

Honeycomb Measuring Guide

Please Note: These instructions should be read thoroughly before installing.

About This Guide

This measuring guide provides step-by-step instructions for measuring Honeycombs, including both **Face Fit** or **Reveal Fit options**. It has been designed for **qualified installers** and **competent DIY users** who are familiar with basic building practices and safe tool operation. Information is current at the time of printing and may change without notice.

Important Notice:

This guide is provided as general assistance only. Betta Blinds & Awnings does not guarantee the accuracy of the information in this guide. We recommend measurements are taken by an experienced measurer/installer who relies on their own skills and judgement. Information is current at the time of printing and may change without notice

General Safety

- Measuring must be carried out by a competent person.
- Always use personal protective equipment (PPE).
- Keep the work area clear and stable.
- Use ladders and tools safely

Tools Checklist

- Metal tape measure (best)
- Pen + paper (or phone notes)
- Spirit level
- Step ladder (if needed)
- A helper for wide openings (recommended)

General Measuring Tips

- Use a **good quality metal tape** and measure to the **nearest millimetre (mm)**.
- Measure **every window/opening**, even if they appear the same size.
- Windows are often **not perfectly square** — always take **three measurements**..
- Always record sizes as **WIDTH x DROP** (e.g. **1810mm x 1400mm**).
- Measure carefully — a good rule is **measure, double-check, then measure again**.
- For larger blinds, refer to the **Betta Blinds pricing/size guide** to confirm the blind can be manufactured and remains within warranty guidelines.

Blinds manufactured outside Betta recommendations are not covered under warranty.

Fit Options

Honeycombs can be installed in different ways depending on the window, reveal depth, and fixing surface:

1) Face Fit (Outside Fit)

Mounted to the **face of the architrave** or **onto the wall above/around the window**.

Commonly used when the reveal is too shallow, the window is out of square, or you want improved light/privacy coverage.

2) Reveal Fit (Inside Fit)

Mounted **inside the window reveal/recess** (inside mount) for a neat, built-in look.

Used when there is sufficient reveal depth and clearance for handles, winders, and window operation.

Before You Measure – Check Fixing Strength (Important)

Honeycombs can be heavy (especially with **some types of fabrics & motors**). Before measuring, confirm the fixing surface is suitable:

- Reveal/inside: timber reveal, steel, brick, etc.
- Face/outside: architrave, wall studs, solid lintel, etc.

Plasterboard/gyprock:

Fixing into plasterboard can vary greatly depending on thickness, stud spacing, bracing, and how far the blind sits off the wall. Plasterboard anchors may be used in some situations, but heavy blinds should not rely on anchors alone. Fitters must determine suitable fixings and quantity to safely secure brackets.

Obstruction Check (Must Do)

During measuring, identify obstacles that may affect operation:

- Window/door handles
- Window mullions / storm bars
- Sliding doors opening behind the blind
- Any trim that may interfere with cords/chains

If obstacles are present, you may need to change the fitting method or position.

Fit Options (Choose One)

1) Reveal Fit (Inside Mount)

Blind is fitted **inside the window recess** for a neat finish.

Reveal fit is common, but only suitable when:

- the reveal has enough depth for the headrail and fabric stack
- the blind will clear handles and opening windows/doors
- **Guide only:**
- **Slim/single cell systems:** often require **~50–65mm** reveal depth
- **Larger cells / day-night / double cell systems:** often require **~70–95mm** reveal depth

2) Face Fit (Outside Mount)

Blind is fitted **on the architrave or wall**, outside the recess.

Face fit is recommended when:

- reveal depth is shallow
- the window is significantly out of square
- you want better light control and coverage around the edges
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Pros & Cons (Quick Summary)

Face Fit – Pros

- More forgiving if the opening is out of square
- Better coverage for light/privacy (reduces side light gaps)
- Can avoid handle/obstruction issues in shallow reveals
- Often easier access to controls

Face Fit – Cons

- May conceal decorative architraves
- Blind and brackets may sit more visible on the wall/architrave

Reveal Fit – Pros

- Neat, built-in look
- Keeps architraves visible
- Suitable where wall/architrave space is limited

Reveal Fit – Cons

- Requires more precise measuring
- Requires sufficient reveal depth and clearance
- May interfere with window/door operation if clearance is tight
- If reveal depth is insufficient, the blind may project out

Measuring – Face Fit (Outside Mount)

Step 1: Measure WIDTH

Measure where the blind will be fitted at the **top**.

- Take **3 width measurements: top / middle / bottom**.
- Use the most suitable measurement (often the **largest** for face fit to ensure coverage but check site conditions).

