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Installing your roller blinds

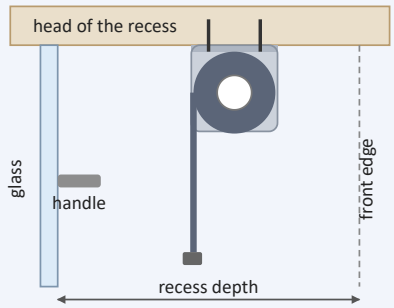
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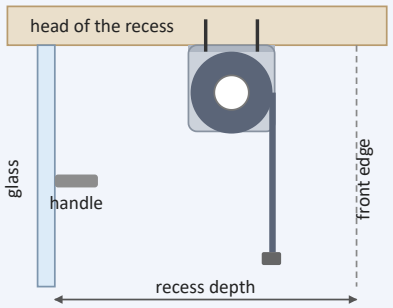
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Your blinds are made to the sizes you ordered. Fit them this way to keep our warranty (terms at blinds4u.co.nz/warranty). If anything stops you, ring us on **09 576 0736** before you drill.

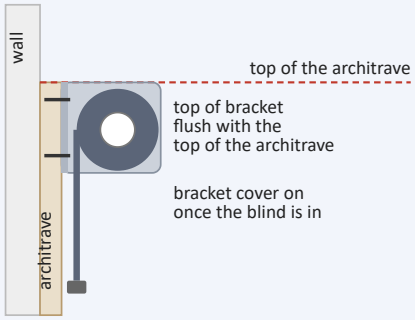
Prefer to watch?
blinds4u.co.nz/how-to-install has our videos. The brackets in them may look a little different.



Inside fit, back roll



Inside fit, front roll



Outside fit, onto the architrave (40mm)

1 Before you start

- ✓ In the box with each chain blind: its brackets, two chain stoppers, a child-safety clip and 8g x 5/8" screws for solid timber, plus covers if you ordered brackets with covers. A motorised blind comes with a charging cable and a set-up card instead of the chain parts; remotes are ordered separately.
- ✓ Each blind is numbered to match your packing slip: the tag in the centre of the blind shows our job number, then the item number. Match each blind to its window before you drill.
- ✓ Check every blind when it arrives. Tell us about damage, a wrong item or anything missing within **7 days**, with photos, so we can claim it from the courier.
- ✓ Keep the blinds packed and lying flat until you fit them, and handle the fabric with clean hands: creases and marks made while unpacking or fitting are not covered by our warranty.
- ✓ You need a drill and bits, a screwdriver, a pencil, a steel tape, a spirit level, a stepladder, masking tape, and a helper for anything over 1500mm wide.
- ✓ Before you drill into a wall, check for hidden wires and pipes (a stud finder helps). Use a steady stepladder and never stand on its top step.

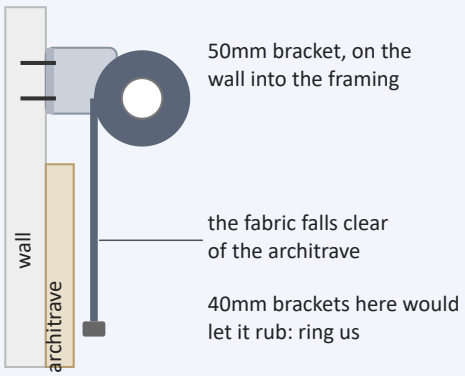
2 Where the brackets go

Your packing slip shows which brackets you ordered, and whether each blind is a back roll (the fabric hangs on the window side of the roll) or a front roll (the room side), as drawn above. Two blinds side by side, or a double bracket? Read step 9 first.

Inside fit. One bracket in each top corner of the recess (the window opening), screwed up into its top, tight against the sides, both the same distance back. A recess 75mm deep or more takes the roll inside. In a shallower one, set them as far back as the roll can turn clear of the glass and handles.

Onto the architrave: 40mm brackets. The top of each is flush with the top of the architrave, and its outer side with the architrave's outer edge, screwed into at least 20mm of solid architrave.

Above the architrave: see the top of page 2.



Above the architrave, 50mm bracket

Where the brackets go: above the architrave

50mm brackets, on the wall at the marks you made when measuring (or 50mm above the window and 100mm out each side), screwed into the framing behind the wall (step 3).

The deeper bracket holds the roll further out, so the fabric falls clear of the architrave instead of rubbing on it. Only got 40mm brackets for this? Ring us before you fit them.

