Installation Guide

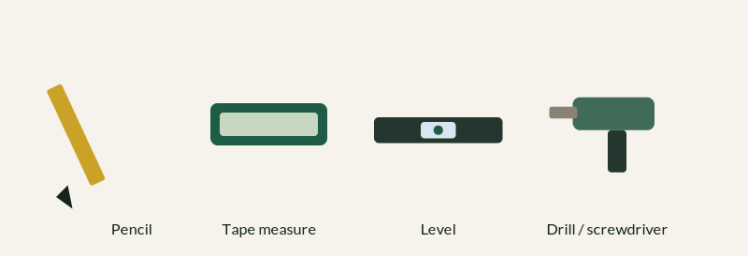
How to fit your made-to-measure motorized shade, in about 15 to 20 minutes.

Most Home Smart Shades are installed in about 15 to 20 minutes. There are two install styles: one with a valance that hides the roll, and one with a slim top rail. Use the style you chose when you ordered. The brackets and fasteners that came with your shade are the ones to use.

Before you start

- Unpack the shade and check the width and height against your order.
- Confirm you have the right room and window, and that the fabric and finishes match what you expected.
- If your motor is rechargeable, charge it before you hang the shade, or as soon as it is in place.
- Shades ordered with a remote are usually already paired and ready to use.

Tools you will need



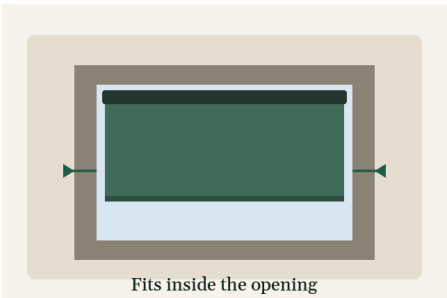
- A pencil, a tape measure and a level.
- A screwdriver, and a power drill with the right bit for your wall or window frame.
- A stable step ladder. For a wide shade, a second person is a help.
- Wall anchors if you are fixing into drywall rather than a stud or a solid frame. Some kits already include them.

Safety

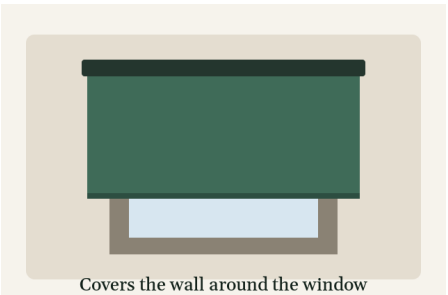
- Use a sound ladder, and keep children and pets away from the work area.
- Check for wires or pipes before you drill, especially around window openings.
- Support the shade until both brackets are secure. Do not let it hang from one end.
- Never force the fabric, the motor or the rail. If something does not line up, stop and email support@homesmartshades.com.
- These shades are cordless. Keep the motor and charger dry, and use only the charging lead supplied with your motor.

Inside mount or outside mount

Inside mount sits in the window opening, close to the frame. Outside mount sits on the wall or trim around the window and covers the opening. Use the mount you chose when you ordered, because the shade was made to those measurements.



Fits inside the opening

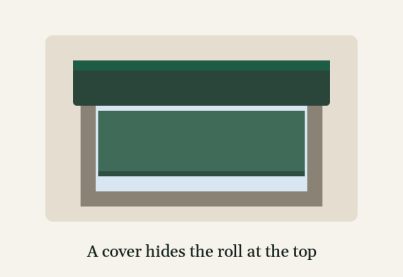


Covers the wall around the window

1. Hold each bracket in place and mark the screw holes with a pencil. For inside mount, place the brackets at the top of the opening, just as far back as the depth of your shade allows. For outside mount, place them on the wall or trim so the shade covers the opening with the overlap you planned.
2. Check that the marks are level with each other. A small tilt will show once the shade is running.
3. Drill pilot holes if you need them, fit anchors in drywall, then screw the brackets on firmly. Use every hole in the bracket.
4. If your shade is wide, fit any centre support bracket that came in the kit, in line with the end brackets.

Valance version

A valance, sometimes called a cassette, is a cover that hides the roll and the brackets at the top. The shade usually lifts onto the brackets and then clicks or slides into place.



A cover hides the roll at the top



Slim exposed rail, no extra cover

1. With the fabric rolled up, lift the valance up to the brackets. Line up the slots or hooks on the back of the valance with the brackets.
2. Push or slide the valance on until it feels seated. You should not have to force it. If your kit uses a retaining clip or a small locking screw, fit it now.
3. Open the shade a short way with the remote and check that the fabric hangs evenly and can move freely at both ends.

Top-rail version

A top-rail shade has a slim exposed rail instead of a valance. The rail sits in the brackets, and the fabric rolls up beneath it.

1. Lift the rail into the brackets so both ends are fully seated. Some brackets have a hinged latch or a small clip that closes over the rail — close it once the rail is in.
2. If your kit includes end caps or a retainer, fit them so the rail cannot lift out.
3. Open the shade a short way and check that the fabric is level and clears the frame, sill and any handles.

When you are finished

- Test the shade up and down through its full travel.
- If the fabric looks telescoped to one side, make sure the brackets are level and the shade is fully seated. Do not pull on the fabric to straighten it.
- If up and down seem reversed, or the shade does not stop where you want, see the Motor Pairing and Programming Guide, or the quick card included with your motor.

If a step depends on your exact motor or bracket, see the quick card included with your motor, or email support@homesmartshades.com. We are happy to help before you drill a second time.

Keep this guide with your order confirmation. Custom shades are made to the sizes and options you confirmed, so take a moment to check the fit before you use the shade every day.