

FREE IKEA Wardrobe Assembly Preparation Checklist (PDF)

Download a printable checklist covering room measurements, ceiling clearance, required tools, wall preparation and safety checks before starting your IKEA wardrobe installation.

1. ROOM MEASUREMENTS & LAYOUT MAPPING

☐ Verify Footprint and Horizontal Layout Margins

Measure the exact width and depth available along the floor line [cite: 5]. Account for baseboard thickness and potential skirting runouts to ensure the cabinet fits squarely without binding against architectural steps [cite: 5].

☐ Map Out Floor Contour and Sloping high-points

London floors rarely feature perfectly level lines [cite: 1, 18]. Run a spirit level across the entire workspace perimeter prior to build so you can deploy leveler feet shims early and pull the total torque safely backward against the partitions [cite: 18, 24, 26, 28].

2. VERTICAL CLEARANCE & CEILING PROFILE

☐ Verify Height Profile Across Multiple Points

Measure ceiling clearances at the left, center, and right boundaries where the wardrobe frames will stand [cite: 5]. Beams or sagging architectural lines can severely restrict available space [cite: 5].

☐ Evaluate Vertical Tilt Clearance Limits

IKEA PAX units require distinct height spaces to stand up safely after being built flat [cite: 2, 26]. If vertical margins are extremely tight (less than 1cm clearance), skip flat construction completely and assemble the main chassis vertically from the ground up [cite: 1, 2, 10, 26].

3. ESSENTIAL ASSEMBLY TOOLS CHECKLIST

☐ Audit Your Toolkit Before Opening Packages

Ensure you have a long spirit level (minimum 60cm), rubber mallet, pozi/flathead screwdrivers, tape measure, and soft lead pencil on hand [cite: 7]. Never assemble straight out of delivery bags without verifying core tools [cite: 18].

4. PARTITION PREPARATION & OBSTRUCTION MAPPING

☐ Locate Wall Stud and Substrate Framing

Furniture systems over 75cm high strictly require mandatory wall anchoring [cite: 10, 14, 20]. Use a detector to isolate solid timber wall studs or brick masonry lines, rather than drilling blindly into hollow drywall zones [cite: 5, 9, 28].

☐ Conduct Electronic Pipe & Cable Sweeps

Scan targeted mounting partitions using multi-detector electronic sweep sensors [cite: 10, 14]. This prevents punctures into hidden electrical wiring grids or internal running water channels [cite: 2, 8, 10, 14, 28].

5. SAFETY PROTOCOLS & AREA PROTECTION

☐ Establish Surface Protective Shielding

Flatten the cardboard delivery packaging sheets completely over the room floor footprint area [cite: 7, 11, 26]. This creates an active protective boundary that fully shields floor finishes and delicate panels from scuffs [cite: 7, 11, 26, 28].

☐ Secure Assistance and Partner Lift Support

Heavy flatpack wardrobes or multi-unit dividers strictly require team weight handlers [cite: 9, 28]. Plan a clear partner lift strategy for lifting or tilting structural segments to keep joint brackets from fracturing under shear strain [cite: 7, 9, 22, 28].



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