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# FELINE STEP SHELVES INSTALLATION INSTRUCTIONS

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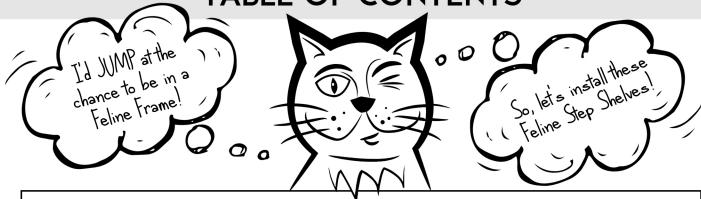








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I'd JIMP at the chance to get that mouse!





## FIRST THINGS FIRST



# **DISCLAIMER** (LET'S BE BRUTALLY HONEST):

If you have ordered these Feline Step Shelves as part of the Frame Your Feline System then you MUST read "Instruction Set #1: Frame Your Feline System Planning Instructions" (included with your Feline Frame) prior to installation. Frame Your Feline (its parent company and subsidiaries) cannot be responsible for any damage during installation due to interference of any utility service (e.g. electrical wiring, piping, etc.). Installer must use due diligence. So, here's the deal... if you aren't sure how to properly use a stud finder, nails, screws, a drill, etc. – then hire a professional.



#### **GET A LOAD OF THIS...**



There is a reasonable load limit for your Feline Step Shelves. A stationary load limit is set at 25 lbs. However, a dynamic/impacting load limit (jumping) is set at the weight of an average sized house cat (approx. 15 lbs).



# **BEFORE YOU START**

#### **IMPORTANT!**

Read through the <u>entire</u> instructions first before you begin the installation... or watch our installation videos at FrameYourFeline.com. **WHY?** Because we want you to get familiar with the process <u>first</u> before actually doing it.



As a feline fortune cookie once said:

"AN INSTRUCTION MANUAL
IS LIKE CATNIP...
IT WILL MAKE
WHATEVER YOU'RE DOING BETTER."

(yeah, we just made that up)



WARNING: PRIOR TO INSTALLATION KEEP ALL PARTS AWAY FROM SMALL CHILDREN AND PETS.



IMPORTANT NOTE: THESE INSTALLATION INSTRUCTIONS APPLY TO BOTH 2 AND 3 STEP SHELVES. THEREFORE, THE PART QUANTITIES WILL VARY DEPENDING ON THE NUMBER OF STEP SHELVES ORDERED.

You should see the following parts included with your Feline Step Shelves:

1 - INSTALLATION INSTRUCTIONS

2 (OR 3) - FELINE STEP SHELF ANCHOR TEMPLATES

2 (OR 3) - FELINE STEP SHELVES

- 1 NAIL (ANCHOR PILOT HOLE PUNCH)
- 1 SMALL ROLL OF BLUE TAPE

4 (OR 6) - 2" ANCHOR SCREWS AND LOCK WASHERS





1 - 1/8" DIAMETER DRILL BIT

1 - #2 PHILLIPS 6" LONG BIT





Be very careful when unpacking the "Feline Step Shelf Anchor Templates". Always protect the level from being hit or repositioned.





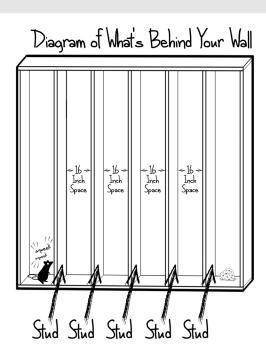
# WHAT YOU NEED

#### A Wall With Studs

The Feline Step Shelves can be installed on any wall that has studs at 16"centers.

#### What In The Heck Are Studs?!

Studs are vertical support boards behind your wall usually spaced 16"apart. You will need to find the approximate center of studs. You can use a stud finder or you can find the approximate center manually. If you are not sure how to do this then Google it - or, hire a professional.



#### **Be Careful!**

The studs behind some walls may not be consistently 16" apart throughout the length of the wall. This means that the studs you intend to use to anchor the Step Shelves may not be where expected. So, confirm the locations of all the studs you intend to use for the Step Shelves.