As a guide:

- **Architrave to architrave**, or
- For square-set windows, allow **50–100mm each side** past the opening (space permitting) for improved coverage and privacy.

Record WIDTH in mm

Step 2: Measure DROP

Measure from the **top fixing position** down to where you want the blind to finish.

Decide finishing position:

- to the architrave, or typically, **50–100mm past the sill if possible or to the floor** (personal preference).

Record DROP in mm

Face Fit Example – With Architraves

Opening width: 1810mm

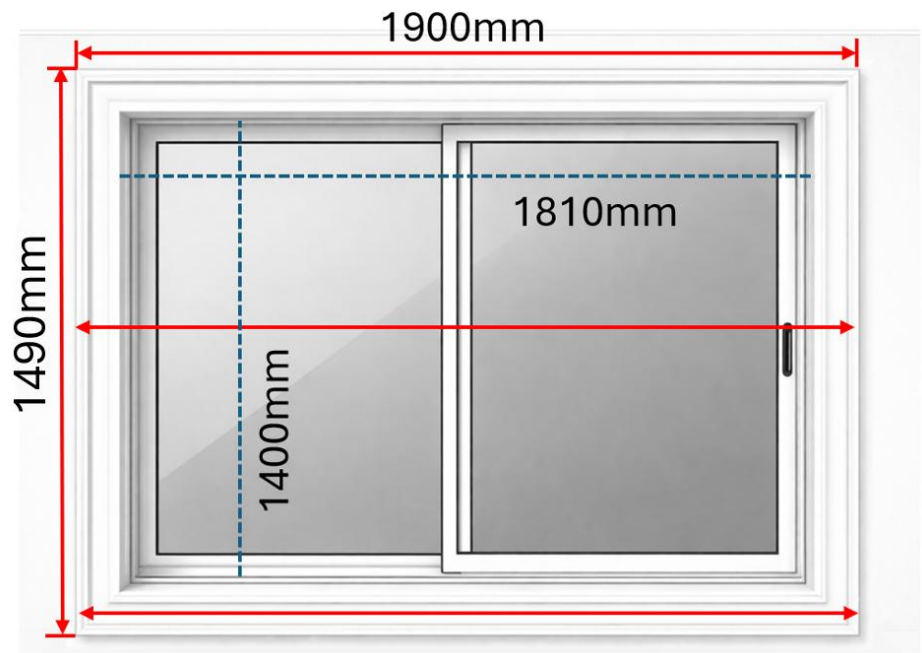
Architrave to Architrave = 1900mm

Opening Drop: 1400mm

Architrave to Architrave = 1490mm

Order size: 1900mm x 1490mm

NOTE (New builds): Allow for future flooring changes (carpet/tiles) if relevant



Face Fit Example – No Architraves

Opening width: 1810mm

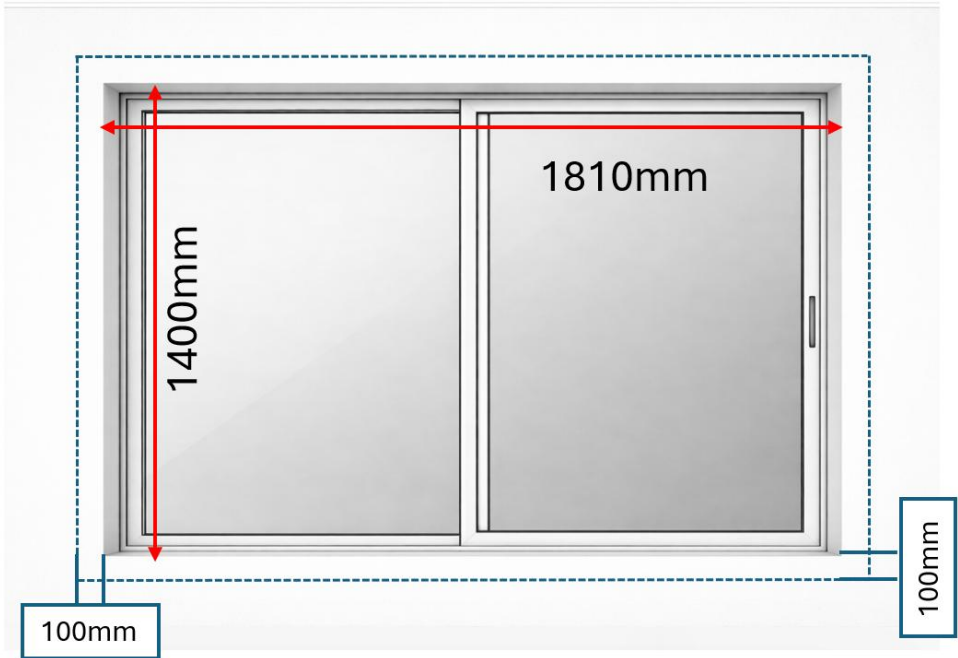
Width Add: +100mm each side = 2010mm (space permitting and fixing points available).

