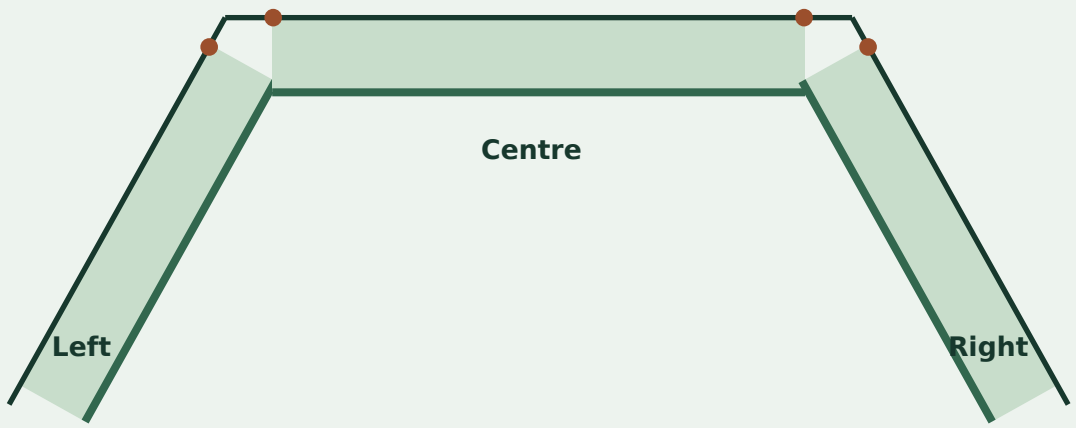
01 / ANGLED BAY

Measure an angled bay

Use two pieces of card, a pencil and a metal tape measure. Work in millimetres.

VIEW FROM ABOVE



Dark line window frame Green strip headrail space Orange dots width marks

1 Choose the fitting position

Decide on top fix or face fix. Measure your chosen headrail and bracket projection. Check how far handles, vents and catches stick out. Include any extra stand-off you need to clear them.

2 Mark the projection on two cards

Measure in from the frame edge of each card by the required projection. Hold the cards against adjoining frames. Slide them towards the corner until the projection marks meet. Mark where the cards meet the frames.

3 Repeat at the other corner and measure each width

Use the marks to set the rail ends. If you mark at sill level, transfer the marks up and verify them at the actual fixing height. Allow any end clearance specified by the rail supplier.

4 Check the drops

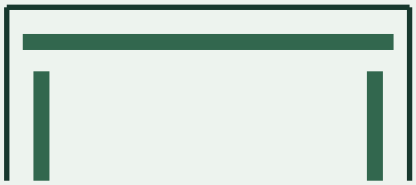
Measure from the planned top of each headrail to the chosen finish point. Check at the left edge, centre and right edge of each blind and record all three readings if they vary.

02 / SQUARE BAY

Measure a square bay

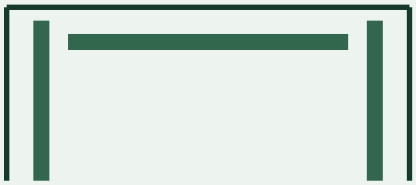
Choose which rails run through the corners before taking the finished widths.

Centre rail runs through



Top view / room is below the rails

Side rails run through



Top view / room is below the rails

At each corner, position the through-running rail first. Measure the adjoining rail to stop clear of it. Use the projection of the actual kit, including brackets and any stand-off for handles.

Record the measurements

Label the blinds left, centre and right as you look at the bay from inside the room.

Blind	Rail width (mm)	Drop (mm)	Fixing	Control side
Left				
Centre				
Right				

Notes / obstructions

Before you order

Ask whether the supplier wants the exact finished rail width or the opening measurement. Check both corners at fitting height and confirm the rail and fabric can clear the handles throughout their travel.

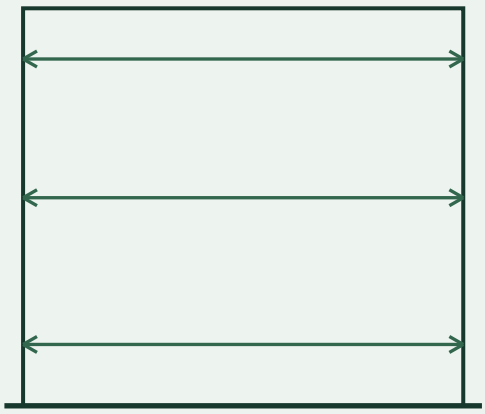
03 / INSIDE THE RECESS

Measure inside the recess

Measure the opening where the Roman blind will sit. Record all readings in millimetres.