3 Level, and fix them solid

Level first. Lay a spirit level across the pair before you fix the second bracket. Never follow the window frame: frames are often out. If the top of the recess slopes, put a packer (a thin plastic or timber shim) between it and the bracket at the high end. Never bend a bracket.

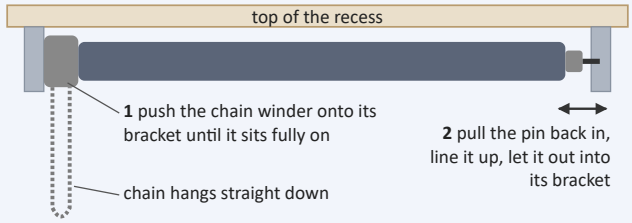
Then fix them. Two screws in every bracket, through different holes, into solid material. The screws in the box suit solid timber only; anything else needs the fixings below.

Fixing into	How
Timber window frame, architrave, framing	The 8g x 5/8" wood screws in the box. Drill a small pilot hole near the end of an architrave so it does not split.
Plasterboard GIB and other wall linings	**Never into the plasterboard alone**: it will pull out. Find the timber stud or lintel behind it (a stud finder helps) and screw into that: 8g screws at least 40mm long, from the hardware store.
Concrete, brick, block	A masonry bit and wall plugs to suit the screw (a 7mm hole takes an 8g x 35mm screw). Drill into the masonry itself, at least 100mm from any crack.
Aluminium window frames	**Best avoided.** Drilling can void the window maker's warranty, let water in, crack the glass or fog a double-glazed unit. If there is no other way, use stainless self-tapping screws clear of the glass, the glazing bead and the drainage holes, with silicone over each head.

✗ No nails, tape or glue. Do not over-tighten: it strips the hole and can bend the bracket.

4 Hang the blind

✓ Check the blind first: the chain on the side you ordered, and the roll. A **back roll** hangs the fabric down the window side of the roll, a **front roll** down the room side (see the drawings on page 1).



Chain end first, then the pin end. Pull gently down: it must not come out.

✓ **Chain end first.** Push the chain winder (the end the chain comes out of) onto its bracket until it sits fully on.

✓ At the other end, pull the pin back into the blind, line it up with its bracket and let it out so it goes fully in.

✓ Pull gently down on the blind: it must not come out. The chain must hang straight down.

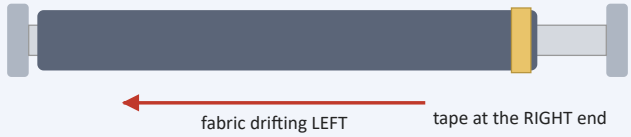
✓ Leave any tape holding the fabric on until the blind is up. Clip on any bracket covers now.

No stoppers yet, so it can run off the end of the fabric. Run it slowly, and track it before the stoppers go on (step 5).

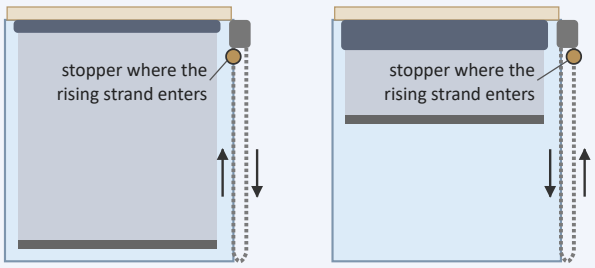
5 Track it, before the stoppers

Do this first: once the stoppers are on, you cannot get to the tube to tape it.

- ✓ Run the blind down and up slowly, twice, watching the roll. It must roll straight and even. With no stoppers yet, stop each time before the fabric runs off the end.
- ✓ **Drifting to one side?** Re-check the brackets are level. If they are, lower the blind slowly until you can see the tube, and no further. Stick a strip of masking tape about 5mm wide around the tube at the end the fabric is moving **away from**.
- ✓ Run it twice more; add a little more tape if needed. Tape already on the tube is from our factory: leave it on.



6 Fit the chain stoppers



1 Bottom: blind at its full drop **2 Top: rail just under the roll**

Arrows: the strand you pull, and the one rising into the winder.

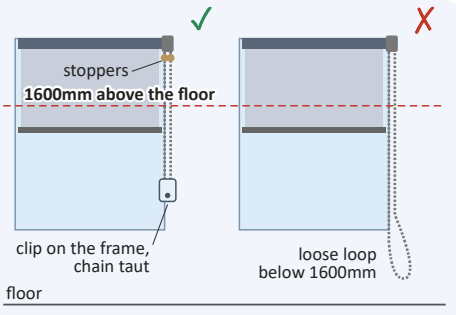
Every chain blind needs both stoppers on. They stop the blind at the bottom and the top. Without them it can run past the end of the fabric and pull it off the tube.

