



Measuring For Roman Shades

Fabric Requirement for Special Style-Roman Shades:

Amount of Fabric Required	Butterfly	Tucked	Hobbled	Cloud
Cut length =	Finished length	Divisible finished length	Finished length of the shade x 2	Finished length
Plus	26 inches	Twice the hem depth + projection of mounting board + $\frac{3}{4}$ in for each tuck, + 2 in to allow for reduction	Hem depth + projection of mounting board	15 inches
Cut width =	Finished width	Finished width	Finished width	Finished width x 4 for pencil pleat tape at the top
Plus	3 inches for side hems	3 inches for side hems	3 inches for side hems	4 inches for side hems
Plus	Twice the projection of the mounting board			Twice the projection of the mounting board

Inside-Mount Flat Roman Shade

Follow these guidelines for accurate measuring:

1. Measure the width and length of the inside of the window.
2. Measure the depth of the inside of the window frame at the top of the window where the mounting board will go. This dimension must be at least $\frac{3}{4}$ in so that the mounting board can be placed inside the window. **If it is not at least $\frac{3}{4}$ in deep, you cannot use an inside mount.** You will use an outside-mount.

3. Hold a ruler to the top of the window (not at the outside trim, but inside the window). Decide the ideal stackage that you want. If you are making a Top Down shade, place your ruler at the bottom of the window.

Finished Shade Width:

The smallest measurement of the width of the inside of your window. Due to the thickness of two layers of front fabric and two layers of lining, your shade will never come out exactly the desired width. It will always shrink. I will measure and cut your fabric so that your ideal shade will be a finished width that is the smallest inside window measurement

Finished Shade Length:

The smallest measurement of the length of the inside of your window.

Ideal Stackage:

15% to 20% of Finished Shade Length

Outside Mount Flat Roman Shade

Installing a Roman shade outside the window trim allows you to raise the shade up to the top of the glass (assuming that you have adequate wall space between the top of the window and the ceiling) letting the maximum amount of light into the room. The sides of the shade usually extend at least 2" beyond the window trim. The disadvantage of an Outside Mount is that the Roman shade will be larger, requiring more fabric, hardware and sewing time.

Follow these guidelines for accurate measuring:

1. Measure the width of the window frame from the outside of the trim.
2. Measure the length of the window from the outside of the top trim to the sill. In addition, measure the space above the window trim to the ceiling.
3. Hold a ruler to the top of the window and decide the Ideal Stackage that you want. If you are making a Top Down shade, place your ruler at the bottom of the window.
4. Measure the depth of the window trim if your window is trimmed with wood. You need to know what this measurement is in order to decide if you will place your mounting board flat against the wall above the window or projected.
5. Measure the depth of the window sill if you have one.
6. Measure the distance to the first object that is on each side of the window. This might be a wall, a light switch, or the next window.

Since you will be placing your mounting board on the wall above the window you need to place your shade several inches above the window trim to allow room for the lifting hardware. In general, plan on placing the mounting board about 4 in above the top of the window.

Finished Shade Width:

The largest measurement of the width of the outside of your window + 4 in (this adds 2" to each side). If you are using a Projected Installation (a Top-Down shade will always be a Projected Installation),

add 6" rather than 4" to the width. This is necessary because the shade sticks out further from the window.

Finished Shade Length:

Length of the window from the outside of the top trim to the sill plus 4". If your window does not have a sill, add another inch to the Finished Shade Length to make sure that the entire window is covered when the shade is lowered.

Ideal Stackage:

15% - 25% of the Finished Shade Length

Make sure that you will not cover up light switches, etc.

You can also begin with your Ideal Stackage and then determine the Finished Shade Length. Suppose you want a Stackage of 12" and you want the shade to pull up to just below the top window trim. Hold a 12"-ruler up to the window so that the bottom of the ruler is where you want the bottom of the fully-raised shade. Make a light pencil mark on the wall above the window at the top of the ruler. This will be the top of your shade. Now measure from that mark down to either the window sill, or about 1 in past the bottom of an un-trimmed window. This is the Finished Shade Length.

Roman Shade Hardware

Roman shade hardware consists of the mounting and lifting hardware.

Mounting Hardware/Supply

- ✚ Mounting board (usually 1 x 2 the finished width of the shade)
- ✚ Flat pulleys or screw eyes
- ✚ Cord locks
- ✚ Angle irons and screws
- ✚ Hook and loop fastener (by the yard)

Lifting Hardware/Supply

- ✚ Lift cord by the yard
- ✚ Lift rings
- ✚ Cord drops
- ✚ Cord cleats
- ✚ Cord tassels
- ✚ Weight rods at the bottom of the shade to keep it hanging straight down
- ✚ Battens or ribs and iron-on tape for flat Roman Shades, if requested