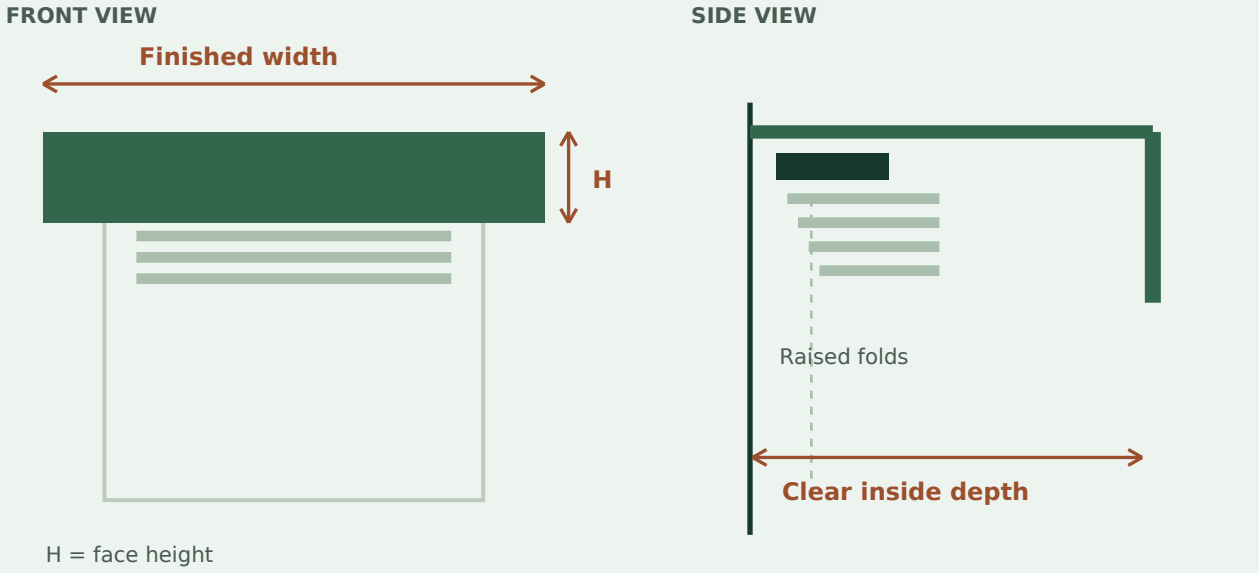
01 / OVER A ROMAN BLIND

Pelmets over Roman blinds

Measure at the planned fixing position. Work in millimetres and check the blind fully raised and lowered.



1 Width · cover the whole mechanism

Measure the headrail from end to end, including caps and any projecting controls. Allow room at both ends for the padded returns and access to the chain or motor.

2 Depth · clear the blind and its controls

From the intended mounting surface, measure the furthest projection of the brackets, headrail, raised folds and controls. Add working clearance to find the clear inside depth you need.

3 Height · decide what you want to hide

Mark the proposed top and lower edge of the padded face. Decide how much of the headrail or raised stack to conceal. Check how much glass remains visible and whether a shaped edge changes coverage.

