

Blockout Blind Installation

(Outside Fit ABOVE Architrave)

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Mount the brackets

Each blind is supplied with two brackets:

- One control-side bracket (chain side)
- One pin-end bracket (non-control side)

This installation method mounts the blind **above the architrave** on the wall, rather than inside the window jamb or directly onto the architrave

Before proceeding, confirm:

- You have identified the wall substrate (see fixing notes below)

Because this installation sits clear of the window frame and architrave, **accurate measuring and levelling are critical**

Hold the brackets in position on the wall where they are to be fixed.

When positioning the brackets, consider:

- Aligning the brackets exactly to the measurements you supplied (there is no physical edge to work from)
- Ensuring both brackets are perfectly **level and square** with each other

Use a spirit level and tape measure to confirm the brackets will be mounted horizontally and at equal height. If the blind is not level, the fabric may not roll up square, which can lead to tracking and alignment issues over time. Mark the screw positions with a pencil (two screws per bracket)

Fixing notes (important)

Because wall substrates vary and no one screw type suits all situations, appropriate **screws are not supplied** for this installation method.

Common wall constructions include:

- Gib with solid timber or lintel behind – use an appropriate-length wood screw that penetrates safely into solid timber
- Gib with cavity behind – use a suitable wall plug and screw combination

If unsure, your local hardware store can recommend the **correct fixings for your wall type**. Drill pilot holes at each marking, then fix the brackets securely in place

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Install the blind

Remove the blind from its packaging, leaving the securing band around the centre at this stage

If preferred, you may leave the blind partially wrapped in its protective plastic and cut the ends free so it can be clipped into the

brackets. Otherwise, **ensure your hands are clean** and free of oils when handling the blind – this is especially important for white and lighter-coloured fabrics

Insert the blind into the control-side bracket first, ensuring:

- The control chain hangs freely
- The guarded section where the chain enters the control mechanism is **level front to back** – this is critical for correct operation and safety

Keep pressure applied so the blind stays seated on the control-side bracket as you move to the opposite side. Retract the spring-loaded pin by turning the grooved plastic wheel, then guide the pin into the pin-end bracket until it clicks securely into position. **You should hear it click**

Once installed, remove the securing band and any packaging you left on. Slide the supplied cover plates over the brackets for a clean, finished appearance

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Fit the chain stopper

Your blind is now installed and can be lowered using the control chain. Once the blind is fully lowered, fit the supplied plastic chain stopper onto the control chain at the point where it enters the chain drive

- Front-rolling blinds – fit the chain stopper where the chain enters at the back
- Back-rolling blinds – fit the chain stopper where the chain enters at the front

The chain stopper prevents the blind from being rolled down too far which risks the fabric coming off the tube, over time. You may need to adjust its position slightly and test the blind to achieve the best setting

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Final check

Lower and raise the blind fully to confirm:

- Smooth operation
- The blind rolls up square and evenly
- Correct stopping position
- No contact with handles, architrave edges, or other obstructions

Your blackout blind is now ready for use