

# SURROUND

by Laminex™

## DIY WEEKENDS



Project Planner

## YOUR DIY WEEKEND STARTS HERE

Transform your interior space in a weekend using Surround by Laminex – a modern range of decorative interior surface panels made in Australia.

In this step-by-step planner, you'll be guided how to select, order, install, and style these panels to transform a home entrance, hallway, living room, dining area, or bedroom wall.

Discover how to apply panels across an entire room, half wall, hallway runner, banquette seat, or even create a standalone bedhead.

Panels arrive in durable, pre-primed MDF sheets that seamlessly connect via a tongue and groove system, so there's no tricky installation of individual boards. Simply paint in a colour of your choice to finish.

It's never been easier to install your own interior wall panelling. Let's get started!

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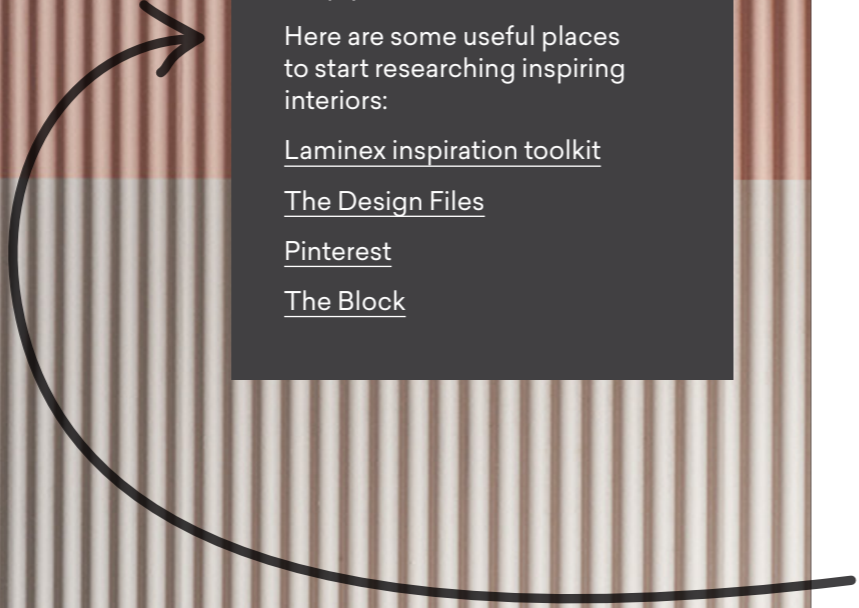
Deep recesses feature between vertical boards in Batten 75. Dulux Serpent forms a neutral backdrop, combined with cool timber accents.

**INSIDER TIP:**

All underlined words in this guide are linked to more information and inspiration – simply click to find out more!

Here are some useful places to start researching inspiring interiors:

- [Laminex inspiration toolkit](#)
- [The Design Files](#)
- [Pinterest](#)
- [The Block](#)



**GET INSPIRED**

There's a Surround by Laminex profile to suit every style of home. Start the design process by gathering inspiration online from your favourite designers, publications, and social media platforms.

**Research**

Spend time researching spaces that speak to your style and personality.

Explore, be open, and gather things that really excite you. Take note what types of rooms, patterns, and colours you're repeatedly drawn to.



**Defining your style**

The colours, furniture, materials, size, layout, and architectural style of your home will inform the best Surround by Laminex profile for your space. Are you looking for a classic heritage look, or a modern space with bolder accents?

**Opposite**

Demi Round 20 with a split wall paint treatment, in Dulux Pink Pieris and Whisper White, create a bedroom full of character.

### Choose a colour palette

Surround by Laminex panels arrive pre-primed ready to be painted in any colour.

To arrive at your favourite shade, think about how you want the space to feel and function, as well as the existing materials in the room. Colour psychology tells us soft pastels offer a soothing effect; earth-based colours make us feel safe and cocooned; and vibrant shades of yellow, red and blue can help stimulate the mind.

**DON'T BE AFRAID TO TAKE RISKS! PANELS CAN BE PAINTED MULTIPLE TIMES, PROVIDING THE FLEXIBILITY TO UPDATE OVER TIME.**



#### INSIDER TIP:

The world of colour is endless and there's no doubt it can be an overwhelming decision! To make things easier, start by asking yourself some simple questions to narrow your focus:

Are you drawn to contrasting or harmonious palettes?

