

# ARCHWAYS — FIXING INSTRUCTIONS

As a precaution in existing homes turn off the electricity at the switchboard before cutting into the wall.

Cut an opening in the wall 50mm less than the overall width of the archway and fit studs to required width. Fit trimmer a minimum of 2150mm from the floor.

Fit dwangs across the corner of the opening to support the archway. Line the wall leaving 50mm extra to fit inside archway. Scribe the arc of the archway on the wall and cut wall lining to suit.

Trim the ends of the archway square as marked. Then fit the archway so that it is level, mark clearly where both ends meet the wall then remove the archway.

Mix cornice adhesive in a clean container. Pour in *clean water*, then sift cornice adhesive into the water. Allow a ratio of water to adhesive of 1 : 1.5. Leave to soak for about two minutes. Stir the mixture to a smooth paste (do not over mix), it should have a consistency of whipped cream. This mixture should remain workable for approximately 25 minutes.

Run a bead of cornice adhesive around

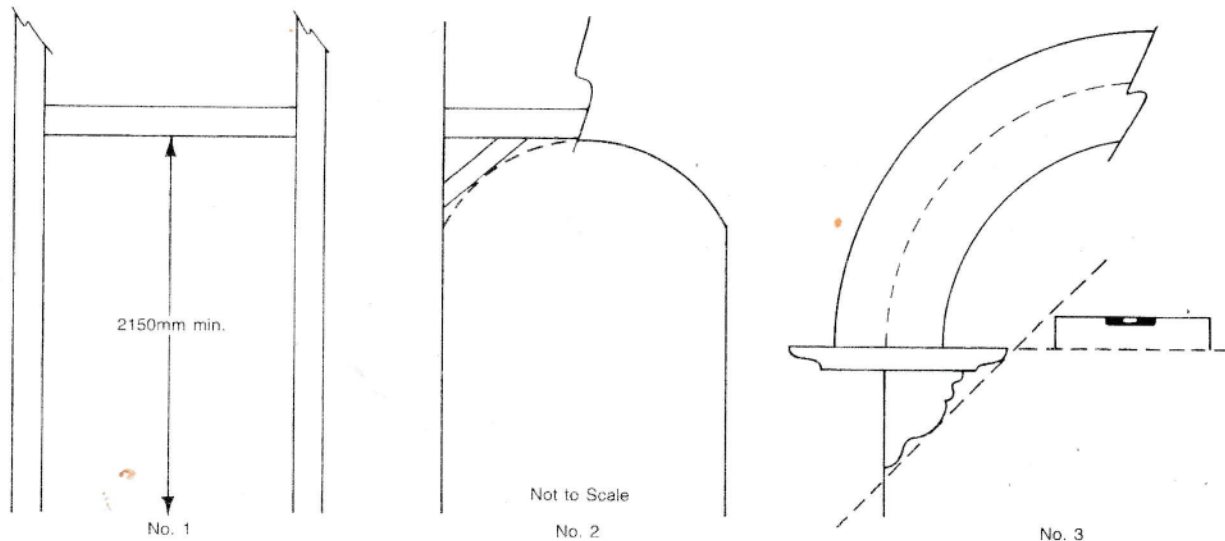
the inside of the archway and press into place. Line the archway up on the marks and secure with several temporary nails under the ends of the archway. Clean off any excess adhesive with a damp sponge or wet paint brush and leave archway to cure for one hour.

Remove temporary nails. Fit plate by cutting back out of the plate to recess back to the wall. The front of the plate should form a diagonal line with the corbel.

Run a bead of cornice adhesive around the top of the plate and the back of the corbel. Press plate and corbel into position and secure with temporary nails under the corbel and remove excess. Check that both plates are level.

Remove temporary nails when adhesive is cured, then fill gaps between archway and wall with cornice adhesive using a putty knife or plasterers small tool. Use sponge or brush to remove excess. Alternatively fill the gap with "No More Gaps".

Seal with a good quality oil-based sealer and then paint with an Alkyd Flat paint.



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