

# How to Drill Custom Faucet holes

The drilling of faucet holes will be seen as acceptance of quality.

**We strongly recommend that you use a suitably qualified installer. Instructions must be adhered to. We cannot accept responsibility of incorrect installation. Victoria & Albert customer service representatives are not qualified to give advice on DIY installations.**

**Note:** ENGLISHCAST™ is drillable with standard drill bits and hole saws.

**The rims of some V&A models are suitable for mounting faucets - always check the relevant technical sheet before drilling.**

- a. Locate the center of the faucet ledge for the faucet holes using the center of the overflow hole as a guide. Be sure the faucet is located on the flat area on the tub and that there is enough space under the rim to tighten the lock nut. Some of the rounder shaped roll faucets only give a little room for error.
  - b. **Mark the "center to center" dimensions** of the faucet holes required directly onto the rim of the tub using a pencil. Most faucets come with a technical drawing showing the "center to center" dimensions required. If not, you should assemble the faucet as it will be installed and measure your faucet.
  - c. **Double-check** your measurements by placing the faucet over the marks before drilling.
  - d. **Do not use a drill with the hammer/impact action turned on**
  - e. **Drill pilot holes in the rim** at each of the marks. Drill directly onto the surface of the tub. This hole should be just slightly smaller than the size of the pilot bit of your hole saw.
  - f. **Enlarge the holes** to the required size using the pilot holes as guides, 1<sup>3</sup>/<sub>8</sub>" is standard for most faucets.
- Use a sharp hole saw. If you don't the hole saw may bind while drilling, skip out of the hole and scratch the rim of the tub.



- Keep the drill speed moderately low. Apply just enough power to keep the hole saw cutting at an even rate. If the saw seems to be slowing down, increase the speed a little. Do not exert too much downward force, let the sharp hole saw do the work.
- Remove the scrap from the hole saw before drilling the next hole.

## Questions?

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