A light or dark tone?

Bold and bright, or soft neutrals?

Find more colour and design inspiration here:

[Dulux](#)



**Above**  
The beautifully graphic Batten 25 is striking painted in Dulux Royal Consort.

### Create a mood board

Arrange your inspiration as a physical or digital mood board to visualise the elements of your completed space. Include images and samples of your preferred Surround by Laminex profiles, as well as paint swatches, flooring, textiles, and furniture references to bring the look together.



\* A MOOD BOARD CAN BE A PHYSICAL PINBOARD FEATURING PRINTED IMAGES, OR MADE ONLINE ON A PLATFORM LIKE CANVA.

# DECIDE HOW TO USE YOUR PANELS

Surround by Laminex panels can be applied in multiple ways, with the option to add accessories like a dado rail and hooks to finish.

## Full wall

The most common use, our Surround by Laminex panels are applicable across entire walls. Create a standalone feature wall, or install across an entire room.



**Above**  
Living room featuring our Batten 100 painted in Dulux New Penny.

**Right**  
Beautiful split dining room wall of Surround by Laminex Scallops in 45 and 22.5 Dulux White Duck Quarter.



## Half / split wall

Install panels across a half, quarter wall or cupboard to create a hallway runner or stylish interior accent. Style the remainder of the wall with a contrasting surface (like painted plasterboard for a neutral look, or timber for added texture), or a complementary Surround by Laminex profile separated by a dado rail for a polished finish.



## Bedhead

12mm width panels can alternatively be applied as a bedhead or decorative ledge. To achieve this look, cut and install the product to your desired height, and use the upper edge to display artwork, ceramics and other treasured items.

\* WATCH HOW THE DESIGN FILES USED SURROUND BY LAMINEX TO TRANSFORM FOUR HOMES IN THEIR ONE ROOM WONDERS VIDEO SERIES.

**Above**  
Bedroom detail bedhead in Scallop 22.5 painted in Dulux Natural White with Dulux Silkworth on the wall about the marble shelf.

**Below**  
Café banquette combines our Scallops in 45 and 22.5 Dulux Ecu for modern detailing.

## Banquette seat

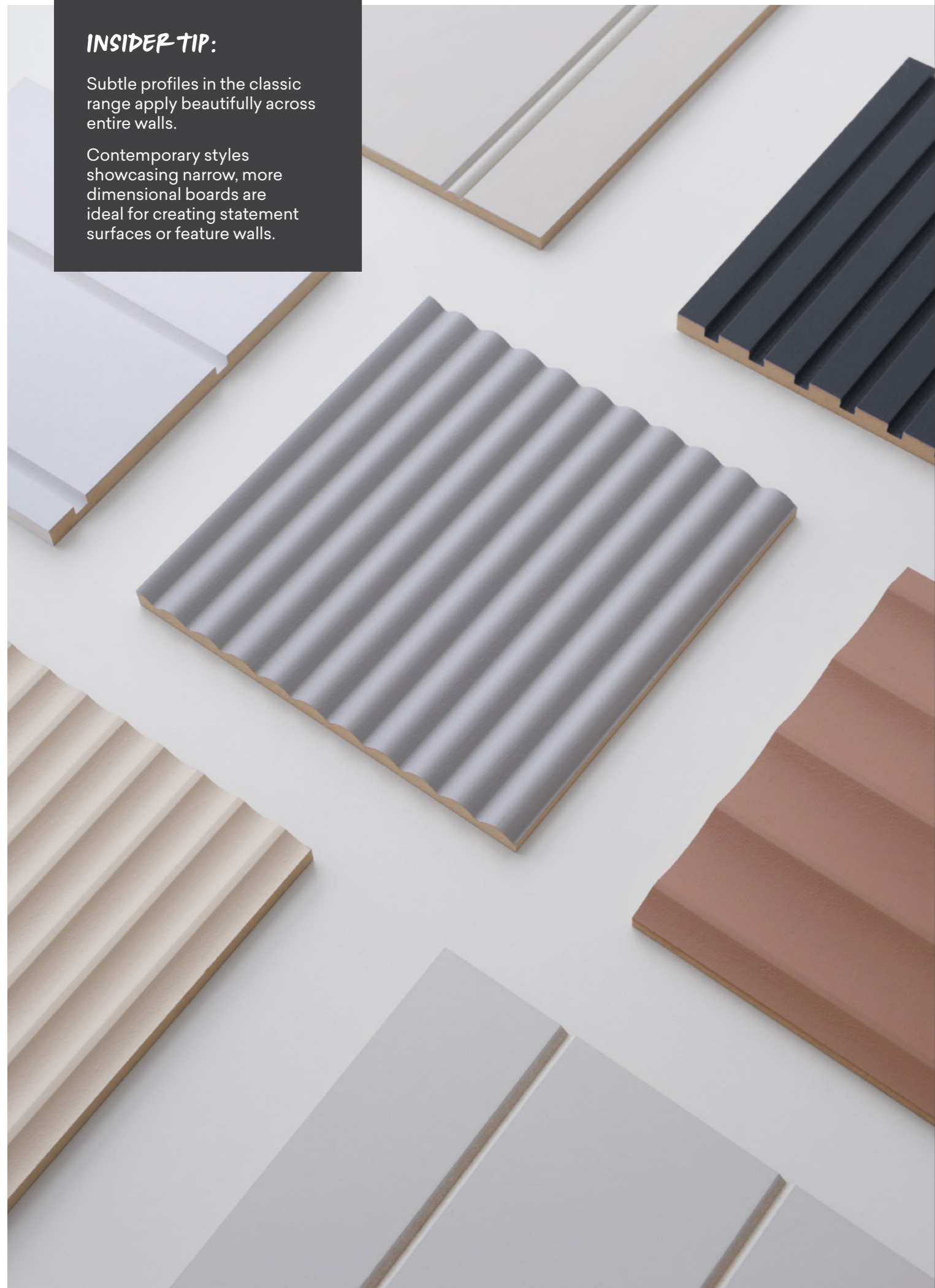
Smaller surfaces such as banquette seats are perfect for showcasing bold panel styles. Simply cut and install the product across the seat face for depth and texture.



