

Installation Instructions



Using RedGard® Liquid Waterproofing Membrane



- 1. Trace the footprint of the niche onto the wall.**
Temporarily hang cement backerboard. Align the niche with a stud and trace the footprint of the niche onto the cement backerboard. It is

recommended that you install the niche in a portrait orientation, to accommodate tall shampoo bottles. Then, cut out the hole. Remove backerboard.



- 2. Secure the niche with screws.**
Screw the shower niche into the vertical stud, using two or more 1.5"–2" galvanized steel screws. You may wish to drill guide holes before you insert the niche. The niche should

protrude from the stud by 1/2". Make sure that the niche face will be flush with the front of the backerboard once installed.



- 3. Install cement backerboard.**
Cut hole in backerboard to fit niche. Install cement backerboard, such as WonderBoard® Lite brand backerboard. Apply Custom Shower Installation Systems Sealant over screws and smooth with putty knife. Apply backerboard tape around perimeter.



- 4. Apply two liberal coats of RedGard® brand Liquid Waterproofing Membrane to seam with brush.**
See the RedGard® Waterproofing and Crack Prevention Membrane Technical Data Sheet for additional instructions

on vertical waterproofing methods. The niche can be tiled once the RedGard® Waterproofing Membrane has dried completely by turning from pink to red (typically 90 minutes depending on temperature and humidity).

Note: If you are installing the RedGard® Shower Niche with a plastic membrane behind a cementitious backerboard (WonderBoard® Lite), allow enough slack in the plastic to accommodate the depth of the niche. Do not cut the plastic.

Interior of niche is pre-waterproofed with RedGard® Liquid Waterproofing Membrane. Any marks or holes in waterproofing membrane need to be resealed to ensure waterproof performance.

Using RedGard® Fabric Membrane



- 1. Trace the footprint of the niche onto the wall.**
Take the pre-formed CUSTOM® Shower Installation Systems Shower Niche, and hold it up to the wall. It will need to be screwed into a stud, so line up

one of its vertical edges with a vertical wood stud and use a level to ensure the accuracy of your positioning. It is recommended that you install the niche in a portrait orientation, to accommodate tall shampoo bottles. Use a pencil to trace the footprint of the pre-formed Shower Niche onto the drywall or cement backerboard (such as CUSTOM's WonderBoard® Lite).



- 2. Cut the footprint out of the drywall.**
Use a razor or saw to cut along the lines of the footprint outline.



- 3. Punch out the footprint.**
Punch out the footprint by banging one of the corners. It should twist out nicely if the cuts were deep enough.



- 4. Insert the shower niche.**
Insert the pre-formed Shower Niche into the wall. Shave the edges of the drywall or backerboard if the fit is too tight. Niche should be pushed flush with the outer surface of the wall board.



- 5. Secure the niche with screws.**
Use two or more 1.5"–2" galvanized steel screws to secure niche against stud. You may wish to drill guide holes before you insert the niche. Two screws will secure the niche in most instances.



- 6. Cover screws with sealant.**
Cover screws with CUSTOM® Shower Installation System Sealant and smooth the sealant with a putty knife.

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- 7. Fit RedGard® Fabric Membrane over the niche, and mark the location of the niche on the fabric membrane.**
Use thumbtacks to hang the piece of RedGard® Fabric Membrane that you will use for the wall around the

Shower Niche. Use a marker to mark the four corners of the Shower Niche. You should actually be able to see the border of the pre-formed niche through the RedGard® Fabric Membrane in good lighting, but if it is not visible, you can feel for the edge. Make your marks inside the outer edge of the niche frame.



- 8. Cut a hole for the niche in your RedGard® Fabric Membrane.**

Take the membrane down and lay it on a smooth, clean surface such as a work bench. Use a straight edge to connect two corners of the niche, and cut a straight line between them. Continue cutting lines between corners, until you can remove the membrane that would be in front of the niche.



- 9. After you apply the membrane to the wall, seal the edges of the niche with pre-formed corners and RedGard® Fabric Membrane Strips.**

After you apply the RedGard® Fabric Membrane to the wall, you will need pre-formed outside corner pieces and RedGard® Fabric Membrane Strip to seal the outer perimeter of the pre-formed niche to the membrane that surrounds it. The corner pieces will require some trimming. The CUSTOM® Shower Installation Systems Shower Niche comes with factory-applied RedGard® brand waterproofing, so the RedGard® Fabric Membrane is only needed to waterproof the edge where the niche and backerboard meet.



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