

**\*\*No glues, construction adhesives, epoxies, or similar should be used at any time when installing wood surfaces\*\***

These adhesives will inhibit hardwood's natural movement and will create tension in the top and/or what it is adhered to, leading to warping or cracking in your top or damage to your desk's base.

\*Unfinished pieces must be sealed immediately upon receipt to protect the wood from warping and/or glue joint separation. Unfinished pieces are not covered under [warranty](#)\*

We build every piece to have a distinct top and bottom. This should be apparent either from the appearance of your piece or the top edge profile. We ship every piece top side up, but if you have any questions about orientation, don't hesitate to reach out to one of our staff members.

#### 1. Acclimating your hardwood top:

Once received, bring your top into the area where it will be installed, unwrap it, and store it flat and lift it far enough off the ground so air can flow around all sides of the piece evenly. Since hardwood is susceptible to moisture changes in the air, it will need approximately 5 days to acclimate to your home's climate. **Your desk should not be left uninstalled for more than 10 days**, as the prolonged opportunity for wood movement will increase the risk of warping.

#### 2. Locating and selecting your installation points:

Your installation points will vary depending on the design of your base, but once your base is assembled we recommend referencing the manufacturer's instructions to better understand where to fasten the top to the base. The most essential installation points will be located along the perimeter of your piece.

The hole of each installation point should be 1/8" larger than the screw threads itself (for example: #8 screws require a 1/4" hole). The oversized hole allows the wood to expand and contract freely along the width as needed due to seasonal changes in our weather / environment.

#### 3. Assembling pieces that have joints:

If your desk has either a butt joint or a miter joint you should have received the wood tenons and draw bolts needed to complete this step in the process. A 5mm hex key will be needed to tighten the included drawbolts.

Insert the wood tenons into the mortis milled along the inside of the joined edges on one of the pieces and bring them together. Once the pieces are together slide the draw bolts into the channels milled into the bottom of the pieces and tighten them until the pieces are snug. Repeat this process on any joined pieces.

#### 4. Positioning your desk for installation:

Place your desk top on the base and position it as it is meant to be installed. Find the center of each mounting hole on the base and pre-drill into the butcher block using a drill bit adequately sized in diameter to accommodate the threads of your screws, making sure to mark your depth so as not to drill all the way through your butcher block.

#### 5. Fastening your piece:

We recommend either using washer head screws or fitting each of your installation screws with a large fender washer. Tighten screws only to the point where they pull the butcher block snug with the base– **do not over-tighten**. If your screw is too tight, it will prevent the wood from expanding and contracting as necessary and need to be loosened.

If your piece is 1" thick or less it is recommended that your screws thread at least half way into your piece and if your piece is 1.5" thick or greater it is recommended that  $\frac{3}{4}$ " of thread is fastened into your piece.

#### 6. Supporting overhang:

You may refer to our [overhang guidelines](#) to determine whether additional supports will be needed for your order.

#### 7. Care and maintenance:

Please refer to our [care guides](#) for more information on how to properly maintain the integrity of your piece.

#### 8. Standalone tops:

Our tops may be used for dining tables, desks, and more. The directions above are specifically related to tops that will be fastened to & fully supported by a desk base. Should you desire to use a different variation of attachment, please ensure that your top will be supported across the width to prevent cupping or feel welcome to inquire about other stability options including our offered recessed steel c-channels.

Please reach out to an Armani Fine Woodworking team member with any additional questions regarding installation or how to care for your hardwood top.