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A guide to measuring curtains,
pelmets, fabric blinds and roller blinds.

Curtains and Pelmets

Whether this is the first time you have measured up curtains or you are an old hand its always comforting to know your measurements are correct. You can use these guides to help make sure you get exactly what you want for your windows.

Key Points

- Fix the track or pole before measuring
- The track or pole should extend beyond the window on either side, to allow room for the curtains to be drawn back off the window,
- Always use a metal tape measure, as a cloth or plastic tape may stretch,
- Measure in centimetres or inches.

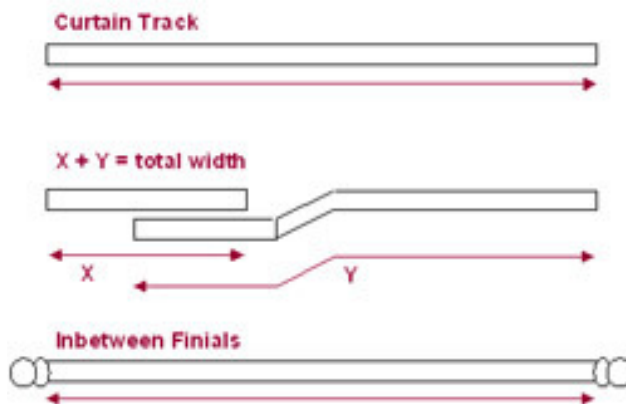
Curtain Width

Measure the track or pole itself, not the window.

For a single track, measure the overall length. If the track overlaps in the middle, include the overlap.

If you require 'returns', add these to the overall width.

For a curtain pole, measure the width of the pole between the decorative finials.



Curtain Length

If using a track, measure from the top of the track. If using a pole, measure from the hook of the ring and add 0.5 to 1cm depending on how much of the pole you want seen above the curtains. For eyelet, tab and tie-top curtains measure from the top of the pole.

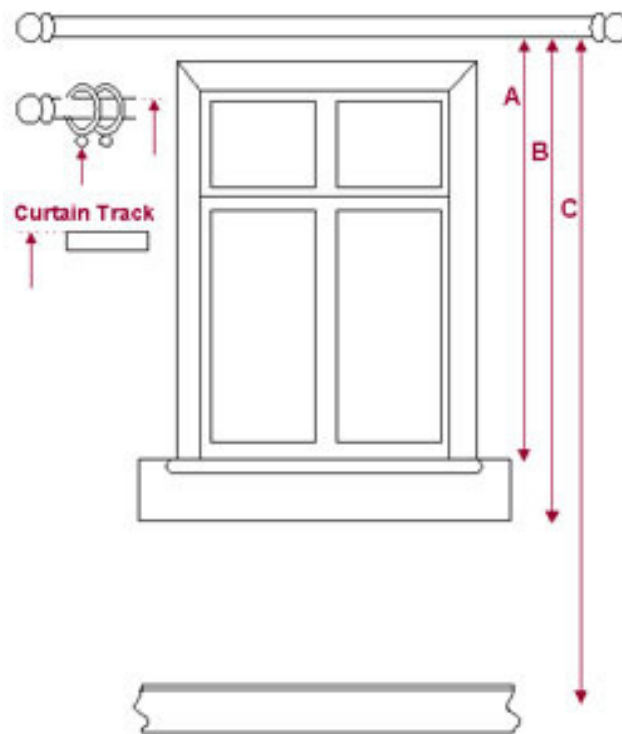
Measure to either: 1 cm above the sill for SILL LENGTH (A)

The desired length below for BELOW SILL LENGTH (B)

1 cm above the carpet for FULL LENGTH (C)

Add 5cm for curtains to break on floor

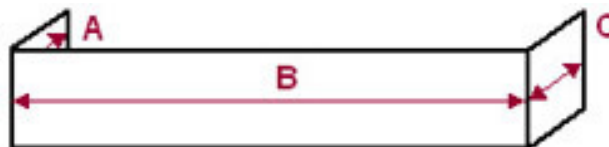
Add 15cm for curtains to pool on floor



Pelmet Width

Measuring for Pelmets is the same as the curtain width, but you must add in the returns.

