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Blinds
& Shutters

HOW TO MEASURE DIY PLANTATION SHUTTERS

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DIY POLYMATE SHUTTERS

DON'T PAY TOO MUCH FOR SHUTTERS!

You can save \$1000s by ordering online and installing yourself.
We've made ordering shutters online easy.

STEP 1

Measure

Follow this simple how to measure guide
for perfectly fitting shutters

STEP 2

Order Online

Use our smart shutter builder
to design and order online

STEP 3

Install

Once your shutters are delivered to
your home, unpack and install

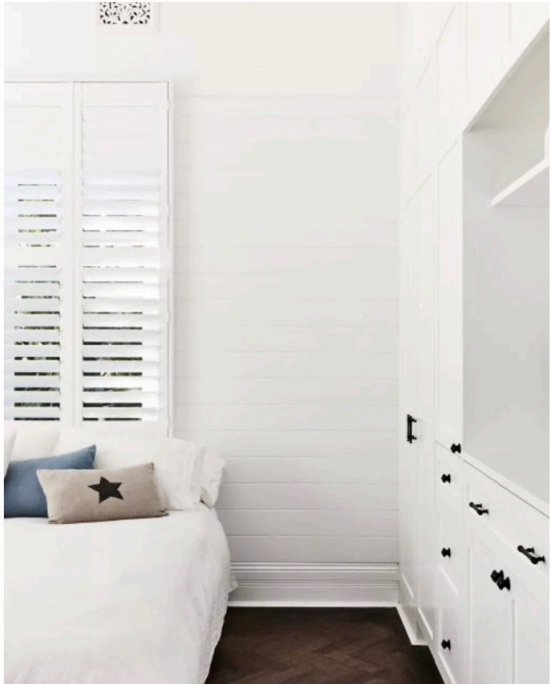


- ✓ Australian Made
- ✓ Made in just 15 Working Days
- ✓ 10 Year Warranty
- ✓ Order Tracking
- ✓ Fast and Free Delivery



MEASURING GUIDE

Use this measuring guide and our smart product builder to measure and design the perfect shutters for your home.



PolyMate Plantation Shutters

\$0.00

Use our simple shutter builder to order your new shutters online and save! Check out our how to measure instructions and click on the “?” helper text to get your shutters fitting your window perfectly.

Window Name ? *

Width (mm) ? * **Height (mm)** ? *

Window Depth (mm) ? *

My window has more than 70mm in depth

My window has less than 70mm in depth

Fitting Option ? *

The small ? icons will help provide useful information and help guide you through each step.

QUICK SUMMARY

Window Questions

Firstly, we'll ask a few questions about your window to narrow down the correct shutter design.

1. Window Name
2. Width and Height
3. Window Depth
4. Fitting Location
5. Protruding Window Sill

Shutter Questions

Next, we'll ask some final questions about the actual shutter to complete your design

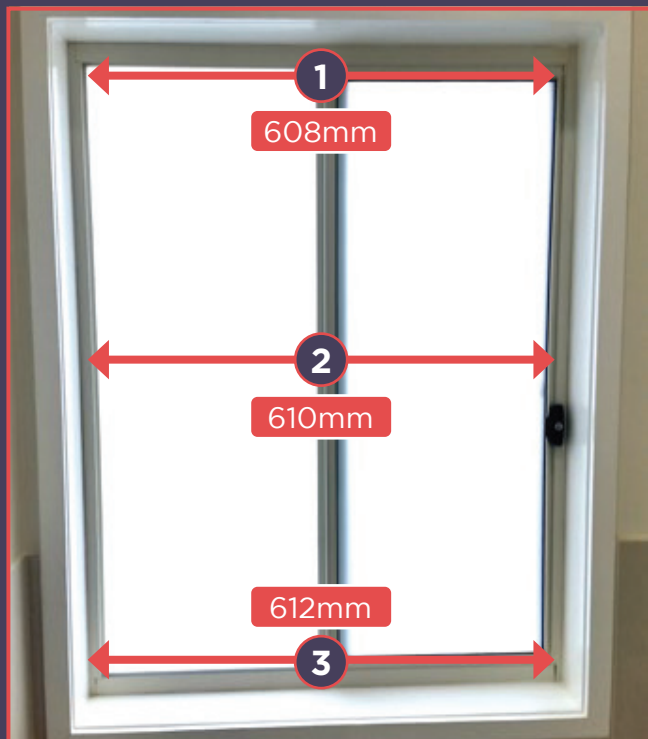
1. Colour
2. Panel Qty & Layout
3. Midrail Location (if required)

Usually Shutters are fixed inside your window frame. However, if your windows don't have enough depth the shutters can be fixed outside the frame. We Just need a little bit more info about window.

