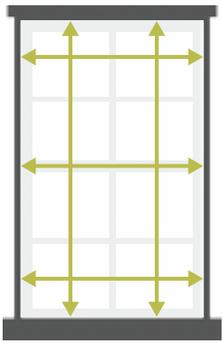


## Measuring Tips

1. Use a steel tape measure for best accuracy.
2. Round each measurement to the nearest 1/8".
3. Always record width (left to right) first, and then height (top to bottom).

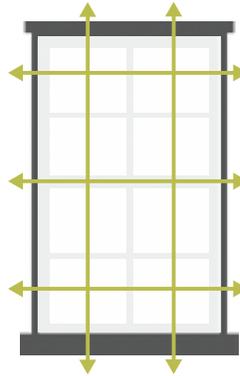
### 1. Choose Inside or Outside Mount

An inside mount fits inside the window casing. An outside mount hangs above the window or on the wall surrounding the window. We recommend an inside mount whenever possible.



#### Choose an inside mount to:

- Give your window a clean, simple look
- Highlight attractive window moldings
- Free up the wall space that would be used when installing an outside mount



#### Choose an outside mount to:

- Minimize light gaps and offer more privacy
- Make your window appear larger
- Hide windows that are crooked or unattractive
- Clear obstructions in the window casing (like cranks) that would interfere with an inside mount

### 2a. Measure your Window (Inside Mount)

For your convenience, we also have a printable measuring worksheet available at our website.

#### Mounting Depth

Now that you've selected your blind or shade, you have to make sure the window frame is deep enough to fit your product.

- Find your product's mounting depth in the "Measure and Install Specs" tab on the information page for the product.
- Measure the depth of the frame from the wall to the window glass.
- If the window frame is shallower than the "fully recessed" depth indicated, select an Outside Mount – or choose a valance with short returns to cover the sides of your brackets. Check individual products for availability and return size offered.

#### Width

- Start your measurement at the depth where you plan to mount your window treatment.
- Measure the exact window opening at the top.
- Record the narrowest measurement of the three, and round to the nearest 1/8".

#### Height

- Start your measurement at the depth where you plan to mount your window treatment.
- Measure the **exact window opening** at three places: left, right and center.
- Record the **shortest** height.

**Please note:**

**Factory Deductions:** Inside mounted products have a light gap between 1/8" and 1/4" on either side of the window – this gap is required in order for the product to operate properly. Our factory will make necessary deductions to the exact window measurements you provide to ensure your product will fit perfectly in your window. **Do not make your own deductions.** To block more light, select an Outside Mount.

**Squareness:** Don't be surprised if your windows aren't symmetrical – many aren't. However, If your 3 width or height measurements vary by more than 1/2", the product may not operate properly, and the light gaps may be greater than expected. Consider an Outside Mount in this case.

## *2b. Measure your Window (Outside Mount)*

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Since an outside mount covers more than just the window frame, there are a few additions you will need to make to your measurements. We will make the product to the exact dimensions that you specify.

### **Width**

- Measure the width of the window opening.
- Add an overlap of 3" on each side of the window (6" total) to allow for more privacy and light blockage.

### **Height**

- Measure the height of the window opening.
- For the top: add a minimum of 2 1/2" in height to your measurements for the mounting brackets.
- For the bottom: measure to the window sill.

**Please note:**

**Floor-Length Vertical Blinds:** If you are mounting floor-length vertical blinds to the ceiling, you will need to deduct 1/2" from your total measurement so the vanes do not touch the floor.

### **Child Safety:**

Window covering cords can be a strangulation hazard for young children and pets. Please review our Child Safety information ([http://www.blinds.com/control/infopage?page=kidfriendly\\_blinds.html](http://www.blinds.com/control/infopage?page=kidfriendly_blinds.html)) to learn about products that are safer for kids.