

# Installing Pegboard

Trouble organizing your workshop? Not enough room on your workbench for all the tools you own? Maybe it's time to go vertical with pegboard.

Pegboard is a thin (usually about 1/4-inch thick), sturdy sheet of hardboard with evenly spaced holes that are used to support hooks. It's available either painted or unpainted and can be cut to fit any wall.

To install pegboard, first attach 1"x4" boards over the studs in your wall; then attach the pegboard to the boards. This will create enough space behind the board for your hooks to fit properly. Never attach the pegboard directly on the studs or in not an unisulated area – moisture can affect the board balance.

When purchasing your pegboard, make note of the hole size. Some have 1/4-inch holes, while others have 1/8-inch holes. The hole size will determine the type of hooks you need.

Your home center will have a wide assortment of pegboard accessories, all of which can be quite useful. For example, a pegboard tray (**figure A**) is great for holding small items that you want to keep within easy reach.

A jar holder (**figure B**) allows you to keep screws or small nails together where you can see them easily. That way, you don't have to sort through different containers to find the right size.

Long hangers (**figure C**) are great for holding large objects. You can also place two long hangers next to each other to form a shelf for hanging such things as hammers.

Need a place to put your extension cords? Try using a hook with an upward curve (**figure D**).

A screwdriver holder (**figure E**) or a file hanger (**figure F**) lets you keep your screwdrivers and files in view. It's often difficult to keep up with drill bits. That's where bit holders (**figure G**) come in handy.

Hooks for hanging hammers are available, but keep in mind that one hook can serve a variety of uses.



Figure A



Figure B



Figure C



Figure D



Figure E



Figure F



Figure G



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