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Our guides are best viewed in landscape if you're viewing on your phone or tablet.

## Our Top Tips for Measuring

Even if you have no DIY or measuring experience, don't worry – measuring is easy! The following pages will guide you through how to measure for your beautiful new blinds, but here are some general tips to keep in mind as you measure:

- ✓ Always use a metal tape measure – cloth or plastic ones can stretch, giving you inaccurate measurements
- ✓ Double check everything! If you're even slightly unsure about a measurement you've taken, measure again until you're certain
- ✓ Measure to the nearest millimetre, or to the nearest fraction if you're measuring in inches

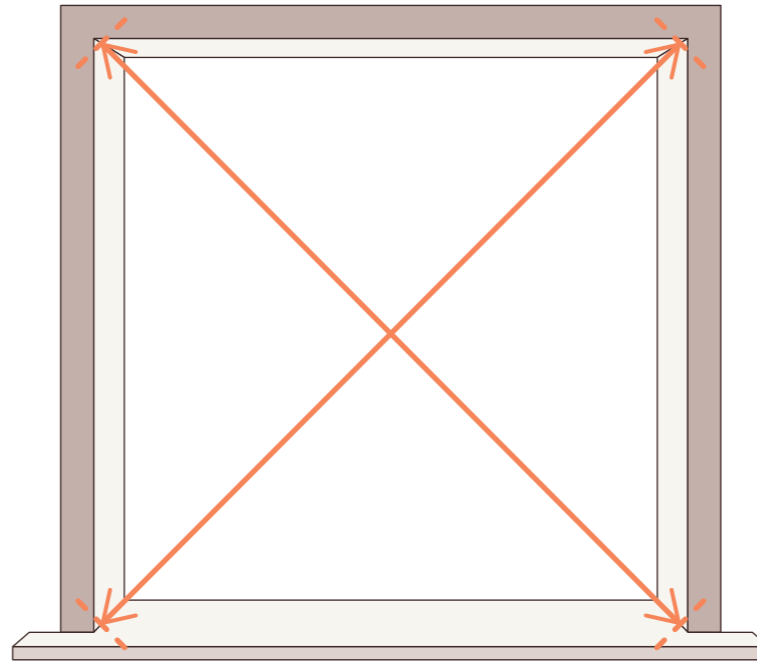


Don't worry! Even if your measurements aren't quite right, our SureSize measuring guarantee has you covered.

## Is your recess square enough?

Our shutter blinds *must be installed inside the recess*, the different fitting types we offer simply change where in the recess the shutter is installed. So, it's important to *check before measuring* whether your recess is even enough in shape for a shutter to be installed correctly.

- ✓ Measure diagonally from corner to corner inside the recess, and compare the two diagonal measurements to check the recess for 'squareness'



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### Measure from corner to corner

Measure corner to corner inside the recess – from top left to bottom right, then top right to bottom left – and compare these two measurements.

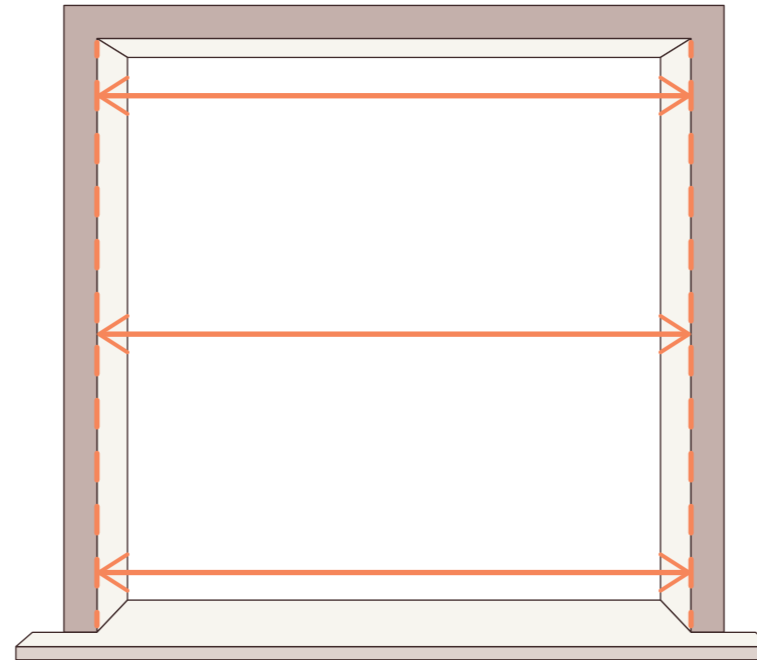
- ✓ If the difference is 5mm or less, you can choose either Inside Recess or Front of Recess as your fitting type
- ✓ If the difference is greater than 5mm but no more than 12mm, we strongly suggest choosing Front of Recess Fitting
- ✗ If the difference is greater than 12mm then it's best to choose a different type of blind for this window

