

# CURTAINS & BLIND MEASURING GUIDE

## WIDTH

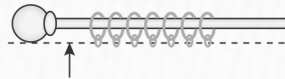
Start by measuring the width of the track or pole (inside finial to inside finial). When fitting a new track or pole, if possible this should be fitted 15cm above the window and 25cm each side of the window recess (this allows for the curtains to be stacked back away from the window).

If you have a track that overlaps you need to measure both sides of the track and add them together. You must measure the pole or track and not the window recess.

## HEADINGS

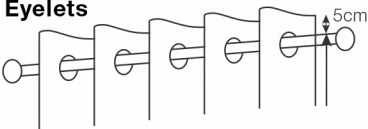
To measure for the finished drop you must first decide on the heading you want and whether you have a track or a pole, as this will determine where you start measuring from.

### Pencil and pinch pleat headings



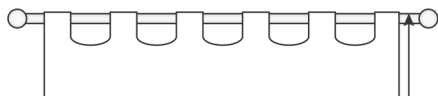
When using a track, measure from the top of the track. This is so that your curtain will cover the track when drawn. When using a pole, measure from the eye on the curtain ring to your finished drop. Your curtain will then hang beneath the pole. If you require your curtains to hang from a different position on the track or pole then you will need to measure from that point to your finished drop.

### Eyelets



Measure from the top of the pole to your finished drop, the eyelets are set 5cm down from the top and we make allowance for this when making up.

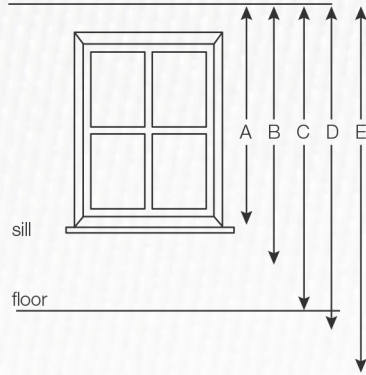
### Tab tops/tie tops



Measure from the top of the pole.

**Slotted** – There is normally a ‘stand up’ on this type of heading, please state how much ‘stand up’ you would like and the diameter of your pole in the comments box.

**Wave** – measure from the eye on the track/pole – specialist tracks and poles are required for this heading, please contact us to discuss.



## FINISHED LENGTH

You need to decide how long you want your curtains to be. They are usually hung:

**Sill length (A):** Sill length (A): Measure 0.5cm above the sill or to your requirements.

**Below sill (B):** 15-20 cm below the sill or 2cm above a radiator

**Floor length (C):** Measure 1cm above the floor or just touching

**Kicked (D):** Measure 2/3cm on the floor

**Puddled (E):** Allow 15-30 cm on the floor.

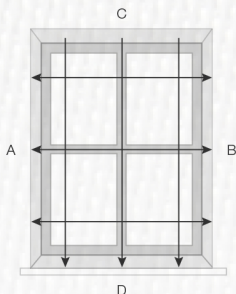
Take three measurements as floors or sills are not always level and take the shortest of the measurements.

## ROMAN & ROLLER BLINDS

**Blinds can be hung either inside or outside the window recess.**

### INSIDE RECESS

Make sure there aren't any obstructions such as window handles or tiles that will get in the way of the blind.



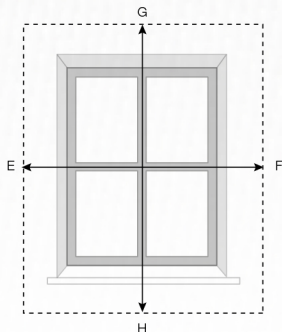
*Measuring INSIDE a Recess Fitting*

Measure the width from A to B and the length from C to D. Do this in several places and use the smallest measurements.

## OUTSIDE RECESS

Decide how much you want the blind to hang outside the recess. **For roman blinds** we would recommend 15-20 cm above the window as this will allow for most of the blind to be pulled up away from the window thus maximising the light. **For roller blinds** you need to decide

how far above the window you want the blind to hang. You also need about 5cm each side and 5cm at the bottom. Measure from E to F to get the width and then G to H to get the finished length.



**Blind Safety - if you have small children and are concerned about the safety of blind cords please speak to one of our advisors before placing your order.**

## CALCULATE THE AMOUNT OF FABRIC NEEDED

You need the size of your finished blind plus 6cm each side for seam allowances and 50cm for the top and bottom turnings. This gives you the cut drop length.

If using patterned fabric and more than one width is required, make sure that the pattern matches across the blind. To ensure that you have sufficient fabric to pattern match your blind check the pattern repeat.

Divide the cut drop length by the length of the pattern repeat and round up to the next whole number. Multiply the pattern repeat by this whole number, this will give you the cut drop measurement. This is for two width blinds. We do not recommend making blinds larger than this.

### **Example:**

*Cut drop measurement = 150cm*

*(this includes actual blind size plus turnings top and bottom)*

*Pattern repeat = 35cm*

*$150\text{cm} \div 35\text{cm} = 4.2$  (round up to 5)*

*Multiply pattern repeat  $35\text{cm} \times 5 = 175\text{cm}$*

*For 2 widths, multiply  $175\text{cm} \times 2 = 350\text{cm}$*

*Therefore you will require 3.5m of fabric.*

## HANDY HINTS

When using a patterned fabric you need to be aware of pattern matching so that each curtain in your pair is the same. The pattern repeat is stated for each fabric and our fabric calculator takes this into account when working out how much fabric you need, if you want to calculate this yourself see the instructions above for working out pattern matching.

If you have more than one blind or pair of curtains in a room consider how the patterns work around the room and match as necessary.

If ordering curtains or blinds to be made by us please note that for blinds we pattern match from the top down and for curtains from the bottom up. When making two width blinds we have a full width central panel and half width either side.

If your curtains require 3 widths of fabric then each curtain should have 1.5 widths of fabric and the half width should be placed on the outside edge of each curtain. The same applies for five and seven widths.

**If you are unsure of anything please ring us on 01242 388390 before placing your order.**