Required Tools
You need the following tools to install your Feline Frame:    Compare Drill   Compare Settings   Compare Set
STUD FINDER (OR MANUAL METHOD OF FINDING STUD LOCATIONS)
POWER DRILL WITH TORQUE OR CLUTCH SETTINGS (CORDLESS IS PREFERRED)
PHILLIPS (HAND-HELD) SCREWDRIVER (TO WORK WITH THE ENCLOSED SCREWS)
HAMMER STEP STOOL/LADDER STEP STOOL/LADDER STEP STOOL/LADDER STEP STOOL/LADDER
TAPE MEASURE PENCIL PENCIL





# STEP SHELF PLACEMENT OPTIONS

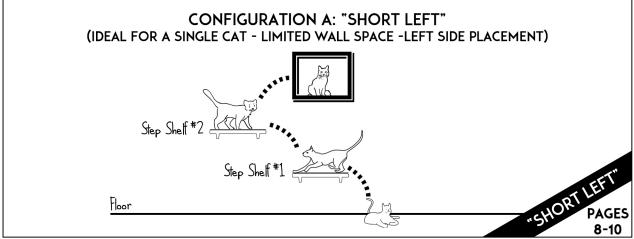
#### SPACE OUT FOR ONE CAT

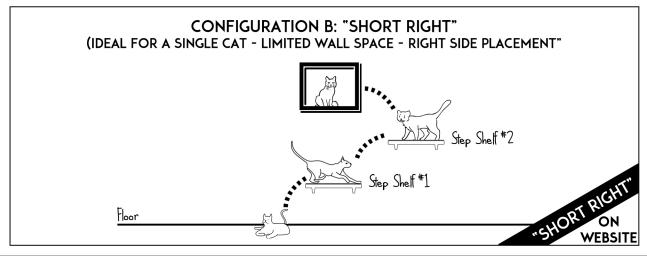
If you have only one furry feline friend whose going solo then take a look at "Option #1" and "Option #2".

#### **OPTION #1: LIMITED WALL SPACE**

Utilize "Configuration A" or "Configuration B" (see below) if you have very limited wall space but at least 3 feet on either side of your Feline Frame Ensemble.









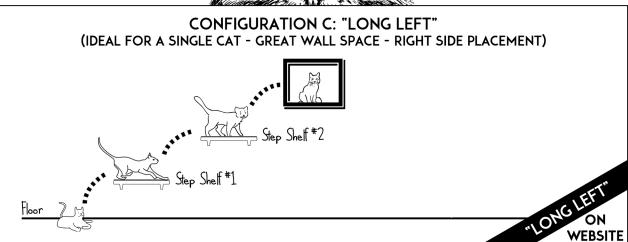


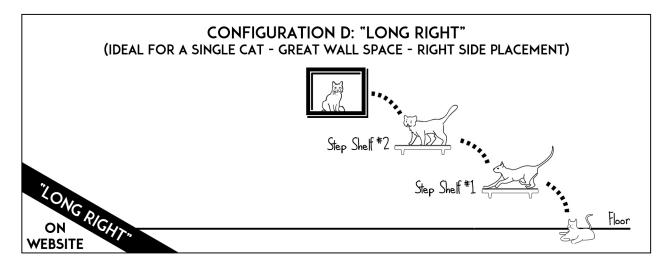
# STEP SHELF PLACEMENT OPTIONS

#### **OPTION #2: GREAT WALL SPACE**

"Configuration C" or "Configuration D" (see below) may be preferred if you have greater wall space with at least 5 ½ feet on either side of your Feline Frame Ensemble.