## What is *Front of Recess Fitting*?

Choosing *Front of Recess Fitting* means your shutter will be made with a frame which has a 'Z' shaped profile. It will sit at the front of the recess, the frame overlapping onto the wall around the recess on all sides.

- ✓ Measure the inside of the recess in several places and use the smallest measurement
- ✗ Do not make any adjustments to your measurements. We'll make all the necessary allowances to make sure your blind fits perfectly inside the recess

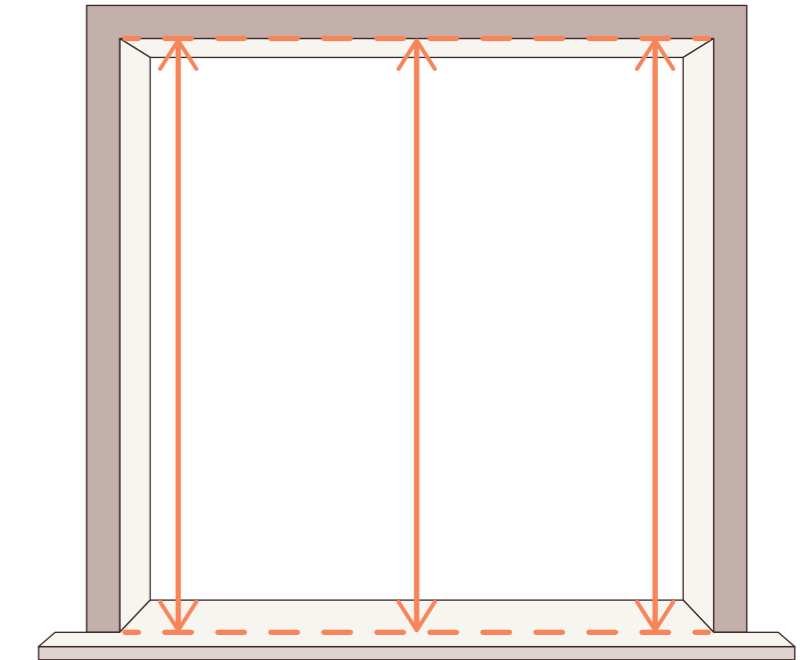
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### Measure the width

Measure the full width of the recess at the top, in the middle and at the bottom. Make a note of the smallest measurement.

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### Measure the drop

Measure from the top edge of the recess to the bottom. Measure on the left, in the middle, and on the right - make a note of the smallest measurement.

- ✓ For both the width and drop, make sure you measure at the front edge of the recess.

