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HOW TO MEASURE FOR BLINDS: *A step-by-step guide*

Getting the right fit for your blinds is all about accurate measuring and this guide will help you measure with confidence.

WHAT YOU'LL NEED

- A metal tape measure (cloth tapes can stretch and give inaccurate results).
- A notepad and pen, or your phone, to record the measurements.
- A step ladder, when measuring tall windows or recesses.
- Measure in cm to get a more accurate measurement.

DECIDE HOW YOU WANT YOUR BLINDS TO FIT

Blinds can be fitted in two main ways:

1. Inside the recess (recess fit)

- The blind sits neatly inside the window frame.
- Creates a streamlined, fitted look.
- Best for windows without obstructions like handles or inward-opening doors.

2. Outside the recess (exact fit)

- The blind is fitted on the wall above and outside the window frame.
- Ideal if you want to block more light or if your window recess is shallow or uneven.

SPECIAL CONSIDERATIONS

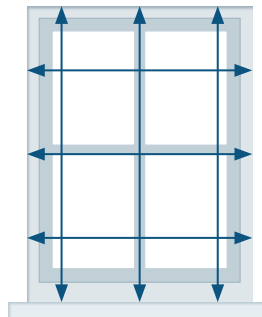
- **Obstructions:** Check for window handles, tiles, radiators, or inward-opening windows.
- **Depth:** For recess blinds, ensure the recess is deep enough for the blind type.
- **Pairing with curtains:** If combining blinds with curtains, allow space for both to fit comfortably.

DOUBLE CHECK BEFORE ORDERING

- Record measurements in centimetres (cm).
- Write down width first, then drop (e.g. W120cm x D150cm).
- Always measure twice for accuracy.

MEASURING FOR A RECESS FIT

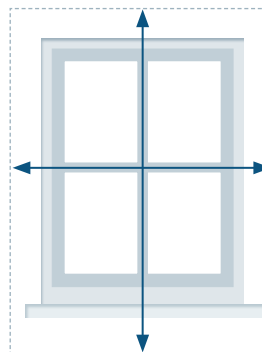
- 1. Measure the width of the recess in three places:** Top, middle, and bottom. Use the smallest measurement to ensure the blind fits properly.
- 2. Measure the drop (height) of the recess in three places:** Left, centre, and right. Use the smallest measurement.



Manufacturers will usually make a small deduction from your width for a perfect fit – so always give the exact recess size, not your own adjustment.

MEASURING FOR AN EXACT FIT (OUTSIDE RECESS)

- 1. Measure the width of the area you want the blind to cover.**
- 2. Measure the drop (height) from where you'll fit the blind to where you want it to finish.**



We recommend extending at least 5–10cm past each side of the window for better light control and privacy. And add at least 5–10cm above the window frame for fixing and light coverage.

NEED EXTRA HELP?

If you are not confident or your windows are an unusual shape you can always call us on 01328 850633 and we will be happy to help.