AUCKLAND BLIND SPECIALISTS

HOW TO INSTALL

VENETIAN BLINDS · TIMBER, FAUX WOOD & ALUMINIUM

Your venetian blinds are made to measure, so fitting them is quick. Most people have each blind up in about 15 minutes.

Rather we fit them?
We install across Auckland. Stuck partway? Give us a call.
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YOU WILL NEED

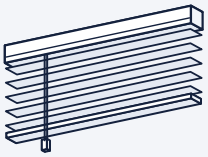
- Drill & bits
- Phillips screwdriver
- Spirit level
- Tape measure
- Pencil
- Step ladder
- A helper (wide blinds)
- Screws to suit your wall

BEFORE YOU START

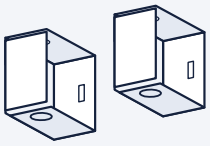
- Unpack carefully and check you have everything below. Leave the blind **fully pulled up** while you fit it, and don't cut any ties until it's hanging.
- Ordered several blinds? Match each one to its window by width before you drill.
- Check what's behind the fixing spot. Timber frames take wood screws; plasterboard needs wall plugs or toggles; aluminium joinery needs self-tapping screws.
- Drilling near the edge of a timber frame? Pre-drill a small pilot hole so the timber doesn't split.

IN THE BOX

WHAT COMES WITH YOUR BLIND



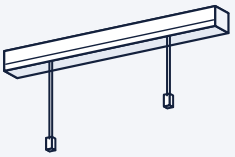
Blind
Headrail, slats and bottom rail, already assembled



Box brackets
One for each end, plus a centre support on wider blinds



Valance
The front cover strip, with clips or Velcro to fix it

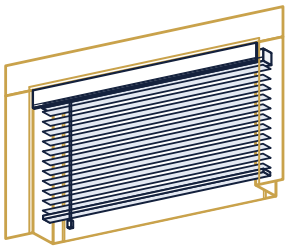


Cords
Lift cord to raise and lower, tilt cords to angle the slats

STEP 0

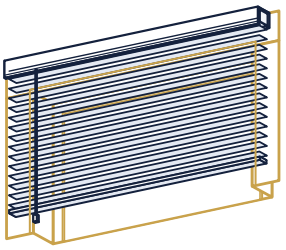
INSIDE FIT OR OUTSIDE FIT?

Your blind was made for one of these, so fit it the way you measured it. The same box brackets do both.



INSIDE FIT

The blind sits inside the window frame. Fix a bracket at each end, **up into the top of the recess** (top fix), set back from the front so the valance sits flush.



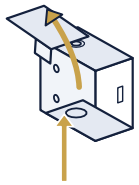
OUTSIDE FIT

The blind sits on the wall above the window and overlaps each side. Fix the brackets **back into the wall or architrave** (face fix), level, with the same overlap each side.

SIX STEPS

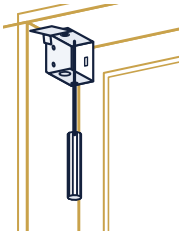
FITTING YOUR BLIND

1 Open the brackets



Each bracket has a front that swings open. **Press the locking tab** on the underside and **lift the front** of the bracket up. Open both brackets before you start.

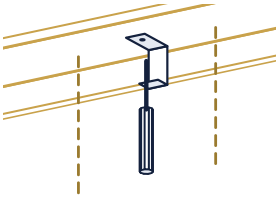
2 Fix the brackets



- **Inside fit:** screw a bracket into each end of the recess, up into the top. Set them back from the front edge so the valance will sit flush with the front of the recess.
- **Outside fit:** mark the brackets on the wall or architrave so the blind overlaps evenly each side, and fix into solid timber.

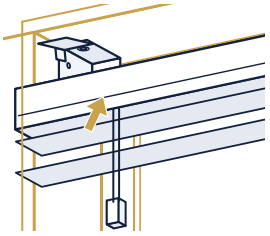
Tip: The brackets have screw holes in the top, back and sides, so use whichever suits your window.