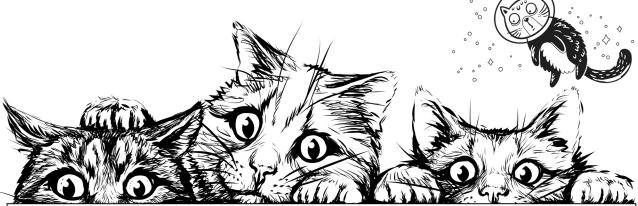


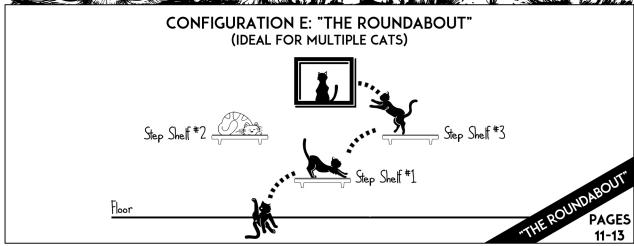


# STEP SHELF PLACEMENT OPTIONS

#### SPACE OUT FOR MULTIPLE CATS

Cats LOVE to jump, climb and hang-out for extended periods of time on the Feline Step Shelves and the Feline Frame. If you have two or more furry feline friends then we suggest you install 3 Feline Step Shelves to avoid traffic jams. This enables your cats to enter or exit from either side of the Feline Frame. Utilize "Configuration E" (see below) if you have at least 3 feet on both sides of your Feline Frame Ensemble.





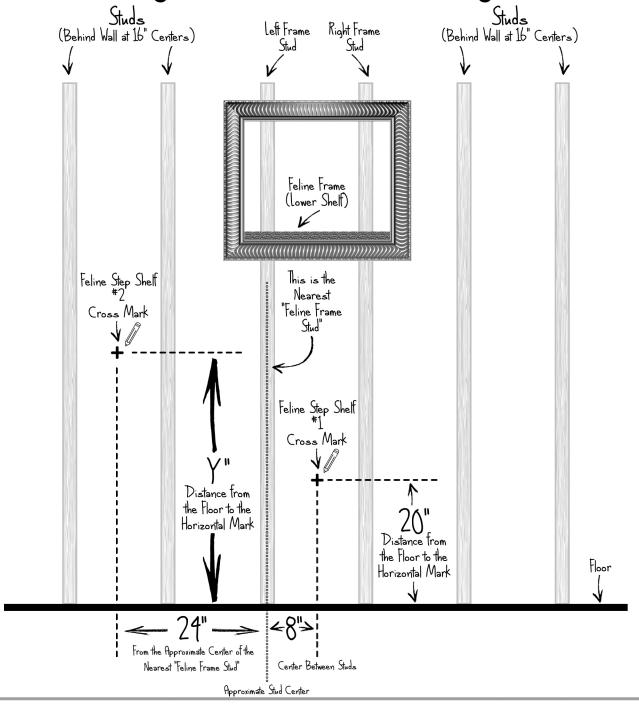




# CONFIGURATION A: "SHORT LEFT" SET-UP

The illustration below shows the Feline Step Shelf #2 location on the left side of the Feline Frame using the left (nearest) 'Feline Frame Stud' as the point of reference. If your space situation requires Feline Step Shelf #2 to be located on the right side of the Feline Frame Ensemble then please see Configuration B: "Short Right" on our website at FrameYourFeline.com

## Configuration A: "Short Left" Diagram







# CONFIGURATION A: "SHORT LEFT" SET-UP



Please refer to the
"Configuration A"
Diagram on Page 8
while proceeding with
the following steps.



### **NOTE:**

Put down your hammer & drill. The following steps 1-4 only require a tape measure and a pencil.

### STEP I) Get On Up With The Lowest Step Shelf (Step Shelf #1)

A good height for the first Feline Step Shelf is 20 inches off the ground. So, grab your tape measure and pencil and let's get to work! First, notice in "Configuration A" that you will be placing "Feline Step Shelf #1" directly under the "Feline Frame Lower Shelf". So, draw a short horizontal line 20 inches from the floor directly under the the "Feline Frame Lower Shelf". Next, draw a short verticle line 8 inches from the approximate center of the nearest "Feline Frame Stud" (this is a stud that the Feline Frame is already connected to). The intersection of these two lines creates a "cross mark". This will be the center location of Feline Step Shelf #1 and the center of the "Feline Step Shelf Anchor Template".

## STEP 2) " Y " Math For The Highest Step Shelf? (Step Shelf #2)

"Y" math? Because the subject of "Geography" won't help us get these Step Shelves up. So, measure the vertical distance in inches from the floor to the carpeted surface of the Feline Frame Lower Shelf. Divide this distance by 2 and add 10". This final number (we will call it " Y ") will be the vertical distance from the floor to the center of Step Shelf #2.