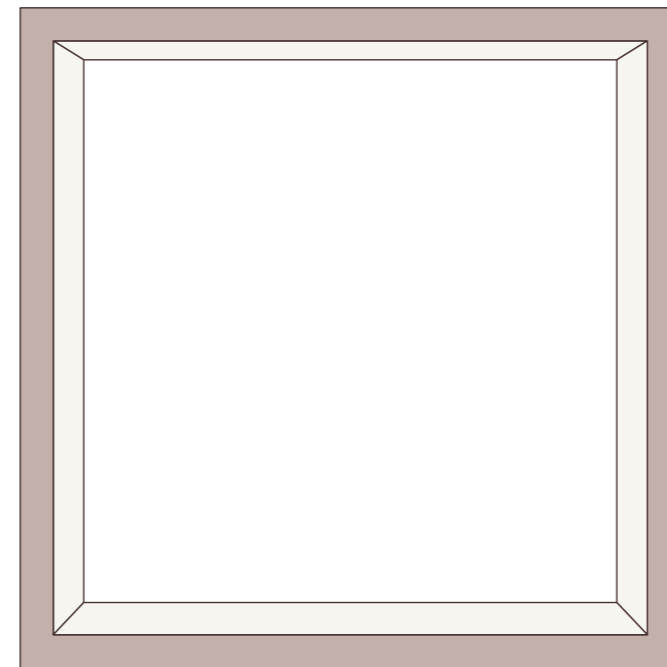
# Top Tips *Front of Recess Fitting*

You can actually choose one of two fitting types for fitting at the front of the recess;

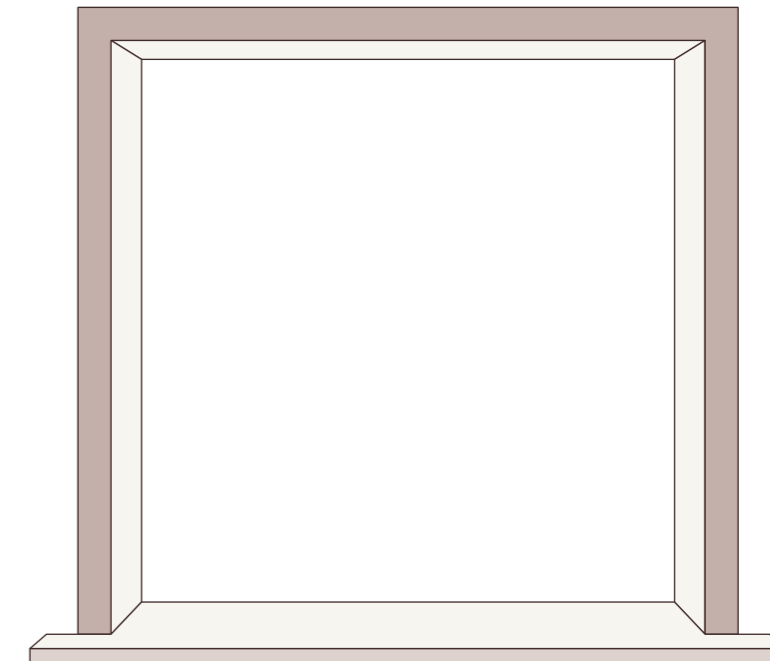
*If your window has no sill at the bottom, choose Front of Recess.*

*If the window does have a sill, choose Front of Recess With Sill.*

Measuring is the same for both, but for the With Sill option we'll make sure the frame is shaped so that it sits flat on the sill.



