

How to measure for Window Treatments

Measuring can be simple, but it is important you read over the instructions carefully first to ensure you understand them properly. You will need the following items:

- Writing tool and paper.
- A measuring tape in inches with a minimum 1/4" increment. (metal measuring tape is the best for accuracy)

First choose whether you want an inside or outside mount. An inside mount will go within a recess or framework and will highlight an attractive molding or window. Outside mounts will hang outside the opening of a recess, either on the frame or above and beyond the frame. If you outside mount, you can make a window appear larger or hide an unattractive window.



Inside Mount



Outside Mount

You also will need to ensure that you have the proper mounting surface for the blind or shade you choose. You must have a certain amount of surface to mount the brackets to your wall or window in order to securely mount your window treatment.

	Inside Mount	Inside Mount	Outside Mount
	Minimum Depth	Depth for a flush fit	Flat mounting surface
Wood or Fauxwood Blinds	1 1/2 in.	3 in.	1 1/2 in.
Bamboo Shades	1/2 in.	2 in.	1/2 in.
Cellular or Roman Shades	1 3/8 in.	2 in.	1 3/8 in.
Solar Shades	1 in.	2 1/2 in.	1 in.

If you choose an inside mount.

Measure the width in three places, the top, middle and bottom of your window. Choose the smallest measurement and round down to the nearest 1/8". Write this number down as the width.

Measure the height in three places, the left, middle and right of your window. Choose the largest measurement and round up to the nearest 1/8". Write this number down as the height.

Choosing a product to order:

- If a solar, roman or cellular shade: ensure at least 1/8" smaller in width than the width you calculated and ensure the height is larger than the height you calculated.
- If a bamboo shade, faux or wood blind: ensure at least 1/4" smaller in width than the width you calculated and ensure the height is larger than the height you calculated.

If you choose an outside mount.

Measure the width in three places, the top, middle and bottom of your window. Round up to the nearest 1/8". Choose the largest measurement and round up to the nearest 1/8". Write this number down as the width.

Measure the height in three places, the left, middle and right of your window. Round up to the nearest 1/8". Choose the largest measurement and round up to the nearest 1/8". Write this number down as the height.

*Note for the width on solar shades - the solar screen material is about 1 1/2" less wide than the size your order so on outside mounts we recommend ordering at least 1 1/2" larger width than your window.

Choosing a product to order:

- Order both width and height at the same amount you calculated OR larger. The larger you make your size the more coverage you will have and less light gap potential.