**INSIDER TIP:**

Subtle profiles in the classic range apply beautifully across entire walls.

Contemporary styles showcasing narrow, more dimensional boards are ideal for creating statement surfaces or feature walls.

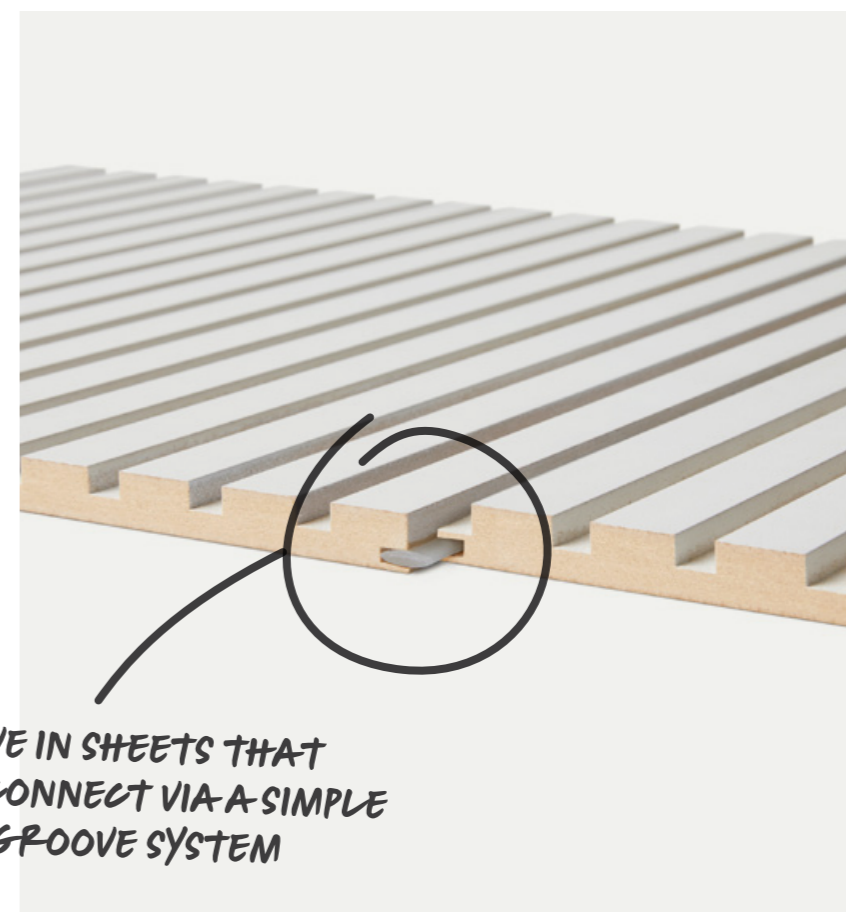


## CHOOSE YOUR PROFILE

Surround by Laminex panels are available in a range of profiles across two ranges: classic and contemporary. Classic styles are designed with heritage schemes in mind, while the contemporary range offers scallops, dimensional stripes, bold battens, and curves for creating statement surfaces.

Experiment with bolder panels (Scallops; Batten 25) in working spaces like kitchens and dining areas, or inspire relaxation in bedrooms and living areas with curving and classic (Classic VJ; Demi Round) profiles.

The ability to paint panels any colour you choose offers the versatility to suit all interior schemes, and the flexibility to update over time.



**PANELS ARRIVE IN SHEETS THAT SEAMLESSLY CONNECT VIA A SIMPLE TONGUE AND GROOVE SYSTEM**

A timeless style featuring vertical boards separated by straight-edged grooves. The wider profiles are a modern take on classic timber panelling, while the narrow versions create a bold contemporary look.



The boldness of Batten 25 is highlighted by Dulux Blue Rhapsody in this moody and dramatic space.

BATTENS ARE AVAILABLE IN VARIOUS WIDTHS



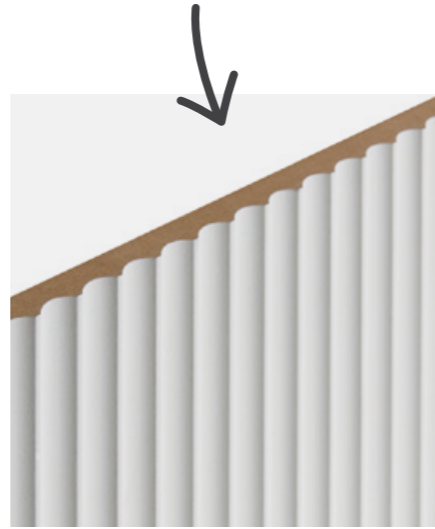
Soft waving forms offer a calming and luxurious effect. Select a gentle wider profile or, to create more of a textural finish, choose a narrower profile.