**No Sill – Front of Recess**

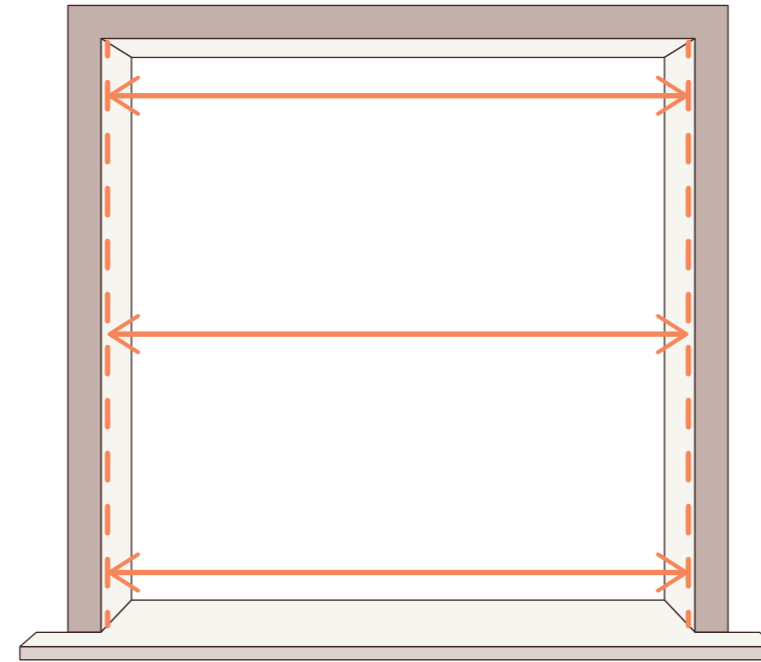


**Has Sill – Front of Recess With Sill**

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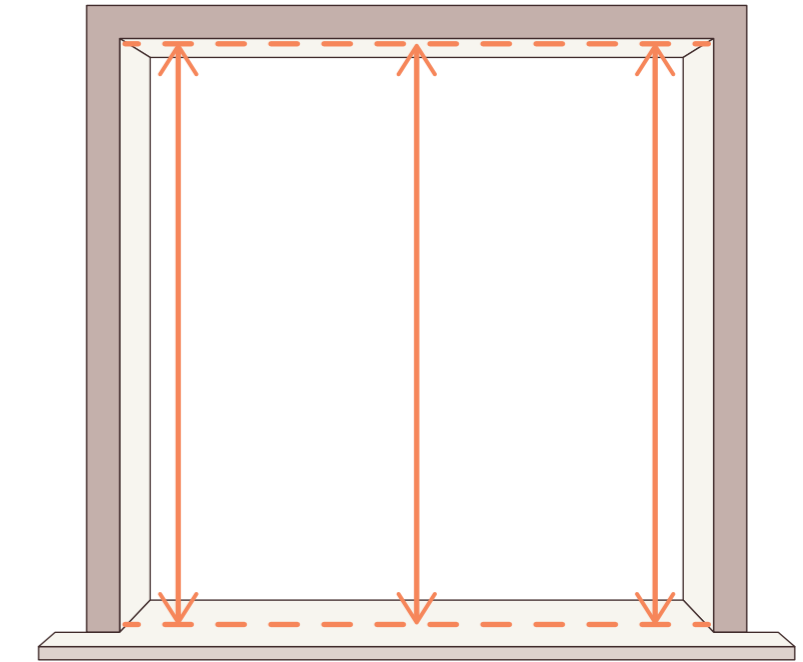
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### Measure the width

Measure wall-to-wall inside the recess at the top, in the middle and at the bottom. Make a note of the smallest measurement.



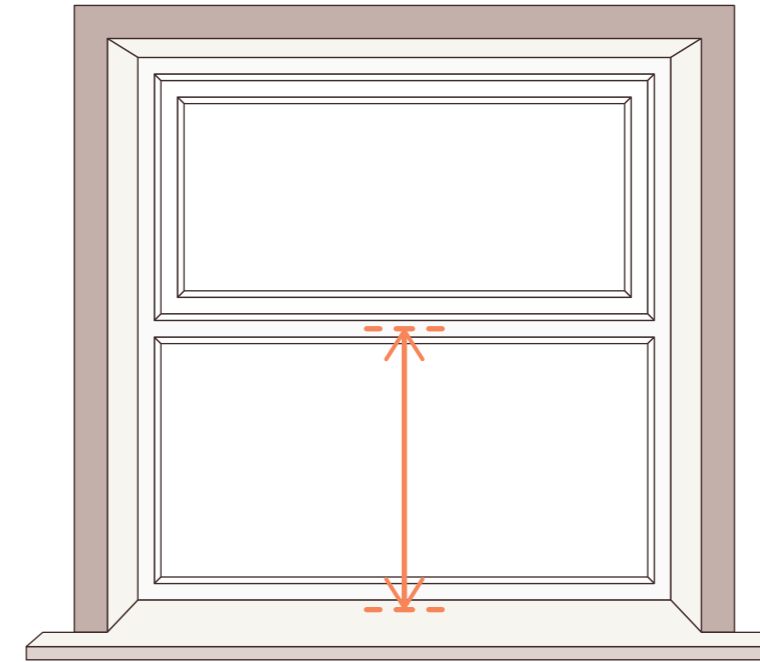
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### Measure the drop

Measure from the top of the recess to the sill. Measure on the left, in the middle, and on the right – make a note of the smallest measurement.