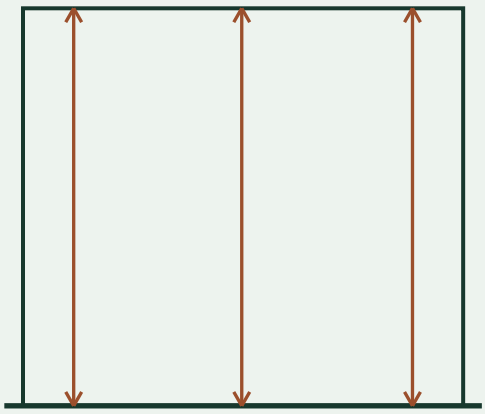
FRONT VIEW

WIDTH · WALL TO WALL



Top, middle, bottom

DROP · TOP TO SILL



Left, centre, right

1 Measure the width

Measure wall to wall at the top, middle and bottom. Check for a narrower point at tiles or trim. Record the smallest width.

2 Measure the drop

Measure from the top of the recess to the sill at the left, centre and right. Record the smallest drop for a recess order, and note if the sill slopes.

3 Check depth and clearance

Check the recess depth where you plan to fix the brackets. Allow room for the headrail and for the fabric and folded blind to clear handles, vents and opening windows.

Width readings

Top _____ mm Middle _____ mm Bottom _____ mm

Drop readings

Left _____ mm Centre _____ mm Right _____ mm

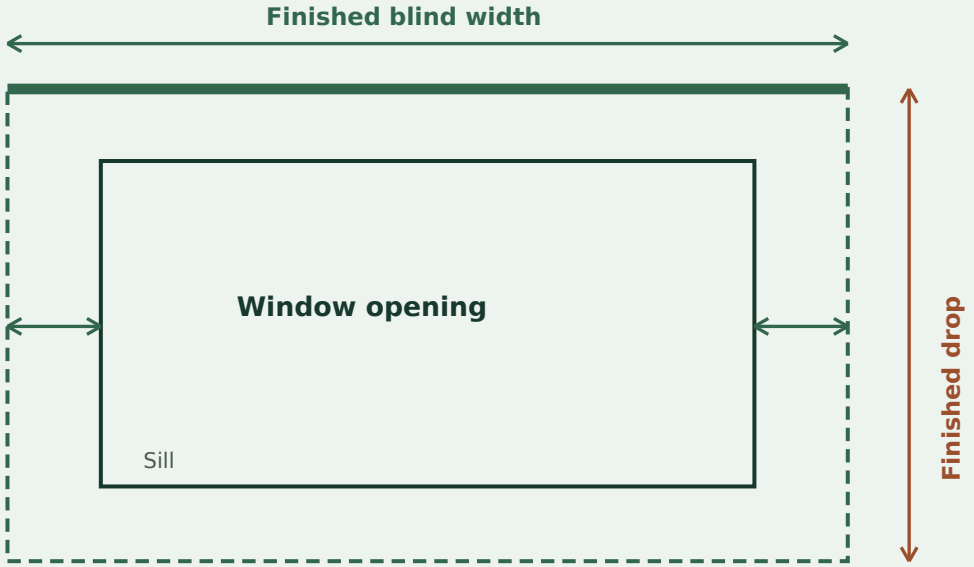
If ordering by recess size, give the opening measurements and ask the supplier what they deduct. For a cut-to-size headrail, confirm the finished size they require.

04 / OUTSIDE THE RECESS

Measure for overlap

Measure the finished blind size you want, including how far it will cover the wall around the opening.

FRONT VIEW



Solid outline recess Dashed outline blind coverage Heavy green line headrail

1 Decide the side overlap

Measure across the opening and add the left and right overlaps. Aim for around 50 mm each side where there is room. If the opening varies, use the widest reading to plan coverage.

2 Set the headrail height and bottom edge

Around 70 mm above the opening is a useful starting point if the wall and brackets allow. Choose the finish at or below the sill, checking for a projecting sill or radiator.

3 Measure the exact finished width and drop

Mark the outside edges and measure between them. Measure the drop from the planned top of the headrail to the chosen bottom edge. Check for level and confirm the supplier’s exact-fit measuring instructions.

Overlap allowances

Left _____ mm Right _____ mm Above _____ mm

Finished measurements

Width _____ mm Drop _____ mm Below sill _____ mm