

How to Measure Your Window for the Perfect Fitting Blinds

Measuring correctly for your new window blinds couldn't be simpler. It's a great way to save lots of money and it takes just a few minutes. All you need to do is follow our easy, step-by-step measuring guides below. First of all make sure you have the following items to ensure that you avoid any mistakes.

You will need:

1. Most Important! A Steel Tape Measure (Fabric ones tend to stretch and give inaccurate measurements).
2. Paper or Note Pad
3. Pencil or Pen
4. You may need a step ladder and someone to hold one end of the Tape Measure.

What to do:

1. Always measure in MILLIMETRES for the greatest accuracy, measuring to the nearest 1mm for a perfect result.
2. Always measure WIDTH first and DROP second (W x D) as we ask for your dimensions this way (Industry Standard).
3. Always measure at least twice to avoid mistakes and double check your written sizes.
4. Make sure you check for obstructions that can have a reducing effect on your sizes, eg. Half tiled side walls, Dado rails, telephone points etc.
5. Make note of protrusions like window handles, window vents, alarm sensors or inward opening sashes that can prevent the fitting of the blinds where you would like them.

Standard Windows

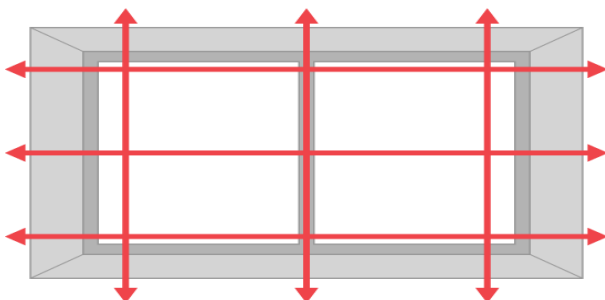
Face Fitting (Exact)

Measuring to fit to an Architrave

These are the measurements you'll need to take if you want to fit the blind to your window's architrave surround. In this case we will make your new blind to your specified dimensions without any deductions.

Dimensions required;

1. Measure the **width** from the outer edge of the architrave to the opposite outer edge.
2. Measure the **drop** from the top outer edge of the architrave to where you want the blind to finish.
3. When ordering State these dimensions as EXACT not Recess.



A Note on Roller Blinds:

When measuring the width, remember that you are measuring for the placement of the brackets, not the fabric width. The fabric on a roller blind is approximately 35mm narrower than the overall width you provide and you may get a light gap around the edges.

Measuring for Outside Recess Fit (Exact)

These are the measurements you need to take if you want your new blind to fit outside the window recess, overlapping on all sides.

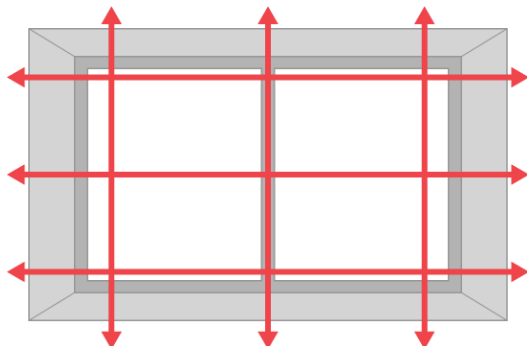
Measure the size of the recess then add 75mm (recommended) on all sides to ensure adequate coverage.

Therefore; Recess width plus 150mm and State as **Exact** Width
 Recess drop plus 150mm and State as **Exact** Drop

Or;

Measure the exact size of the area you would like the blind to overlap. To minimize light leakage we recommend that the blind **overlaps the window recess by about 75mm at the top, bottom and each side but it is up to you where you want the blind to finish.**

The overlap at the bottom of the blind is a matter of personal choice but if you are measuring for a blind that will come down to the floor **allow 10-15mm of clearance beneath the blind and floor.**



Measure in 3 places for both the width and the drop, Top – Middle – Bottom (**Width**) and Left – Middle – Right (**Drop**) and use the smallest measurements.

Top-Tip for All Blinds:

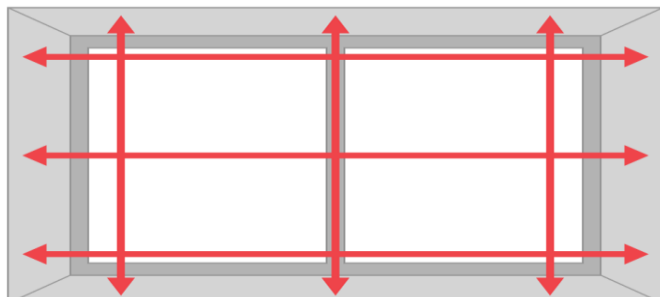
If you are **replacing an existing blind** with one of the same size, simply measure the blind (including its fittings) and specify EXACT fitting, we will make your new blind the same size as the original.

Top-Tip for Roller Blinds:

Take into account that you are measuring for the placement of the brackets, not the width of the fabric. On a roller blind, the fabric will be approximately 35mm narrower than the width you order, check that you have allowed enough overlap for the fabric to cover the area adequately.

Recess Fitting

These are the measurements you need to take if you want your new blind to fit inside the window recess. Measure the full width and height of the recess (the size of the hole if you like and we will make the appropriate deductions to ensure a perfect fit).



Measure in 3 places for both the width and the drop, Top – Middle – Bottom for Width and Left – Middle – Right for Drop and use the smallest measurements.

Top-Tip for Roller Blinds:

Remember that the brackets and operating mechanism are included in the width that you order (they all have to fit inside the recess). The result is that the fabric on a roller blind will be approximately 35mm narrower than the width measurement of the recess. This will result in a 17mm light gap down the side edges of the blind.

Don't make any deductions, we will do that for you to ensure your blind fits perfectly.

Remember, always Use a metal tape measure, cloth ones can stretch and give you inaccurate measurements and will result in ill-fitting blinds. Always double check the dimensions.

Top-Tips for Recess Fitting

Check that your recess is deep enough to fit the blind into, also bearing in mind any obstructions such as window handles, trickle vents, alarm or telephone points etc.. The table below gives the depth required for most types of blinds. If you have any protrusions stated here then the depth of the protrusion must be added to the required depths in the below table.

Blind Type (Minimum Recess Depth Required)

25mm Venetian Blind (35mm)
50mm Venetian Blind (70mm)
50mm Wood/Faux Wood (90mm)

Standard Roller Blind (65mm)
Senses Roller Blind (90mm)
Pleated Blind (35mm)

Roman Blind | Deluxe Raise (50mm)
Vertical Blind | 89mm Louvre (95mm)
Vertical Blind | 127mm Louvre (135mm)

Cellular Pleated Blinds (50mm)

If you have tiles part-way up your recess (often the case in kitchens and bathrooms) then the space between them is most likely to be the narrowest width point in the recess.

Measure between the tiles and give this as your RECESS measurement to ensure your blind will fit. You will need to top-fix or face-fix your brackets in this case.

Top-Tip for Roller Blinds:

Again, for roller blinds, it's slightly different. Measure at the top of the recess and between the tiles and compare those two measurements. If the **difference between the two is less than 25mm, use the measurement at the top of the recess.** If it's more, use the measurement between the tiles and add 25mm. This way the fabric and bottom bar will pass between the tiles with approx. 5mm clearance each side.

IF YOU ARE STILL UNSURE OF ANY OF THESE MEASURING INSTRUCTIONS, PLEASE JUST CONTACT US AND WE CAN HELP WITH ANY QUERIES.