NAME YOUR WINDOW

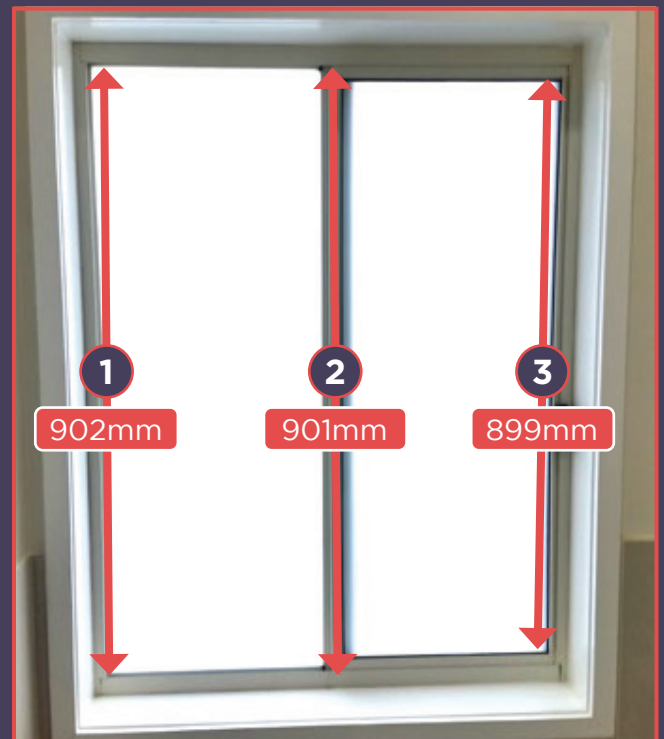
For Example. call it “bedroom 1 Left” this makes it so much easier to reference later on - especially when all your shutters are delivered.

MEASURE THE WIDTH AND HEIGHT OF YOUR WINDOW.



MEASURE WINDOW
INSIDE WIDTH

Record the smallest measurement of the 3
(eg. Top, Middle or Bottom)



MEASURE WINDOW
INSIDE HEIGHT

Record the smallest measurement of the 3
(eg. Left, Centre or Right)

Width

1. 608mm
2. 610mm
3. 612mm

Height

1. 902mm
2. 901mm
3. 899mm

ORDER SIZE = 608mm x 899mm

MEASURE THE WINDOW DEPTH



NOTE: there needs to be **70mm depth minimum of complete clearance** from any obstacles, from the window frame edge.
Obstacles to look for: Mullions, Locks, Window Handles, Winders, Storm Bars etc

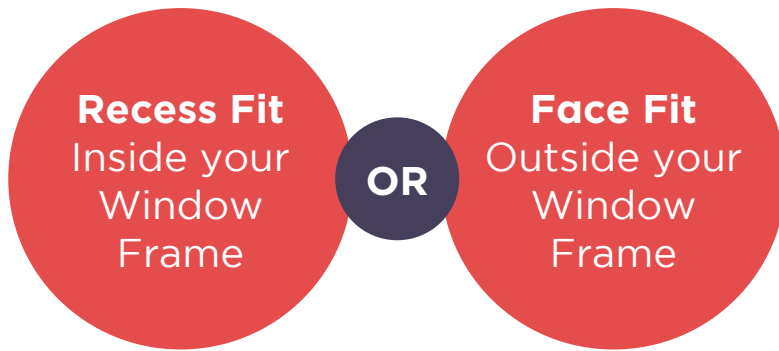


Example: Lock Handle



Example: Storm Bars

FITTING LOCATION



If your window has 70mm or more of unobstructed depth it's recommended to recess fit your shutter inside your window frame. The 70mm distance will allow the shutter louvres to open and close without fouling on your window locks or any other obstructions.

If your window has a recess of less than 70mm, our shutters can be face fitted outside your window frame.

The difference between these two come down to the way your shutters are manufactured.

Generally, Shutters need to sit inside their own frame, which the shutter panels are then connected to by hinges. The shape and style of the frame is different between an inside mount and an outside mount fitting location. You can see the difference in the below image.