**EXAMPLE:** If the vertical distance to the Feline Frame Lower Shelf is 58", then Y = 58/2 + 10 = 39".





### STEP 3) The Center of Attention (Step Shelf #2)

It's time to create the center location marks for the highest step shelf (Step Shelf #2). To do this, draw a short horizontal line 'Y' inches from the floor and a short vertical line 24" from the approximate center of the nearest "Feline Frame Stud" as illustrated in the 'Configuration A' Diagram. The intersection of these 2 lines (or "Cross Mark") becomes the center location of Step Shelf #2 and the center of the Feline Step Shelf Anchor Template.

# STEP 4) Well Done!

Jump to Page 14 section "5. Positioning The 'Feline Step Shelf Anchor Template"!



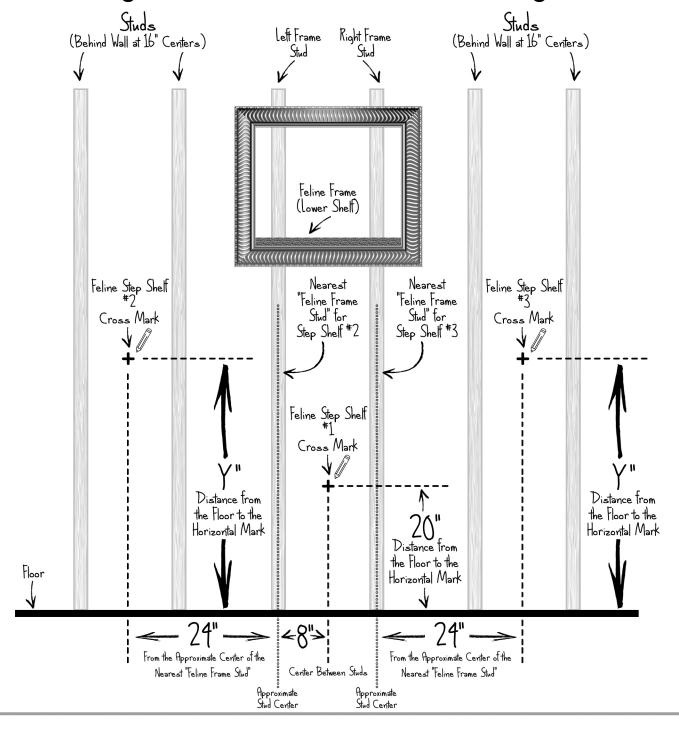




# CONFIGURATION E: "THE ROUNDABOUT" SET-UP

As discussed on Page 7, if you have 2 or more feline friends, and adequate wall space, we suggest you install 3 step shelves as shown in Configuration E (below).

### Configuration E: "The Roundabout" Diagram





# CONFIGURATION E: "THE ROUNDABOUT" SET-UP



Please refer to the
"Configuration E"
Diagram on Page 11
while proceeding with
the following steps.



### **NOTE:**

Put down your hammer & drill. The following steps 1-4 only require a tape measure and a pencil.

### STEP 1) Get On Up With The Lowest Step Shelf (Step Shelf #1)

A good height for the first Feline Step Shelf is 20 inches off the ground. So, grab your tape measure and pencil and let's get to work! First, notice in "Configuration E" that you will be placing "Feline Step Shelf #1" directly under the "Feline Frame Lower Shelf". So, draw a short horizontal line 20 inches from the floor directly under the the "Feline Frame Lower Shelf". Next, draw a short verticle line 8 inches from the approximate center of the nearest "Feline Frame Stud" (this is a stud that the Feline Frame is already connected to). The intersection of these two lines creates a "cross mark". This will be the center location of Feline Step Shelf #1 and the center of the "Feline Step Shelf Anchor Template".

### STEP 2) "Y" Math For The Highest Step Shelves? (Step Shelf #2 & #3)

"Y" math? Because the subject of "Geography" won't help us get these Step Shelves up. So, measure the vertical distance in inches from the floor to the carpeted surface of the Feline Frame Lower Shelf. Divide this distance by 2 and add 10". This final number (we will call it "Y") will be the vertical distance from the floor to the center of Step Shelf #2 & #3.



