

Simple French Cleat System

1. Rip the French cleat strips for the wall to 4 in. wide. Then reset the saw to 45 degrees and adjust the fence to leave about a 1/8-in. flat area at the point of the bevels. Cut the 45-degree bevels on the strips. Repeat the process for the accessory cleats, but rip them to 2-1/2 in. wide.
2. Space the cleats with a 2×4 block and secure them with a pair of 1-1/4-in. trim-head screws spaced every 16 in. Keep the screws 1 in. from the top and bottom of the cleats.
3. Once you build a French Cleat tool wall, you need to start adding tool holders and tools. Most tool holders take less than 20 minutes to build.
4. French Cleat Tool Holders:
<https://www.familyhandyman.com/project/how-to-build-a-french-cleat-tool-storage-wall/>