INSIDE WINDOW FRAME



OUTSIDE WINDOW FRAME

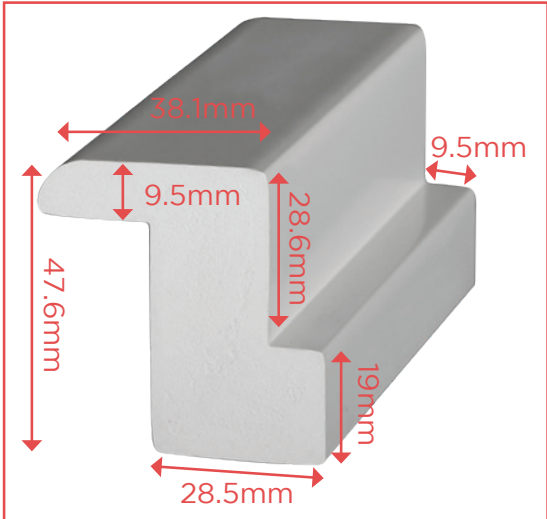
RECESS FIT

Inside your Window Frame

Fitting your shutter inside the window creates a clean and streamlined look, as most of your shutter's components will be tucked inside the window frame. This helps make your room feel larger.

When inside mounting we use what's call a Z Frame. As its name suggests it's shaped like the letter Z. This frame is joined like a picture frame and surrounds your shutter on all 4 sides. Part of the Z frame sits inside the window frame while the other forms a lip.

This lip helps to hide any gaps that may arise due to your windows not being perfectly 'square', which is really common.



Z FRAME
Inside Mount



Z FRAME INSIDE



FACE FIT

Outside your Window Frame

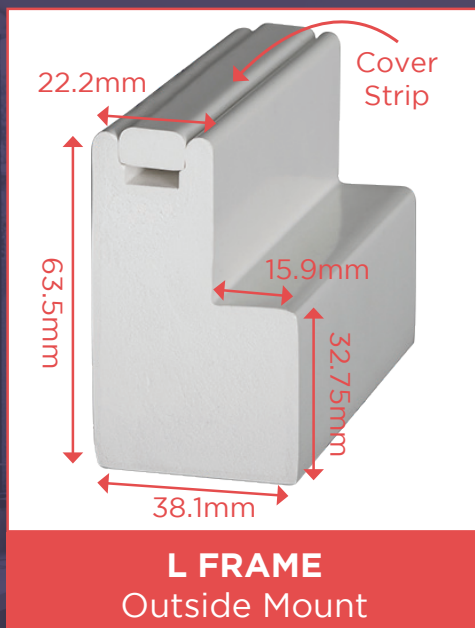
If your window has less than 70mm of recess depth or no recess at all, we recommend that you face fit your shutters outside your window frame.

Typically there are two scenarios for a face fit installations;

1. With Architraves
2. Or No Architraves

What's an architrave?

An architrave is the decorative moulded trim that is used to frame windows or door frames.

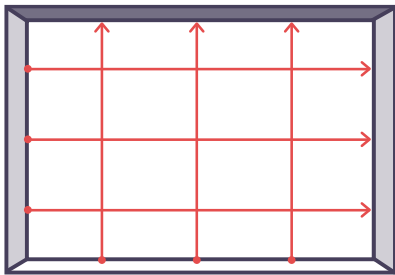
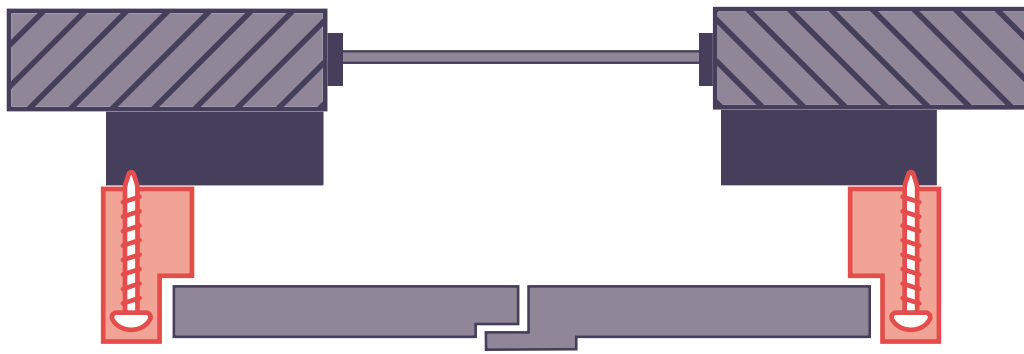


L Frame

The L-Frame is used when Face Fitting your shutters to the outside the window frame. This frame has a removable cover strip to all a screw to fix the frame directly to a wall or architrave. The cover-strip is then re attached to hide the screw and complete a clean installation.

