

To Locate a Wall Stud:

Wall studs are the vertical posts in the framework of the wall. Typically, they are 16 in. apart from each other.



1. Step 1

Rap on the wall with your knuckle.

2. Step 2

Move sideways along the wall, still rapping, and listen for a solid sound. Remember that studs are usually placed 16 or 24 inches apart - but you can't count on this. Studs may be located somewhat randomly, especially in older houses that have been remodeled.

3. Step 3

If you don't trust your ear, use an electronic stud finder, available at most hardware stores. It beeps or flashes when it passes over wall studs or ceiling joists.

4. Step 4

Try to locate the center of the stud. (This will be halfway between the edges detected by an electronic stud finder.)