

MEASURING FOR YOUR CUSTOM-MADE BLINDS



A simple guide from British Shutters

Measuring blinds to get the perfect fit is very easy but also very important. Follow this guide to ensure that when your blinds arrive, they fit perfectly.

You will need

1. A metal tape measure – you'll want one that reads in millimetres (mm), as all our measurements are based in millimetres.
2. A pencil or pen.
3. A measuring sheet. You can download a template we have prepared to help with this.



Let's get started

Firstly, take a look at the window or door that the blind is going to be fitted to. It can generally only go in a few positions. The position the blind can be installed in is usually dictated by the type of window, the window sill, the window latches or how deep the window frame is.

Method 1 - Inside Fit

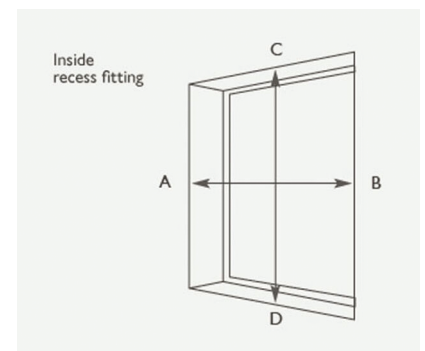
This is when the blind is fitted inside your window frame rebate.

Advantages

- The blind does not project out into the room as it is kept within the existing window frame.
- The blind is close to the glass, offering better insulation.

Disadvantages

- There will be small light gaps around the sides of the blind.



Method 2 - Outside Fit (or Face Fit)

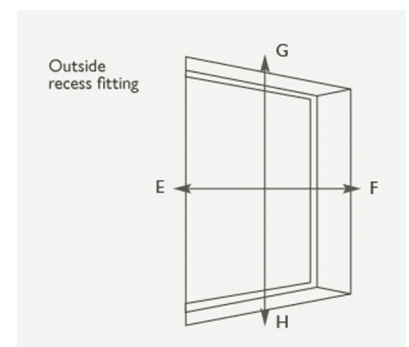
This is when the blind is fitted to the front of the frame, often across the top of any architrave around the window.

Advantages

- The blind overlaps the window frame, reducing the amount light coming around the sides of the blind.
- Covers the window completely.

Disadvantages

- The blind will encroach into the room and may look less aesthetically appealing.



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Where possible we recommend an Inside Fit as this keeps the blind close to the glass, offers better insulation and visually looks better. However, in some cases, due to the positioning of window or door handles, this may not be possible.

If you order your blinds as Inside Fit, when we manufacture the blinds we will take small deductions off the blind width and drop measurements you have provided to make sure they fit inside the frame rebate you have measured. Note that measurements you provide include all fittings.

If you order your blinds as Outside or Face Fit we won't take any deductions off the measurements you provide, but please note that measurements you provide include all fittings.

Measuring for an Inside Fit blind

Width

As some windows may not be perfectly square we suggest you take measurements in two locations within the frame:

- One across the **top inside** of the window frame
- One across the **bottom inside** of the window frame

Always supply us with the smallest measurement of the two. Remember to measure to the nearest millimetre.

Drop

As some windows may not be perfectly square we suggest you take measurements in two locations within the frame:

- One on the **left inside** of the window frame
- One on the **right inside** of the window frame

Always supply us with the smallest measurement of the two. Remember to measure to the nearest millimetre and from the position the blind will be installed in.

Example:

The below options give the depth of the window frame required to be able to fit the blind fully inside the window frame:

- Real Wood Venetian – 75mm (this includes the fascia/pelmet)
- Faux Wood Venetian – 75mm (this includes the fascia/pelmet)

Measuring for an Outside (Face) Fit blind

Width

If your window rebate has architrave around it measure from the outside of the architrave on one side to the outside of the architrave on the opposite side to get a full width measurement. We suggest you take measurements in two locations on the outside of the window rebate:

- One across the **top** of the window rebate
- One across the **bottom** of the window rebate

Always supply us with the smallest measurement of the two. Remember to measure to the nearest millimetre.

Drop

If your window rebate has architrave around it measure from the top of the architrave at the top to the underside of the window sill (or architrave) at the bottom to get a full height measurement. We suggest you take measurements in two locations on the outside of the window rebate:

- One across the **left side** of the window rebate
- One across the **right side** of the window rebate

Always supply us with the smallest measurement of the two. Remember to measure to the nearest millimetre.

Important Note:

Make sure you look out for any obstructions. Remember that blinds can be lowered and lifted and some also tilt open and closed so make sure there are no obstructions where you want to position the blind that may get in the way when you operate it.

Other things to consider

Control side

All our blinds have controls on the left or the right to operate the blind – lift, lower and tilt – so you need to decide which will be the most convenient side for the controls to be positioned on. It is your choice but consider which side will be easiest to operate the blind from.

Control length

We are not all 6ft tall so work out, by standing next to the window, what the most convenient length of the control should be for you to be able to operate the blind comfortably.

Control length is measured from the top of window downwards, so if it is an Inside Fit blind place your tape measure on the inside of the window rebate at the top of the frame and measure downwards, and choose a measurement that will make the blind easy to operate.

And finally...

You are responsible for the measurements you provide to us so please take the time to make sure they are accurate. If, after you have placed your order, you think you have made a mistake or have provided the wrong measurement, we can usually alter the blind in most cases – however, this will incur an additional charge.