**Above**  
Demi Round 20 is applied to a split feature wall painted Dulux Mount Buller (upper) and Dulux Snowy Mountains (lower). A dado rail separates the elegant two-tone surface.



CHOOSE YOUR WIDTH  
FOR DIFFERENT EFFECT



A modern scalloped design characterised by undulating curves and contours forms a sophisticated and tactile surface. Available in a variety of widths.



Scallop 45 installed across a dining room wall in Dulux Heavenly.



A three-quarter wall application of Classic VJ 100 is applied to a classic hallway entry finished with wide skirting, a small shelf, and Dulux Snowy Mountains paint.



**Classic VJ**

Vertical panelling separated by traditional angled joints. These are the classic panels you know and love.

**DOWNLOAD THE BROCHURE THE INSPIRATION GALLERY FOR MORE DETAIL ON PROFILES, TECHNICAL DRAWINGS, SHEET SIZES AND MORE**

**Heritage**

An update on traditional timber panelling featuring wider boards defined by understated, curving joints. Heritage panels are designed for period houses and contemporary settings alike as a nod to tradition.





**INSIDER TIP:**

Surround by Laminex panels must be stored for a **minimum 48 hours** in the same environmental conditions as their eventual place of use.

Factor in this time to ensure panels don't bow or shrink post-installation.



## PLANNING MAKES PERFECT

Carefully planning the design, order, and install of your Surround by Laminex panels is key to the DIY process. Create a schedule for a clear understanding of how long the project will take and what it will cost.