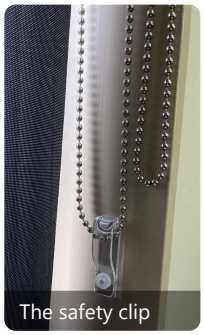
- ✓ **Bottom:** lower the blind slowly to its full drop and no further: the fabric must still cover the tube. Clip a stopper onto the strand moving **up** into the winder, right where it enters.
- ✓ **Top:** raise the blind until the bottom rail sits just under the roll. Clip the second stopper onto the other strand, where it enters the winder.
- ✓ Never cut or re-join a chain. A big blind has a geared winder and a longer chain: that is normal.

7 Fit the child-safety clip

Loose cords and chains can strangle a young child. The Government has announced a compulsory safety standard for corded blinds. Until it is in force, we strongly recommend fitting every blind to the Australian installation rule:

> **No cord or chain may be able to form a loose loop 220mm or longer less than 1600mm above the floor. Below that height, hold it taut with a guide fixed so a child cannot pull it out.**




The safety clip

- ✓ Screw the clip to the frame or wall directly below the winder: chain straight, **taut, but still running freely** through the clip. Both screws into timber or a plugged solid wall. Pull it hard: it must not move.
- ✓ Hold it in place and check the chain before you drill: moving the clip later leaves screw holes in the frame.

Then test it: step 8, over the page.

8 Test it

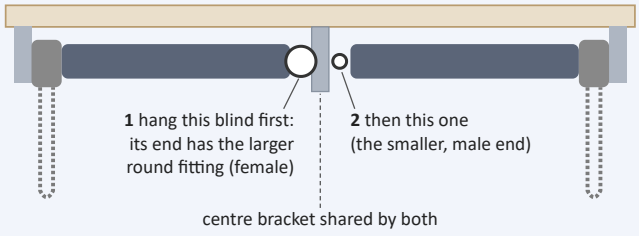
Run the blind all the way down and up, slowly, **at least twice**. The fabric must roll straight and even, the bottom rail hang level, the chain hang clear of the fabric, and the stoppers stop it at both ends.

Still drifting to one side? Unclip the bottom stopper, track it again (step 5), then clip the stopper back on exactly where it was.

9 Doubles and side-by-side blinds

Day and night (double bracket). Both blinds are front roll so they cannot touch. Hang the back blind first. Each gets its own stoppers and safety clip, and the back chain must not rub the front fabric.

Side-by-side blinds (a window too wide for one blind is made as two) share a centre bracket. Fix every bracket in one level line before you hang anything. Then:



Side by side: every bracket in one level line first

Lower both and check the bottom rails line up.

One chain working both? Only that blind has a winder, stoppers and a clip. Hang it first; its partner turns with it through the centre bracket.

10 Motorised blinds

- ✓ The motor leaves our factory charged. Its end goes where a chain winder would.
- ✓ Pair your remote (ordered separately: one remote can run several motors) and set the limits with the printed card in the box, or our video at blinds4u.co.nz/how-to-install.
- ✓ Set the top limit so the bottom rail stops just under the roll, and the bottom limit so the fabric still covers the tube.
- ✓ Charge it to full with the USB-C cable **every 6 months**, even if it still runs: it keeps the battery healthy.

11 Keep it safe

- ✓ Pull the chain straight down, never at an angle or across the fabric.
- ✓ Keep cots, beds and furniture away from chains, and the chain in its safety clip.

A blind does not fit? Stop, and ring us before you cut or change anything. Measured it wrong? Our FitRight guarantee may cover a remake (terms at blinds4u.co.nz/fitright-guarantee; claim within 30 days of your order arriving).

Damage our warranty cannot cover

- ✗ Damage caused by running the blind without its chain stoppers.
- ✗ Damage caused by fabric running off to one side because it was not tracked (step 5).
- ✗ Damage caused by brackets out of level, bent, or fixed into plasterboard alone.
- ✗ Creases, marks or cuts made in the fabric while fitting.
- ✗ Fraying caused by a chain left rubbing the fabric.
- ✗ Damage caused by cutting or re-joining a chain, or trimming or altering the blind.

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