## What is a *Midrail*?

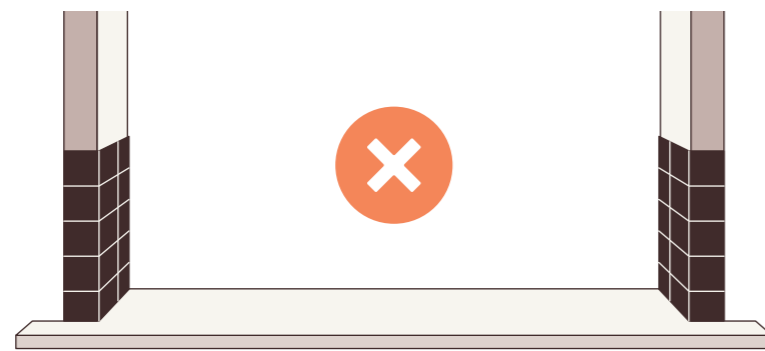
If the drop of your shutter is over 1400mm, we'll add a midrail in each panel to strengthen the panels and support the slats. By default, the midrail is positioned in the centre of the overall drop, but you can customise its height to your liking.



### Measure up from the bottom of the window

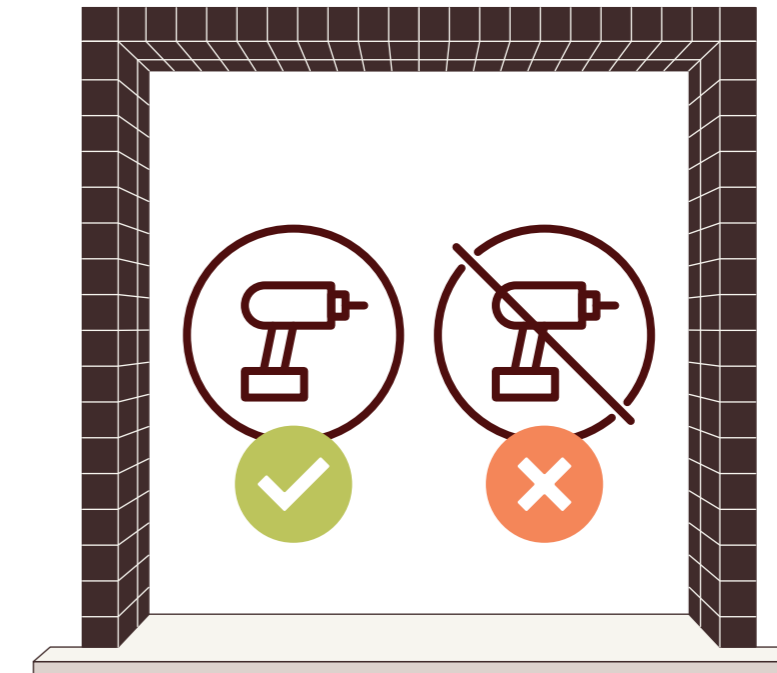
Measuring for the midrail is easy – just measure up from the bottom of the window (usually the sill) up to where you'd like the centre of the midrail to sit. If your window has a transom bar, measure up to the centre of this bar to line up the midrail with the transom, for a neat finish.

**i** *For structural reasons, the midrail should be a minimum of 380mm and a maximum of 1300mm, from both the bottom and the top of the window.*



## Uneven recesses

- ✘ *If your recess is partly tiled or has skirting boards, picture rails etc. inside, this will prevent the blind from fitting correctly. In this case it's best to measure for a different type of blind.*



## Tiled recesses

- ⓘ *If your recess is **FULLY** tiled (i.e from top to bottom or all the way across, even if it's just one surface inside the recess) then **please choose standard installation**. With the right tools you can install screws through tiles easily enough, but our no drill system is not suitable for fitting onto tiles.*