**Example:** If the vertical distance to the Feline Frame Lower Shelf is 58", then Y = 58/2 + 10 = 39".





## STEP 3) The Center Of Attention (Step Shelf #2)

It's time to create the center location marks for the highest step shelf on the left side (Step Shelf #2). To do this, draw a short horizontal line 'Y' inches from the floor and a short vertical line 24" from the approximate center of the nearest "Feline Frame Stud" for Step Shelf #2 as illustrated in the 'Configuration E' Diagram. The intersection of these 2 lines (or "Cross Mark") becomes the center location of Step Shelf #2 and the center of the Feline Step Shelf Anchor Template.

# STEP 4) Again, The Center Of Attention (Step Shelf #3)

It's time to create the center location marks for the highest step shelf on the right side (Step Shelf #3). To do this, draw a short horizontal line 'Y' inches from the floor and a short vertical line 24" from the approximate center of the nearest "Feline Frame Stud" for Step Shelf #3 as illustrated in the 'Configuration E' Diagram. The intersection of these 2 lines (or "Cross Mark") becomes the center location of Step Shelf #3 and the center of the Feline Step Shelf Anchor Template.

## STEP 5) Well Done!

Please proceed to the next page (Page 14).





# POSITIONING THE 'FELINE STEP SHELF ANCHOR TEMPLATE'



## REPEAT THE STEPS IN THIS SECTION!

No matter if you are utilizing Configuration A, B, C, D. or E (or, even if you've gone rogue and created your own configuration) REPEAT ALL OF THE FOLLOWING STEPS 1 - 4 in this section to position the "Feline Frame Step Shelf Anchor Template" on your wall for each Feline Step Shelf you are installing.



### **IMPORTANT:**

No matter the configuration you choose, the center location of each Feline Step Shelf must be equidistant between 2 adjacent wall studs (at 16" centers). In other words, the center location of each Feline Step Shelf must be 8" from the approximate centers of two adjacent studs as shown in the diagram on the next page (Page 15).

## STEP 1) Tear It Up!

Tear 4 strips of tape (each about 1 ½" long) from the small roll of blue tape (enclosed). Lightly tack each strip on the wall for use in the following steps.



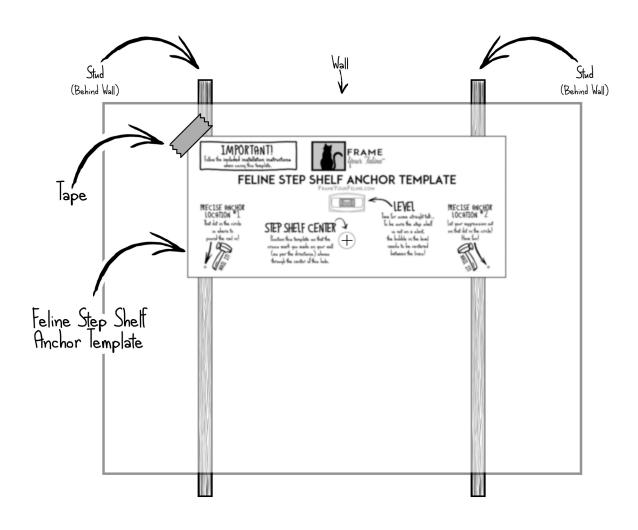




# POSITIONING THE 'FELINE STEP SHELF ANCHOR TEMPLATE'

# STEP 2) Getting A Hole In One

Place a FRESH, UNUSED Feline Step Shelf Anchor Template (included with your shipment) on the wall such that the hole in the template is centered over the Cross Mark "+" that you previously created. Now tape the top left corner of the template to the wall. See the diagram below. While holding the right side of the template in place, proceed to Step 3.

