wall in your desired location. Ensure that it is level. Use a pencil to mark the wall along the bottom of the run where you made the bracket measurements then draw a 2-inch line down from that, creating a T shape.

Place one of the brackets on the wall, aligning the “T” with the holes in the bracket. Use a pencil to mark each hole on the wall. The top of the bracket should line up squarely with the horizontal section of the “T”.

Identify studs.

To determine if there is a stud available for mounting, either use a stud finder or drive one of the 2-inch screws provided into one of the pencil marks.

- If the screw goes through the drywall easily and keeps spinning, there is no stud behind your drywall in that location. Toggle bolts will be needed.*
- If the screw hits a stud, it will “grab” it and you will feel resistance. In this case, the 2-inch screws provided will be used to mount the run.*

In either case, your sisal run will be sturdy and secure!

Mount the run.

If you are mounting to a stud, simply insert the 2-inch screws into the holes on the bracket. Then proceed to the “Finish your run” step.

If you are mounting where there is NOT a stud, you will mount your run with the toggle bolts and self-tapping inserts provided.

1. Use the recommended 3/4-inch paddle bit to drill out the **TOP** marked holes **ONLY**.
2. Drill the self-tapping inserts into the **BOTTOM** marked holes.
3. Insert the toggle bolts through the top holes of the bracket, then screw the “butterfly” portion on until it is just attached.
4. Push the butterfly portions into the corresponding **TOP** holes until each pops inside the wall. Gently pull back to ensure the butterfly has “grabbed” inside the wall (see photo).
5. By hand or with a #2 Phillips head drill bit, turn the screws until they are **almost tight**, making sure that the bottom holes align with where the remaining screws will go.
6. Drive the remaining screws into the brackets’ bottom holes.
7. Tighten all screws once everything is aligned, straight, and level.



Finish your run.

Attach your sisal run to the brackets by aligning the holes in the brackets with the pencil marks you made on the run. Hold the run down as you drive in the four 1/4-inch screws. Place the bracket cover over the bracket.

Give the gift of height!

Smother the new run with catnip, place treats on it, or use interactive lure-style toys to encourage climbing and exploration!

* Note that you will have some hardware left over, depending on which mounting techniques and materials you used.

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