3 Fit the centre support (wide blinds)



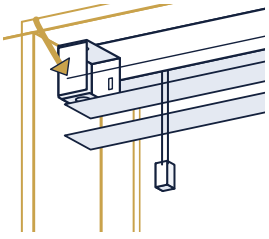
Wider blinds come with a centre support bracket. Fix it near the middle, with its back **lined up with the back of the box brackets**, and keep it **clear of the cords and ladder strings** so the slats tilt freely.

4 Slide the blind in



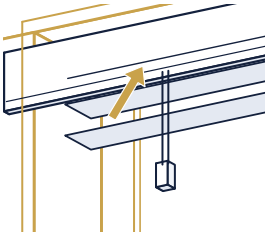
Hold the headrail with the **cords facing you**, line it up with the brackets and slide it **straight back** until it sits fully inside both. Get a helper to hold the other end on wide blinds.

5 Lock the brackets



Lower the front of each bracket until the **locking tab clicks**. Give the headrail a gentle tug: it shouldn't move forward or drop out.

6 Fit the valance

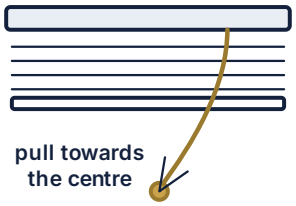


- **Faux wood (PVC):** push the valance onto the clips on the front of the headrail.
- **Timber (cedar):** peel the backing off the Velcro pads, line the valance up evenly and press it onto the headrail.

On an inside fit, the valance should sit up against the top of the recess.

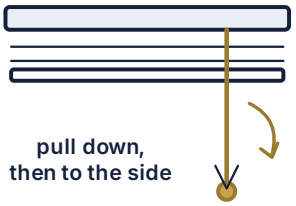
EVERYDAY USE

USING YOUR BLIND



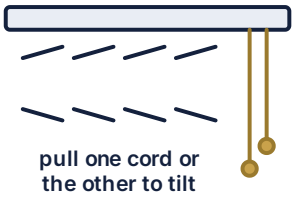
Lowering

Hold the lift cord and pull it gently towards the centre of the blind to release the lock, then let the cord feed back up slowly as the blind comes down.



Raising & locking

Pull the lift cord straight down to raise the blind. To hold it at any height, move the cord out towards the side of the blind and let go. The lock catches it there.



Tilting the slats

Pull one tilt cord to angle the slats one way and the other cord to angle them back. Tilt slats up for privacy while still letting light in.

Check it works. Lower the blind all the way, tilt the slats, then raise it again. Letting it down to its full drop once settles the cords so the bottom rail sits level. Keep the cords tidy and out of the reach of young children.

TROUBLESHOOTING

IF SOMETHING'S NOT RIGHT

PROBLEM	WHAT TO CHECK
Blind won't stay up	Move the lift cord out towards the side of the blind before letting go, so the lock can catch it. Pulling it towards the centre releases it.
Slats don't tilt smoothly	Check the centre support bracket isn't touching the cords or ladder strings. Open the brackets, slide the blind out and move the centre support along a little.
Headrail won't slide in	Check the front of each bracket is fully lifted open, and that the brackets are level and in a straight line.
Bottom rail is crooked	Check the headrail is level first. Then lower the blind all the way and raise it again evenly.
Brackets won't lock	Make sure the headrail is pushed fully back into both brackets, then press the front down firmly until the tab clicks.

LATER ON

TAKING THE BLIND DOWN

Raise the blind fully, take off the valance, open the front of each bracket and slide the blind out towards you. To refit it, slide it back in and lower the bracket fronts until they click. For cleaning tips, see the care guide on our website.

NEED A HAND?

We're a phone call away if a blind isn't sitting right. Your venetian blinds are covered by our 5-year warranty, and across Auckland we can come out and fit them for you.

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