

## WILSONART ACCESSORIES Recessed Niche Installation

### BEFORE YOU BEGIN

To ensure this product is installed properly, please read these instructions carefully before you begin. (Certain installations may require professional help.) Also be sure your installation conforms to local codes.

- Local building codes vary by location.
- Observe all local plumbing and building codes.
- Unpack the Mermaid panels and inspect them carefully for damage. Verify that the walls are the correct size for your installation. Refer to Mermaid technical Data sheet for specific dimensions for each model.

*NOTE: Take extra care in handling the front surfaces of the panels. Use only non-abrasive cloths to avoid scratching.*

### PREPARATION

Must be installed over CEMENT, GREENBOARD, CONCRETE, or GYPSUM BOARD.

### RECESSED NICHE INSTRUCTIONS

Use a stud finder, to locate the stud pocket where the recessed niche will be installed.



Determine location of recessed niche (Standard height for the recessed shelf would be 43" from the shower floor to the bottom of the opening).



Using a level, mark dimensions of recessed niche onto current substrate.



Cut and remove the current substrate (tile, green board, cement board) to expose the wall structural framing.

Cutout should be no larger than 1/4" larger than the dimensions of the recessed niche.

*NOTE: Wilsonart recessed niches must be installed between studs in any wall of the surround.*



Dry fit panel to ensure that you have 1/8" expansion space between tub deck, shower base and from walls.

If the wall, tub, or shower base is out of square, trim panel as needed (Ensure saw blade is sharp and rotation is always cutting into the face of the decorative laminate).

Measure and mark location of recessed niche onto the Mermaid panel.

Cutout should be no larger than 1/8" larger than the dimensions of the recessed niche.

Cut niche shape out with router or jigsaw with a fine tooth blade.

Inside corners must have a minimum 1/8" radius.

Panels with rough cut edges, must be sanded smooth to eliminate laminate fractured edges.



Clean the Mermaid panel, substrate, and install per instructions in the Mermaid installation guide.

Clean niche with denatured alcohol and clean white rag. Apply Mermaid Color Coordinated Sealant to the backside of the entire flange, filling the cavity on the backside of the flange. Install niche into the opening, until the flange is flat against the Mermaid panel. Ensure that you have sealant squeeze out around the entire niche flange. Smooth sealant around the flange perimeter and clean up excess sealant from around the perimeter with denatured alcohol.



Secure the niche in place with tape. Allow 24 hours for the sealant to dry before use.



#### TOOLS/MATERIALS NEEDED

Level, Circular Saw (minimum 48 tooth carbide saw blade), Tape Measure, Drill, Heavy Duty Caulking Gun, Square, Router / Jigsaw (fine tooth blade), Grinder with appropriate blade to remove substrate or Tiger Saw with appropriate blade to remove substrate, Denatured Alcohol, Clean White Rags, Mermaid Color Coordinated Sealant, Safety Glasses, Hearing Protection, Protective Gloves, Protective Footwear, Dust Mask

