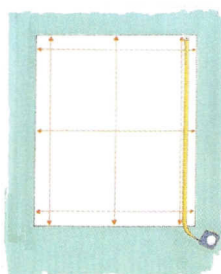


Roman Blind



Fabric Requirements

Each Roman Blind will need fabric to the finished length of the blind plus 20cm and the finished width plus 10cm.



Measuring Up

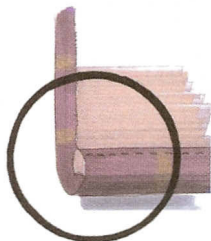
1. Measure window width inside reveal at the top, middle and lowest levels. Use the smallest width measurement.
2. Measure window length inside the reveal.
3. You may choose to hang the blind outside the reveal, in which case extra width and length should be added.

Calculating

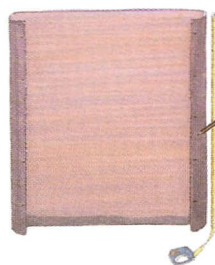
1. The secret of blind arithmetic is to create panels by dividing the length of the blind by an odd number, usually 7 or 9. Each panel should be no longer than 20cm. Round off to the nearest full number.
2. Make an adjustment to top and bottom panels. The top panel must be 5cm longer. The extra allowance is for the top mounting, screw eyes and cording.
3. The bottom panel should be 5cm shorter than the others as it will remain hidden when the blind is open.

Assembling the blind

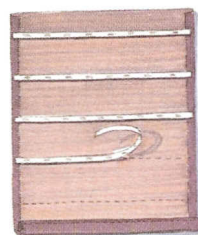
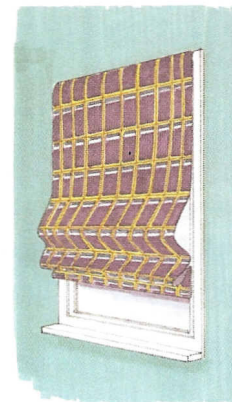
1. Cut fabric accurately using a rotary cutter and cutting mat. Press in a 5cm hem along length of blind on either side. Lay the blind flat and, starting at the bottom, mark panels plus 10cm with a Magic Pen and Stitch Witch Guideline.



2. Starting at bottom of blind, make a mark 3cm from bottom then a second marking 7cm from first. Press in a hem on the 3cm marking, then fold up again on the second marking. Stitch along top edge of hem. This broad hem forms a casing for a batten, which will be added later.



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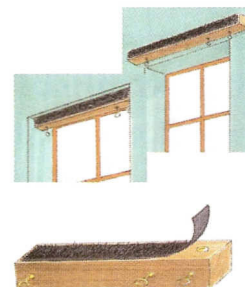


4. Press in a 2cm hem along the top edge and stitch loop Velcro to top of blind, covering raw edge of blind. Press blind.

3. Using panel markings as guideline, stitch a length of Roman blind tape to wrong side of fabric. Each length of tape must start at the same loop. Lay blind flat and mark off required length. Add 2cm for a hem. The blind should be the exact measurement required.

Hanging the blind

1. Affix a wood batten, 2cm thick and 5cm wide and the appropriate width of the window, to the window recess. Use a staple gun and staple hook Velcro to batten.



2. Matching Velcro, position blind and mark off screw eye positions in line with loops on tape. Screw eyes into wood. Insert an extra screw eye at end, on side where the cleat will be installed.

3. Insert a batten 4cm wide and 1cm thick into large lower hem. Insert a fibreglass lath into each casing which has been created behind the blind tape, hand stitching ends closed.

4. Attach cleat to wall. Tie cord to lowest loop, in line with screw eyes. Thread cord up blind, through every second casing only, across top through screw eyes and to the cleat. Tie a knot at point where cord exits last screw eye. Slip a blind toggle over ends and tie a knot. Cut off excess.