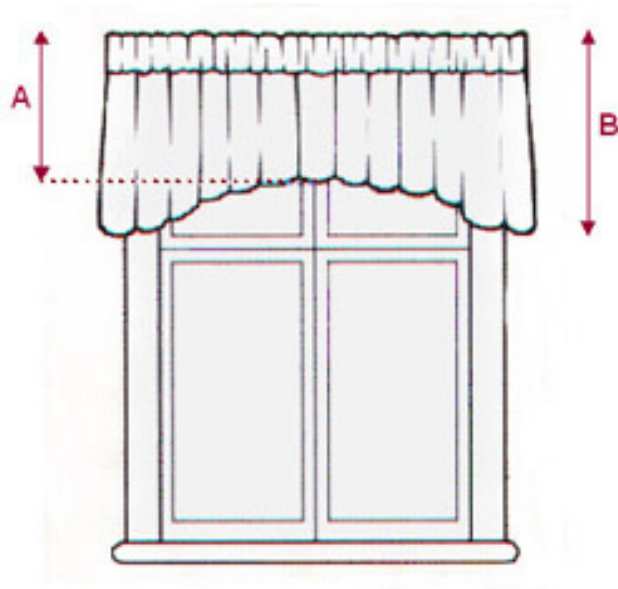
Pelmet width is $A + B + C$



Pelmet Length

To determine the ideal Pelmet length, divide the curtain length by six. E.g. If the curtains are 180cm long, you will require a Pelmet 30cm long.

For shaped Pelmets, the length is measured at the shortest point A i.e. the top of an arch. The length would normally vary by 20cm B.



Blinds

Blinds can sit either inside or outside a window recess. Before measuring it is important to decide which you want. Always use a metal tape measure, as a cloth or plastic tape may stretch. Try and make measurements for Austrian, Festoon, Roman and London Blinds in centimetres but Roller and Velux Blinds need to be measured to the nearest millimetre.

The finished width of a roller blind will be 38mm narrower than the width measurement to allow for the blind mechanism. Processed Roller Blinds can only be made up to a width of fabric.

It is not necessary to measure for Velux blinds. Simply quote the model number on the Velux frame and we will do the rest.

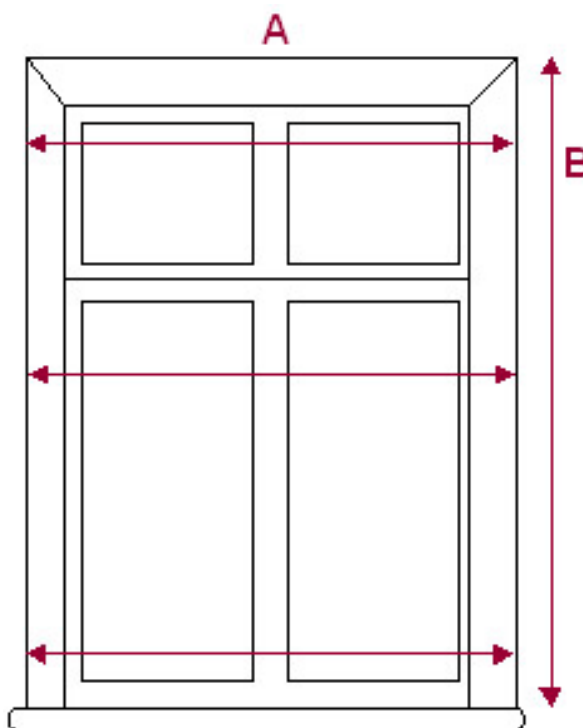
Inside a Window Recess

Measure the length from the top to the bottom of the recess. B.

Measure the width at the top of the window recess, where the blind is to be fitted.

Measure the width at two other points of the recess i.e the middle and the bottom.

Record the lowest measurement to ensure the blind does not snag when being lowered. A.

