**Chris’ Mirror DIY Instructions**

Step 1:

First, you want to determine your ideal mirror size and what style you would like both the frame and mirror to be.

(For example: contemporary/modern or vintage/antique)

Step 2:

Next, I recommend having the glass cut by a professional. What we did was mask out a section on the wall we want to hang the mirror on to get a better sense of exactly how big we wanted it to be.

Step 3:

Select a trim style to match the mirror you picked. Then, cut the corners to 45 degree angles with a chop saw. If you don’t have a chop saw, a mitre box works, too!

Step 4:

Use a pin nailer and wood glue to fix the corners. After the glue dries, paint or stain the mirror.

Step 5:

Perhaps the most important step – backing! If you have a larger mirror you’ll want to make sure that you have a strong enough backing, or the mirror can break. Which, in my case, it did! Masonite is perfect for smaller mirrors. With bigger mirrors, step it up with bigger material, like MDF.

Step 6:

Mounting! I recommend using a French Cleat. It is a strong way to mount oversized pictures, mirrors, art and headboards. You can buy them at Home Depot - and they’re based on weight. Or, if you don’t want to purchase it, you can make one easily.