

How to Mount Your Scratch Pole



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
- 5-inch (or wider) clamp (optional but useful)

Contents

- 6' scratch pole
- Two butterfly toggle bolts
- Two self-tapping screws with insert
- Four 2-inch screws (for stud mounting)

Instructions

Mark the wall.

1. Determine where you'd like your scratch pole to be mounted.
2. Partially remove the three black screws on the side of your scratch pole.
(Tip: It's easier if you don't remove them entirely because it can be difficult to find the holes within the sisal once you've done that, so just back them out enough to separate the two halves of the pole.)
This exposes the mounting hardware and reveals the holes circled/marked in black.
3. Hold the pole against the wall and use a level to ensure it is straight.
4. Use a pencil to mark the wall in the center of the four black holes on both the top and bottom sets of mounting hardware.

Determine if you are mounting on a stud.

To determine if you are mounting on a stud, either use a stud finder or drive a screw 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. The toggle bolts will be needed.
- If the screw hits a stud, it will "grab" it and you will feel resistance. In this case, the four 2-inch screws provided will be used to mount the pole.

In either case, your scratch post will be sturdy and secure!

Mount your pole.

If you are mounting the pole into a stud, simply insert the four 2-inch screws into the holes marked with black circles then proceed to the "Finish your scratch pole" step below.

If you are mounting the pole where there is **NOT** a stud, you will use the toggle bolts and self-tapping inserts provided.

1. Use the recommended ¾-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, black-circled holes on the mounting hardware, then screw on 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).
1. 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.
5. Drive the remaining screws into the holes marked with black circles.
6. Tighten all screws once everything is aligned, straight, and level.



Finish your scratch pole.

Reassemble the scratch pole by aligning the three black screws you loosened earlier with the holes on the half of the pole that you just mounted. Have someone hold the two halves in place or use a clamp to hold them together while you drive the screws in to connect the two halves. Your pole is now assembled and mounted!

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