

Measuring to Perfection

How do you measure properly for installation?

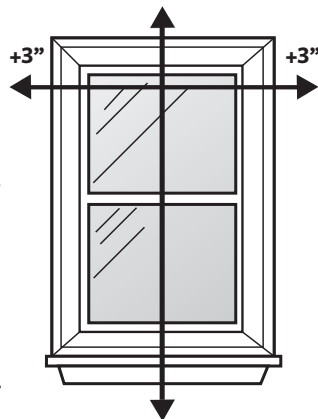
The key to proper measurement is to measure each window height or opening in three different places and every window width or opening in three different places.

Even in standard-sized windows, there can be slight imperfections that can affect the fit of your sun shades. Always use a steel tape measure, never a cloth tape.

Mounting Outside of Casing or Frame:

Outside mount shades extend beyond the window or opening to block the most light and provide the greatest privacy.

Therefore when measuring the width of the space be sure to add at least 6" (at least 3" on each side) to allow for overlap. Measure the opening height to allow space for mounting brackets above the opening as desired, plus add enough overlap for the bottom.



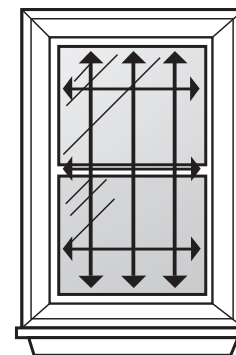
If you are unsure of how to measure, or the best mounting option for you, refer to the below guide or ask an associate for help.

TIP:

Always try and install your sun shade on a level surface to allow for proper operation.

Mounting Inside of Casing or Frame:

For inside mount shades, allow for a minimum casing depth of 2 1/2". If mounting a full valance shade, you will need a casing depth of at least 3 1/2". (If not, you will need to outside mount your shades.)



In three different places, measure the inside width of the window casing from one inside edge to the other. Record the narrowest measurement to the nearest 1/8", rounding down if necessary.

Then in three different places, measure the inside height of the window casing from one inside edge to the other. Record the longest measurement to the nearest 1/8", rounding down if necessary.

Important

Coolaroo® Exterior Sun Shade width measurements are bracket to bracket. Actual fabric width will be 2 1/4" less or 1 1/8" less on each side.



Keep in mind...

When measuring, don't be surprised if your windows aren't square - many aren't. If they're a little out of square, it probably won't be noticeable. If your window is significantly out of square, you might want to consider an outside mount to cover the window.