How to Measure for Awnings – Get it Right, First Time

You don't need a site visit — just follow these simple steps (and **discuss** them **with your builder**) to help confirm the best size, mounting method, and setup for your space. These steps ensure the awning will be properly supported and deliver the shade you're after

1. Visualise the Installation

Look at the area where the awning will attach — usually above a sliding door, French doors, or window. **You'll need a solid fixing point** like exposed framing or a lintel — never install directly onto cladding alone. If you're unsure about the structure behind, **consult your builder** or a qualified installer. Check for obstacles like downpipes, eaves, light fittings or security cameras that could interfere with installation or projection. If in doubt, a quick photo will help us advise

2. Measure the Width

Measure the width of the area you want covered. This is the horizontal span the awning will shade. You'll generally want it to extend slightly wider than the opening, if possible. Awnings are made to order and can't be modified later, so identify any restrictions before ordering (e.g. walls or posts) on either side or in the way

💡 Tip: For visual balance, allow some overhang either side of the door or window

3. Measure the Projection

This is how far out the awning will extend from the wall. Think about the sun angle and what you want to shade — just the glass, or your outdoor table and chairs as well? Projection options vary based on your selected awning width — as a rule, the projection must be equal to or less than the width. For example, a 2.5m projection requires at least a 2.5m width

💡 If your width is limited, we can advise on max projection and angle options to get the most coverage

4. Take a Few Photos

Photos make it easy for us to confirm what will work and advise you. Please include:

- A straight-on shot of the wall (where the awning will attach)
- A side view showing eaves, soffits, or obstructions
- Any close-ups of tricky areas (e.g. downpipes or sloped cladding)