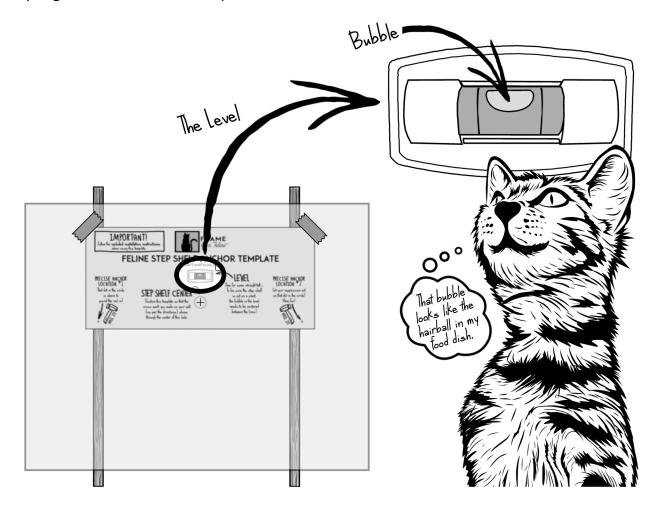




# POSITIONING THE 'FELINE STEP SHELF ANCHOR TEMPLATE'

# STEP 3) Level Up

Raise or lower the top right corner of the template until the BUBBLE in the LEVEL is CENTERED between the lines in the level (see sketch below). Now tape the top right corner of the template to the wall.



## STEP 4) If It's Purr-fect Then Finish Taping

Finally, assure that the BUBBLE in the LEVEL has REMAINED CENTERED and that the template is smooth and flat against the wall. Now tape the remaining 2 lower corners of the template to the wall.





# SETTING EACH ANCHOR LOCATION

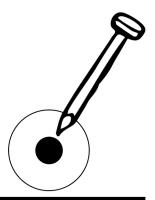


### REPEAT THE STEPS IN THIS SECTION!

No matter if you are utilizing Configuration A, B, C, D. or E (or, even if you've gone rogue and created your own configuration) REPEAT ALL STEPS 1 - 3 in this section to set the Anchor Locations on your wall for each Feline Step Shelf you are installing.

## STEP 1) You're Totally Nailing It!

Hammer the enclosed nail into the wallboard at each of the 2 "Precise Anchor Locations" indicated on the Feline Step Shelf Anchor Template. Hit those tiny 2 dots! Be sure that the nail is perpendicular with the wall. Take your time as this step is critical for level shelves. Stop hammering once the nail hits the stud - then remove the nail.





#### **IMPORTANT:**

If the nail did NOT hit the stud (nail goes through the wall without strong resistance) then you must repeat "Section 5. Positioning the 'Feline Step Shelf Anchore Template" starting on Page 14.

### STEP 2) Smooth Remove

Now carefully remove the template from the wall. A fresh Template is provided for each Feline Step Shelf installation. However, we suggest you store each used Template should you ever desire to relocate your Feline Frame / Feline Step Shelf System.

# STEP 3) Drill, Baby, Drill



Using the enclosed 1/8" Diameter Drill Bit - drill a pilot hole about 2" deep through the drywall and into the stud at each of the Precise Anchor Location holes you just created in Step 1. BE CAREFUL! Make sure the drill bit is tightly secured in the drill chuck. Make sure to enter the drill bit into the nail holes and to drill the hole perpendicular to the wall as far as possible without the chuck contacting the wall.



# ATTACHING THE FELINE STEP SHELVES TO THE WALL

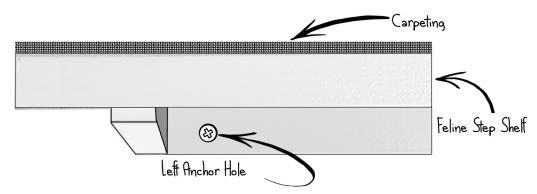


### REPEAT THE STEPS IN THIS SECTION!

No matter if you are utilizing Configuration A, B, C, D. or E (or, even if you've gone rogue and created your own configuration) REPEAT ALL STEPS 1 - 3 in this section to attach each Feline Step Shelf to your wall.

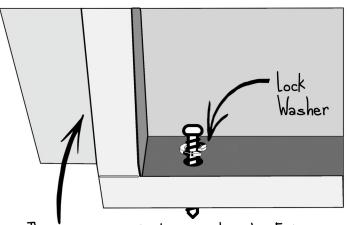


Before you move on to STEP 1 our crystal ball says you will soon be attaching the Feline Step Shelf to the wall with **THE CARPETED SURFACE FACING UP.** Like this...