I have Architraves

When your window has an architrave the L Frame is best to completely cover your architrave.



To manufacture your shutter to the correct size we'll just need to ask you for some new measurements.

This time measure from the outside of one architrave to outside of the other for both the width and the height.

This time please provide the LARGEST MEASUREMENT

I Don't have Architraves

When your window does not have an architrave the L Frame is best fixed directly to your wall. The Shutter will be made just a little larger than your window to make this possible.



+
40mm WIDTH +
40mm

Our Factory will automatically make the Shutter 40mm Larger on each side (A TOTAL OF 80mm) from your original "inside" measurement.

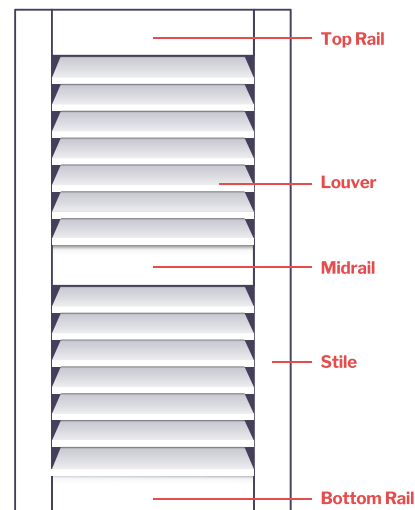


PANEL QTY AND LAYOUT

All Plantation Shutters are made up of 'shutter panels' and depending on your window's width the number of panels can vary between 1 and 4.

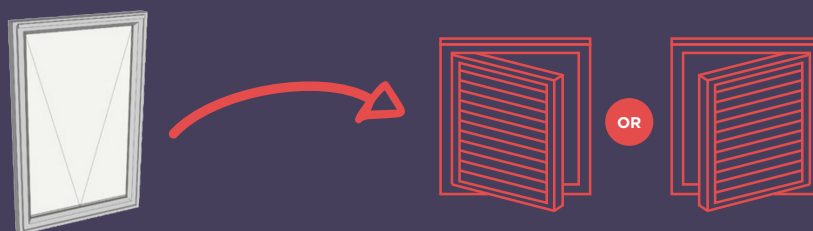
The maximum width of a shutter panel is 905mm. So if your window is 1200mm for example. You'll need two shutter panels. Our Smart Shutter Builder will help to suggest layouts and panel quantity based on your window size.

When using our Smart Shutter Builder and you have more than one recommendation for panel qty and layout, we suggest that you follow the layout of your window.