Key milestones	To do	Done
<b>Four weeks in advance</b>	– Measure your wall/s	<input type="checkbox"/>
	– Determine the number and size of panels required	<input type="checkbox"/>
	– Order from your chosen stockist	<input type="checkbox"/>
<b>Three weeks in advance</b>	Purchase or hire equipment required for installation:	
	– Tools	<input type="checkbox"/>
	– Paint	<input type="checkbox"/>
	– Accessories to finish	<input type="checkbox"/>
<b>Two days in advance</b>	Acclimatise panels for a minimum 48 hours in the room they'll be installed	<input type="checkbox"/>
<b>Install day</b>	Cut, install, and paint your panels.	<input type="checkbox"/>

**BUDGET PLANNING IS JUST AS IMPORTANT AS THE LOGISTICS. CALCULATE IF YOU NEED TO BUY OR HIRE TOOLS FOR INSTALLATION, IN ADDITION TO THE COST OF PAINT AND ACCESSORIES.**



**Opposite**  
Batten 100 installed across a wall and ledge characterises a coastal bedroom scheme in Dulux Harmonious.

# GET PREPARED

## Measure your surface

Carefully measure the height and length of your wall or surface to calculate how many Surround panels are required.

### INSIDER TIP:

Remember to allow for 10mm expansion gaps at the top and bottom of the panels when you cut them to size.

This is because MDF responds to the humidity and temperature of the surrounding environment, affecting the moisture content of the product, resulting in panel dimension change.

SEE THE FULL RANGE OF  
PANEL SIZES AND WIDTHS  
AVAILABLE [HERE](#)



## Wall type

Determine what surface you'll be applying panels to: timber stud walls; steel framed walls; brick; block; masonry; or plaster for the correct installation method.



### INSIDER TIP:

Thoroughly read the Surround by Laminex Fabrication & Installation Manual at the start of your project to make sure you prepare and apply the panels correctly.

## What you'll need

Here's a checklist of basics you'll need to complete the job.

Safety glasses	Circular saw
Face mask	Jigsaw
Ear protection	Drill, nail gun or hammer
Safety gloves	Screws or nails
Tape measure	Construction adhesive
Pencil	Putty & putty knife
Spirit level	Sanding sponge
10mm spacers	Paint brushes
Stud finder	Masking tape

## Openings and cut-outs

Account for existing or planned windows, doors and openings, power outlets, switches, controls, and vents when measuring your space. Any access cut-outs must not occur less than 150mm from the edge of the panel.



## Dado rails

The addition of a dado rail is recommended to finish the join between contrasting surfaces.



This calming bedroom features  
Demi Round 20 in a neutral Dulux Ecrú.



## WHERE & HOW TO BUY SURROUND BY LAMINEX

Surround by Laminex panels are a ready-made product available to be purchased online or in store.

### Where to get them

Surround by Laminex panels are available to purchase online from leading retailers such as Bunnings, Mitre 10, Bowens and Dahlsens. If you prefer to buy in store, you can also visit the special orders desk or service counters and speak to a staff member who can place an order for you. Find your nearest store by clicking on the links

It is a good idea to call up / check with your local hardware store to find out if your chosen profile and sheet size is stocked on shelf or needs to be ordered in.

- TAKE ME TO:
- BUNNINGS WAREHOUSE
  - MITRE 10
  - BOWENS
  - DAHLSSENS



### INSIDER TIP:

#### Special orders

Check product lead times in advance to ensure everything can arrive before install day. Special orders may require additional time.

## TIME TO INSTALL

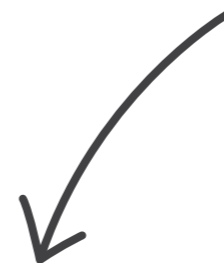
It's the day you've been waiting for – getting those panels up! Follow the detailed instructions for your panels and interior surface and watch the space transform before your eyes.

The following instructions are for affixing panels to plaster only. For other surfaces, consult the Surround by Laminex Fabrication & Installation Manual.

### Installation

To begin installation, start from the corner and work across the wall.

Apply a generous amount of construction adhesive in the location of each stud and noggin.



Then position the panel on the wall.

Use spacers to ensure there is a 10mm expansion gap at the top and bottom of the panel.

Using a spirit level, ensure the sheet is accurately positioned.



When fixing the panel to the frame, space the nails/or screws approximately 200 to 300mm apart; 50mm from the side where possible, but not less than 10mm, and no less than 10mm from the top and bottom of the panel.