## STEP 1) Screw This!

WITH THE CARPETED SURFACE FACING UP insert an Anchor Screw (with enclosed lock washer) through the left hole in the Feline Step Shelf. Using your hand-held screwdriver begin fastening the left Anchor Screw through the left pilot hole and into the adjoining stud until the screw is hand tight.



This is a view looking under the Feline Step Shelf with the left Anchor Screw and Lock Washer in place ready for fastening.



# ATTACHING THE FELINE STEP SHELVES TO THE WALL

## STEP 2) Screw This (Part II)

Next insert an Anchor Screw (with enclosed lock washer) through the right hole in the Feline Step Shelf. Using your hand-held screwdriver begin fastening the right Anchor Screw through the right pilot hole and into the adjoining stud until the screw is hand tight.

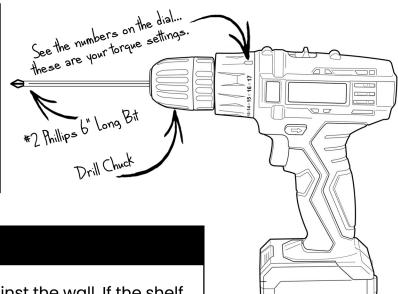
### STEP 3) Stick A Torque In It

Insert and secure the #2 Phillips Bit into your power drill chuck. Now adjust your power drill torque setting to about 1/3 of the total torque range (for example, if the total torque range is "1 to 24" then set the initial torque at "8"). Now tighten both screws at this setting. Gradually increase the torque setting and continue tightening the screws until each Anchor Screw has "bottomed out" (this is a fancy term for "stopped turning").



### **IMPORTANT:**

Keep the Phillips bit exactly perpendicular to the wall and to apply heavy pressure on the screw while tightening to avoid damage to the screw head or to the tip of the bit.





### **CAUTION!**

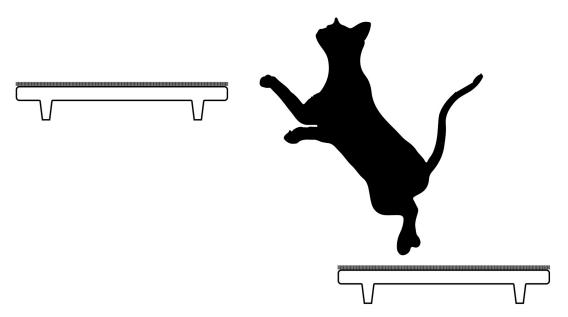
The shelf MUST BE rock-solid against the wall. If the shelf moves or wobbles under pressure then adjust the torque setting and retighten the anchor screws immediately. If left less than "rock-solid" the shelf support braces could fail when subject to high impact forces from a jumping cat.





# CAT-TASTIC!





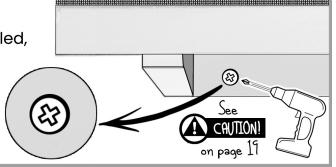


Your feline friend(s) can now jump and climb their way up to the Feline Frame Ensemble ~ where they become a living work of art! Magnificent!



### THIS PART IS SCREWED UP...

Now that your Feline Step Shelves are installed, occasionally check the Anchor Screws for continued tightness and re-tighten as needed.



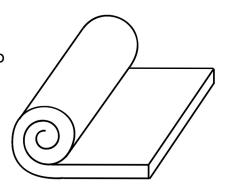




# **BUT WAIT, THERE'S MORE!**

### Carpet Replacement

If you ever notice that the carpet on your Feline Step Shelf is looking worn and well-used, don't fret! The good news is that the carpet on every Feline Step Shelf is easily replaceable. You can order replacement carpet on our website at FrameYourFeline.com.



### Let's Get Social

Help our community go viral. Instagram, Twitter and YouTube are our favorite platforms so be sure to tag us (#FrameYourFeline) when you post video and photos of your Framed Feline playing, sleeping, wearing a costume, etc. We may feature you on our social sites and will also alert you about our giveaway contests!





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