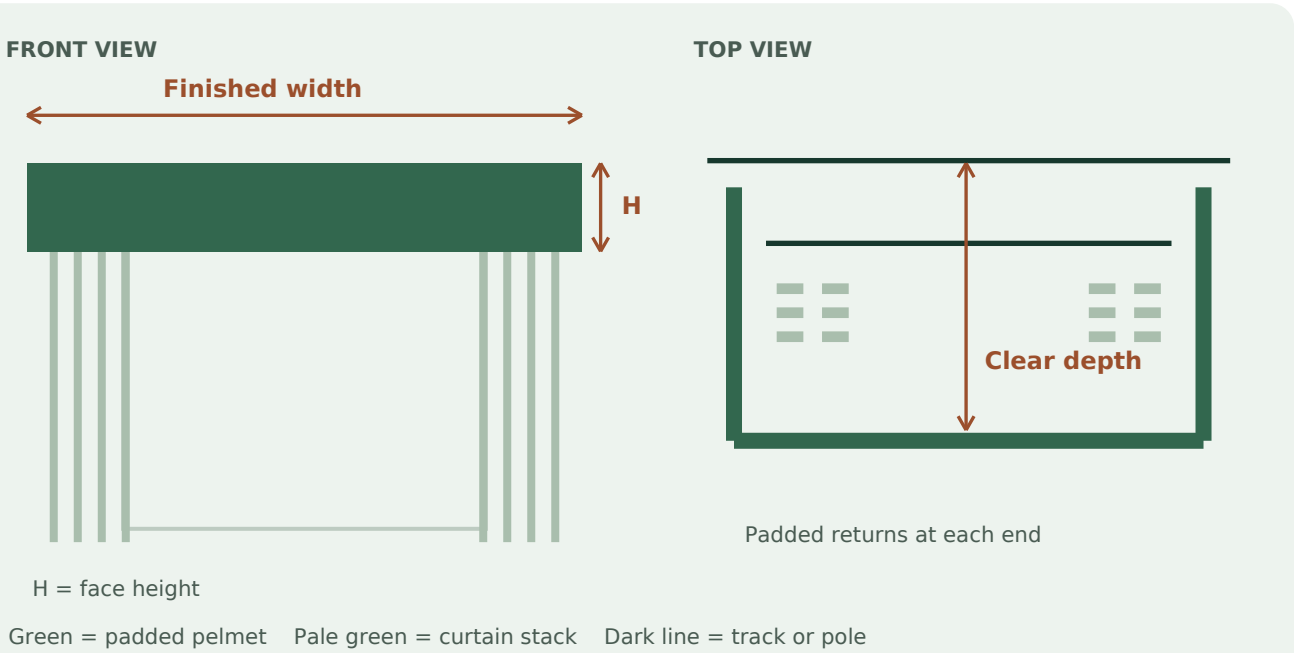
Try the outline before ordering

Hold a card template at the proposed height. Raise and lower the blind to check the folds and controls clear the pelmet, and check there is room to remove the blind for servicing.

02 / OVER CURTAINS

Pelmets over curtains

Check the curtains both closed and drawn back. The heading, stacked fabric and fittings all affect the size.



1 Width · include the hardware and the stack

Measure the full track or pole, including any end fittings you want to conceal. Draw the curtains fully back and check how far the fabric stacks to each side. Leave room for the returns and controls.

2 Depth · allow for the heading and folds

Measure from the mounting surface to the furthest point of the pole, track, brackets or curtain folds. Check open and closed positions, especially with eyelets, bulky headings or a second track.

3 Height · conceal the heading without restricting movement

Mark the face height where the pelmet will sit. Check that the track or pole is hidden, curtain headings glide freely and the face covers only as much glass as you want.

Record the clear size and the finished size

Clear inside depth is measured to the inside of the padded face. Finished return depth is measured to the outside face. Confirm how the maker specifies width and returns before cutting the box.

03 / SHAPES & TRIMS

Choose the finish

Try the lower edge in card at full size. Check the shortest part still hides what you want covered.

Straight



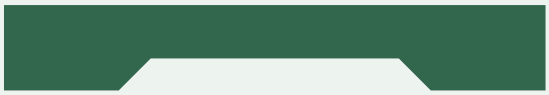
Shallow arch



Scalloped



Stepped



Trim options

Plain wrapped edge		A continuous fabric finish that suits prints or textured cloth.
Piping		A fine outline in matching or contrasting fabric.
Flat braid or gimp		A decorative line along the lower edge or across the face.
Contrast fabric band		A broader border in a second fabric, straight or shaped.
Fringe or tassel trim		Adds movement. Include the hanging length in the clearance check.

Measurements to record

Finished width _____ mm

Clear inside depth _____ mm

Left finished return _____ mm

Face height at shortest point _____ mm

Face height at deepest point _____ mm

Right finished return _____ mm

Also note the fixing surface, control side, fabric pattern position, shape and trim. Check fixing compatibility and access with the chosen hardware before ordering.

Fitting reference / Merrick & Day pelmet fitting guidance