

How to Measure for Blinds

A Comprehensive Guide to Blinds

Choosing the right blinds can significantly enhance the aesthetic and functionality of your space. However, to achieve the perfect look, it's crucial to have accurate measurements. Here's a step-by-step guide to help you measure for blinds, ensuring a seamless and snug fit.

Understanding the Basics

Before we dive into the measuring process, it's essential to decide whether you want an inside mount or an outside mount. The choice will affect the measurement approach and the final appearance of your blinds.

Inside Mount

Inside mount blinds fit within the window frame, offering a sleek and clean look. This mounting style is ideal if you want to highlight the window's architecture. **We will deduct 10mm from your measurements enabling the blind to fit nicely with the window recess.**

Outside Mount

Outside mount blinds are installed on the wall above the window or on the window trim. This style can make windows appear larger and provide better light control and privacy. **We will not deduct anything from your measurements and make your blind to to your measurements (Blind Size)**

Tools You'll Need

To measure for blinds, you'll need the following tools:

- Steel tape measure
- Paper and pen or a digital device to record measurements
- Step ladder (for taller windows)

Measuring for Inside Mount Blinds

Step 1: Measure the Width

Measure the width of the inside of the window frame at three points: the top, middle, and bottom. Record the narrowest width to ensure the blinds will fit without obstruction.

Step 2: Measure the Height

Measure the height of the window frame from the top to the sill at three points: left, centre, and right. Record the longest height to ensure full coverage.

Step 3: Measure the Depth

Check the depth of the window frame to ensure it can accommodate the mounting hardware. Different types of blinds require varying depths, so consult the manufacturer's specifications.

Measuring for Outside Mount Blinds

Step 1: Measure the Width

Determine how much overlap you want on each side of the window. A standard recommendation is to add 2-3 inches on each side to ensure adequate coverage. Measure the overall width, including the desired overlap.

Step 2: Measure the Height

Decide where you want to mount the headrail (top of the blinds). Measure from that point to where you want the blinds to end, typically 2-3 inches below the window sill for optimal coverage.

Step 3: Check for Obstacles

Ensure there are no obstacles like window handles, trim, or furniture that could interfere with the blinds' operation.

Additional Tips

- **Double-check Measurements:** Always measure twice to avoid errors.
- **Use a Steel Tape Measure:** Fabric tape measures can stretch, leading to inaccurate measurements.
- **Record Clearly:** Ensure your measurements are recorded clearly and labeled appropriately.

- Consider Window Shape: If your window is not a standard shape, consult a professional for precise measurements.

Common Mistakes to Avoid

- Not Measuring in Multiple Places: Windows are not always perfectly square. Measure at multiple points to ensure accuracy.
- Ignoring Depth Requirements: Ensure your window has enough depth for the blinds you choose.
- Forgetting the Overlap: For outside mounts, forgetting to include the additional width for overlap can result in insufficient coverage.

Consulting Professionals

If you're unsure about taking measurements yourself, please make contact with us and we will be happy to advise you, or for larger projects a site visit could be organised.

Conclusion

Measuring for blinds may seem daunting, but with careful attention to detail and following these steps, you can achieve a perfect fit. Accurate measurements are crucial for both aesthetics and functionality, ensuring your blinds enhance your space beautifully. Whether you choose inside or outside mounts, the key is precision. Happy measuring and enjoy the new look of your windows!