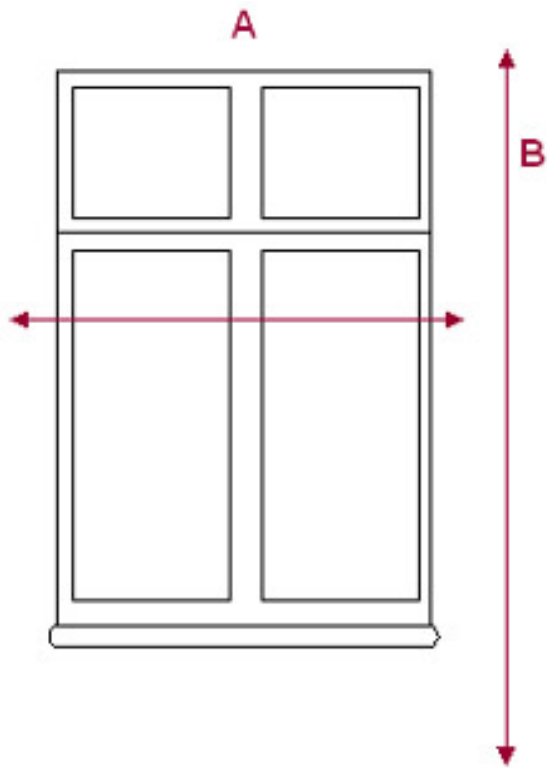


Outside a Window Recess

To obtain the length, measure from the required position above the window, down to the required finished length.

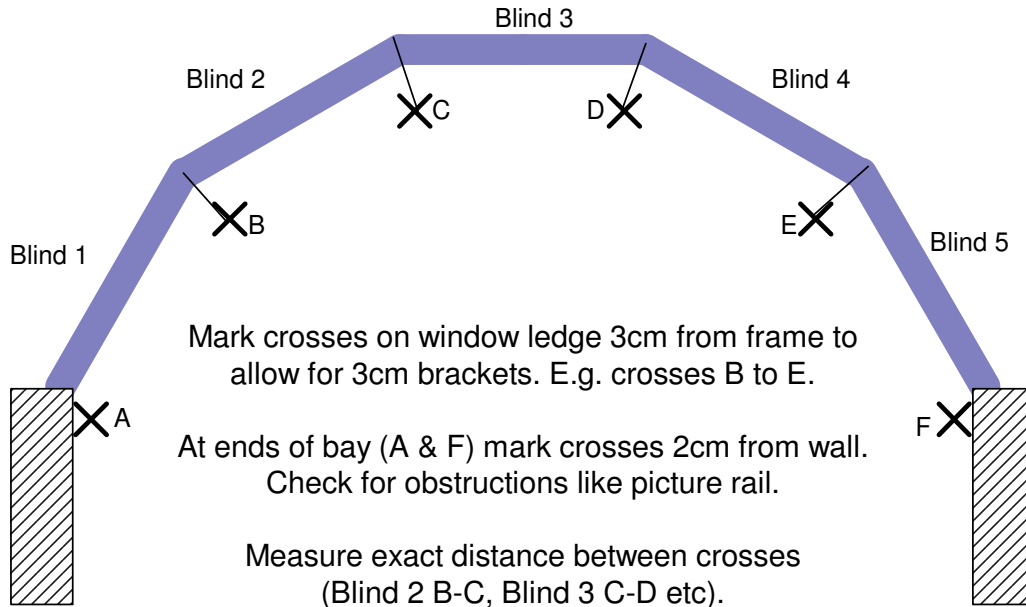
To obtain the required width, measure the width of the window and add how much you want the fabric to overlap the recess.

We suggest at least 5cm each side or you may want the width to be the same as the windowsill. For example width is $A + 50\text{mm} + 50\text{mm}$.



In a bay

How to Measure Roman Blinds in Bay Window



Write your measurements here

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Blind 2 (B-C)	<input type="text"/>	Blind 5 (E-F)	<input type="text"/>
Blind 3 (C-D)	<input type="text"/>		<input type="text"/>