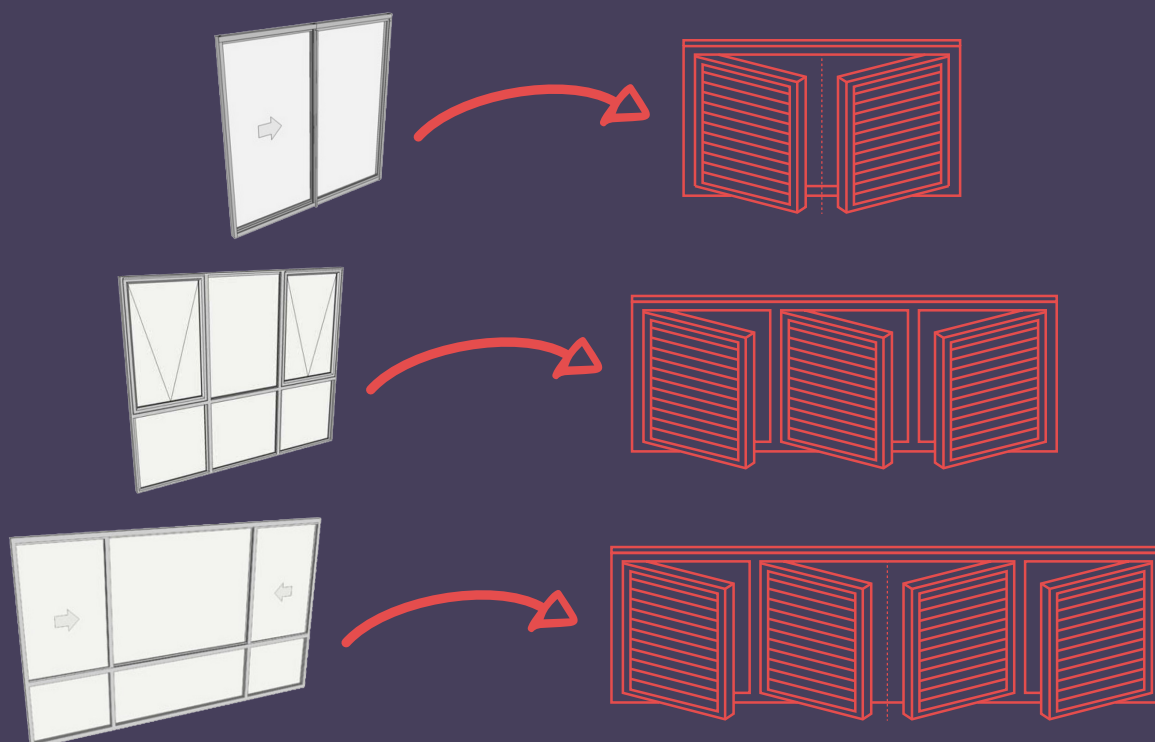


There are multiple ways to configure shutter panels.

If you order a single panel, you can select for the panel to hinged on the Left (L) or Right (R).



For shutter panels that close into each other like a cupboard, we make the right hand panel with a 'D mould'. This D mould help to provide a neat finish and blocks any light from leaking through the gap between the panels.



**Shutters look best when their Layout matches the design of the window.
Our Online Smart Shutter Builder helps to suggest the sort of
design decisions you'd normally only get from an in-home consultation.**

MIDRAIL (If Required)

What is a mid rail?

A midrail is a fixed element, about the size of shutter louvre, that is designed to cover a window transom (horizontal bar on your window).

If the height of your shutter is greater than 1500mm your shutter needs to be made with a midrail for structural integrity.



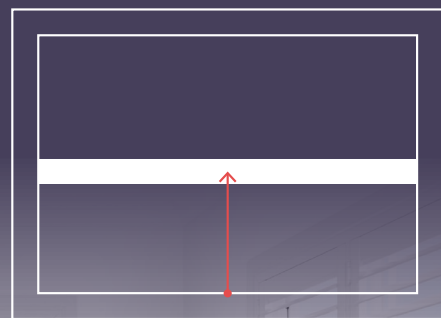
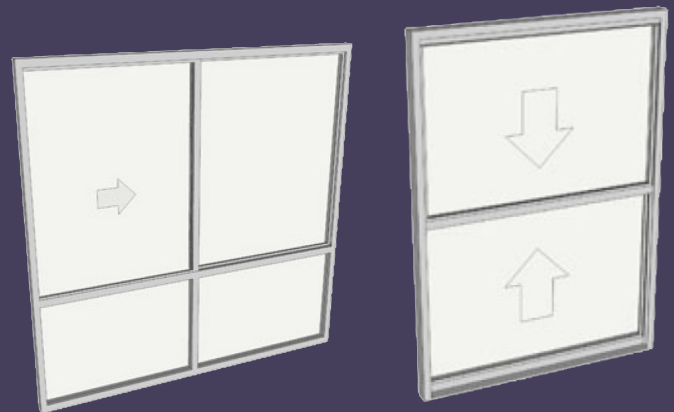
The most common position for a mid rail is 600mm from the bottom of the window. This is our Standard.

Depending on your window style, the natural breaks in your glass may not suit our standard 600mm height mid rail.

To order a custom mid rail height, simply measure from inside your window frame at the bottom to the centre of the horizontal obstruction.

When placing your order online, select 'Custom Mid-Rail Height' and enter your measurement here.

Please note that the position of a mid rail can vary by + or -37 mm depending on the overall size of the finished shutter.

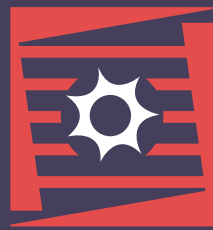


UPLOAD A PHOTO

When you finish designing your shutter online, we recommend uploading an image of your window.

Our team carefully check every order to make sure nothing has been overlooked. A photo will make it easier for us to supply a perfectly fitting shutter for your window.





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