Opening drop: 1400mm

Drop Add: +100mm top & bottom = 1600mm (space permitting and fixing points available).

Order size: 2010mm x 1600mm

NOTE (New builds): Allow for future flooring changes (carpet/tiles) if relevant.



Measuring – Reveal Fit (Inside Mount)

Step 1: Confirm Reveal Depth & Clearance

Confirm the reveal depth suits the cassette and channels:

- **Slim/single cell systems:** often require **~50–65mm** reveal depth
- **Larger cells / day-night / double cell systems:** often require **~70–95mm** reveal depth
- Confirm reveal depth suits the cell size.
- Always confirm clearance to handles and window/door operation.

Step 2: Measure WIDTH (critical)

- Measure **inside-to-inside** of the reveal where the blind will sit
- Take **3 width measurements: top / middle / bottom.**
- Use the most suitable measurement (often the **smallest** if the opening is out of square).
- Your main width should be taken from the **top**, as this is where the track is fixed.

Record **WIDTH** in mm

Step 3: Measure DROP

Measure from the **inside top fixing position** down to where you want the blind to finish.

- Take **3 drop measurements: left / centre / right.**
- Use the most suitable measurement (often the **smallest** if out of square).

Record **DROP** in mm

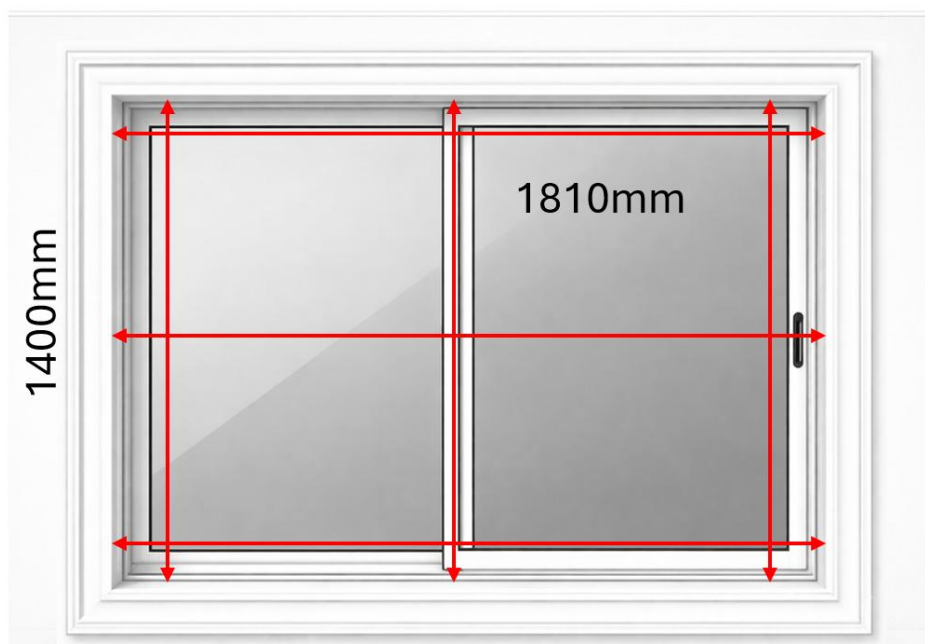
Reveal Fit Example

Opening width: **1810mm**

Opening Drop: **1400mm**

Order size: **1810mm x 1400mm**

NOTE (New builds): Allow for future flooring changes (carpet/tiles) if relevant



Ordering Notes (Important)

Open Size: Provide tight measurements — deductions are applied (as per product/system requirements).

Note: We don't add anything to your measurements — please include any allowances required in your order size

Caution: Accurate measuring is critical. Always measure twice, and if anything is out of square, use the *smallest* measurement to avoid tight fits, rubbing, or installation issues.

Your blind measurement is the foundation of a smooth install—ensuring the blind sits straight, runs freely, and looks neat between or on the posts. Honeycombs are designed for reliable everyday performance, but like any outdoor system, it relies on correct measurements to allow proper clearance and trouble-free operation.

For more measuring examples, ordering tips, or if you'd like us to confirm your measurements before ordering, refer to our website or contact our team for support.

Thank you for choosing **Betta Blinds and Awnings**