Panels can be nailed by hand or nail gun or screwed into place.

A centre out pattern is recommended. If this is not achievable, fix along one side of the panel and work across.



Scallop 22.5 adds drama to a study nook styled with Dulux Ghosting Half and joinery in Laminex Shou Sugi.

The panels join using a tongue and groove system. Do not forcefully hit the sheets together.



Repeat the previous steps to complete the installation of the next panel.

To finish the installation, cut the final panel using your measurements and fix into position. Once the panels are fixed to the wall, remove the spacers.

**WHETHER YOU ARE APPLYING TO**

- **TIMBER OR STEEL FRAMED WALLS,**
- **BRICK WALLS OR BLOCK WALLS,**
- **PLASTER WALLS OR**
- **PARTIAL WALLS**

**FIND THE RIGHT  
INSTALLATION INSTRUCTIONS  
FOR YOUR PROJECT HERE.**

#### **INSIDER TIP:**

For detailed information on installation, safety and product warranty, refer to our [document library](#) where you will find:

Installation and Fabrication Manual

Design and Specification Guide

Technical Data Sheet

Safety Data Sheet

Product Warranty



#### **Finishing**

Use putty to fill in any nail or screw holes, allow adequate drying time before you sand and paint.

Lastly, install skirting boards, cornices and dado rails as necessary.



**\* YOUR WALL IS NOW  
READY TO PAINT!**



Demi Round 40 features in this hardwearing family living room, painted in Dulux Natural Flora.



## FINISHING TOUCHES

Style your painted Surround by Laminex panels with a balance of key interior design elements: space; lines; form and shape; pattern; light; and texture.

Your DIY weekend is now complete!

Scallop 45 creates a calming reading nook painted in Dulux Tranquil Retreat.



### Texture

Surround by Laminex panels range from subtle to statement finishes that offer instant texture and tactility. Balance contrasting neutral, tactile, and natural materials to ensure a harmonious overall scheme.

## Accessories

Accessorise your Surround by Laminex panels with hooks and wall dots to offer storage space in mud rooms and home entrances.

Batten 100



Batten 25



### Proportion

Designate a maximum 60 percent floor space to style a complete looking yet uncrowded room. Two thirds of furniture should be hero pieces, with one third for alternate seating and storage.

Batten 100



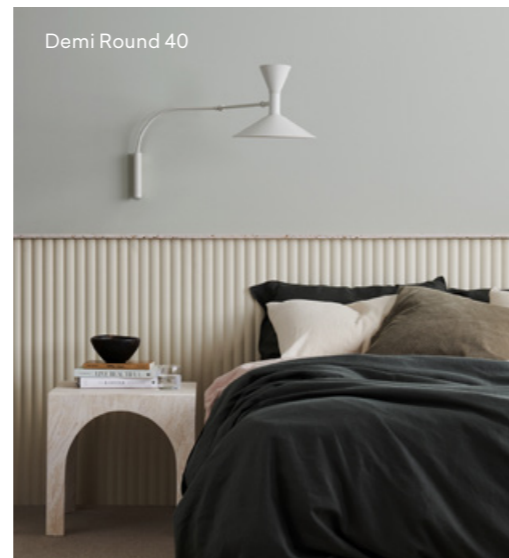
### Layering

Layering rooms in a range of shapes, patterns, art, and soft furnishings creates a lived-in feel. Integrate treasured sentimental items with hero furniture pieces for a personalised and practical space.

### Lighting

Introduce multiple warm-toned lamps and pendants to softly illuminate living and sleeping areas. Kitchens and studies may benefit from overhead task lighting.

Demi Round 40



Demi Round 40



### INSIDER TIP:

Shop for fittings, homewares, and accessories in these designer stores.

[Designstuff](#)

[The Hub General Store](#)

[Norsu Interiors](#)

[Makers' Mrkt](#)

[Greenhouse Interiors](#)

[Jumbled](#)

[Adairs](#)

[Gingerfinch](#)

[Provider Store](#)

[The Society Inc](#)

### **Technical and warranty Information**

All technical information including Availability Guides, SDS, Technical Data Sheets, Fabrication & Installation Guide and Warranties are located at [surroundbylaminex.com.au](http://surroundbylaminex.com.au)

Surround by Laminex products have a 12 month warranty.

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