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## Tips For Accurate Window Treatment Measurements

Always use a steel tape.

Measure each window.

Use a consistent method for measuring.

Measure to the nearest  $\frac{1}{4}$  inch.

### 1. Measure the Width:

For Inside Mount: Measure inside jamb to inside jamb, then subtract  $\frac{1}{4}$ ".

For Outside Mount: Measure outside casing to outside casing, then, while still on site, determine how far you want or can extend the treatment beyond the casing on each side.

Shades or Blinds -  $1\frac{1}{2}$ " on each side of casing

Top Treatments Only - 1 or 2 inches on each side of casing. The width of the window sill is a good rule of thumb.

Drapes or Curtains - at least 4 inches on each side of casing. To stack drapes off the window, add  $\frac{1}{4}$  of the window width to each side.

Wall to Wall Drapes - subtract 1 inch from wall to wall measurement. If decorative rods with finials are to be used, subtract at least 8 inches.

Existing Drapes - measure the width from bracket to bracket of existing rod.

Top Treatments Over Drapes - add 3 inches to width of drapes.

Be sure to consider:

whether stack back allowance or finial extensions will interfere with light switches, pictures, furniture, or walls that are nearby.

2. Measure the Length:

For Inside Mount: Measure inside head jamb to top of sill, then subtract  $\frac{1}{4}$ ".

For Outside Mount: Determine where the top of the overall window treatment will be located. Top of window treatment should be at least 4 inches above casing, 8 inches above casing if a top treatment is being used over drapes. Measure:

- (A) floor to top of casing
- (B) top of sill to top of casing
- (C) floor to bottom of crown moulding
- (D) top of window treatment down to 3 inches into glass.

Shades or Blinds - use top of sill to top of casing measurement (B), plus at least 3 inches. Or measure top of sill to bottom of crown moulding.

Full Length Drapes - use floor to bottom of crown moulding measurement (C).

Floor Length Drapes - use floor to top of casing measurement (A) plus at least 4".

Short Length Drapes - use top of sill to top of casing measurement (B), plus at least 10 inches.

Existing Drapes - measure from top of rod down to desired length.

Top Treatments - use top of window treatment down to 3 inches into glass measurement (D). This will be your shortest point of the top treatment. Long point may be  $\frac{1}{5}$  to  $\frac{1}{6}$  the length of the overall treatment.

Be sure to consider:

Decorative Rods - subtract as necessary.

Puddles - add 12 inches.

3. Determine the Projection:

For Inside Mount: Measure the flat area from the front of the jamb back to the window stop. Be sure this same measurement is consistent on the side and head jambs.

For Outside Mount:

Shades or Blinds - generally  $1\frac{1}{2}$ " or  $3\frac{1}{2}$ ".

Top Treatments Only - generally  $3\frac{1}{2}$ ".

Drapes or Curtains - generally  $3\frac{1}{2}$ ".

Top Treatments Over Drapes - generally  $5\frac{1}{2}$ ".

Write everything down as you measure, do not try to remember several measurements at one time.

Use a Standardized Form that you understand. It will force you into a habit of measuring each part of the window.

Although the size of the casing and dimensions of window panes may help proportion the treatment, do not depend on adding each of these dimensions together at a later date to come up with the overall size of the treatment. Take the overall dimensions as described above and then make notes of optional dimensions.