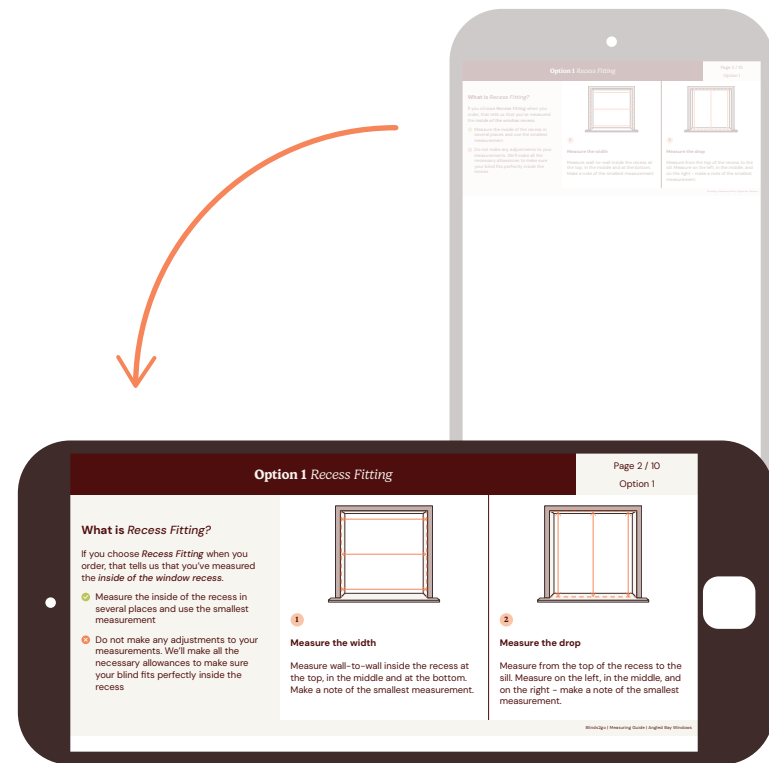




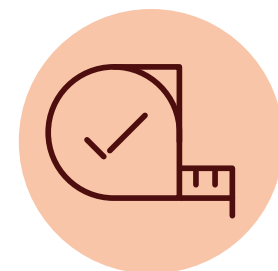
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Our guides are best viewed in landscape if you're viewing on your phone or tablet.

Our Top Tips for Measuring

Even if you have no DIY or measuring experience, don't worry – measuring is easy! The following pages will guide you through how to measure for your beautiful new blinds, but here are some general tips to keep in mind as you measure:

- ✓ Always use a metal tape measure – cloth or plastic ones can stretch, giving you inaccurate measurements
- ✓ Double check everything! If you're even slightly unsure about a measurement you've taken, measure again until you're certain
- ✓ Measure to the nearest millimetre, or to the nearest fraction if you're measuring in inches

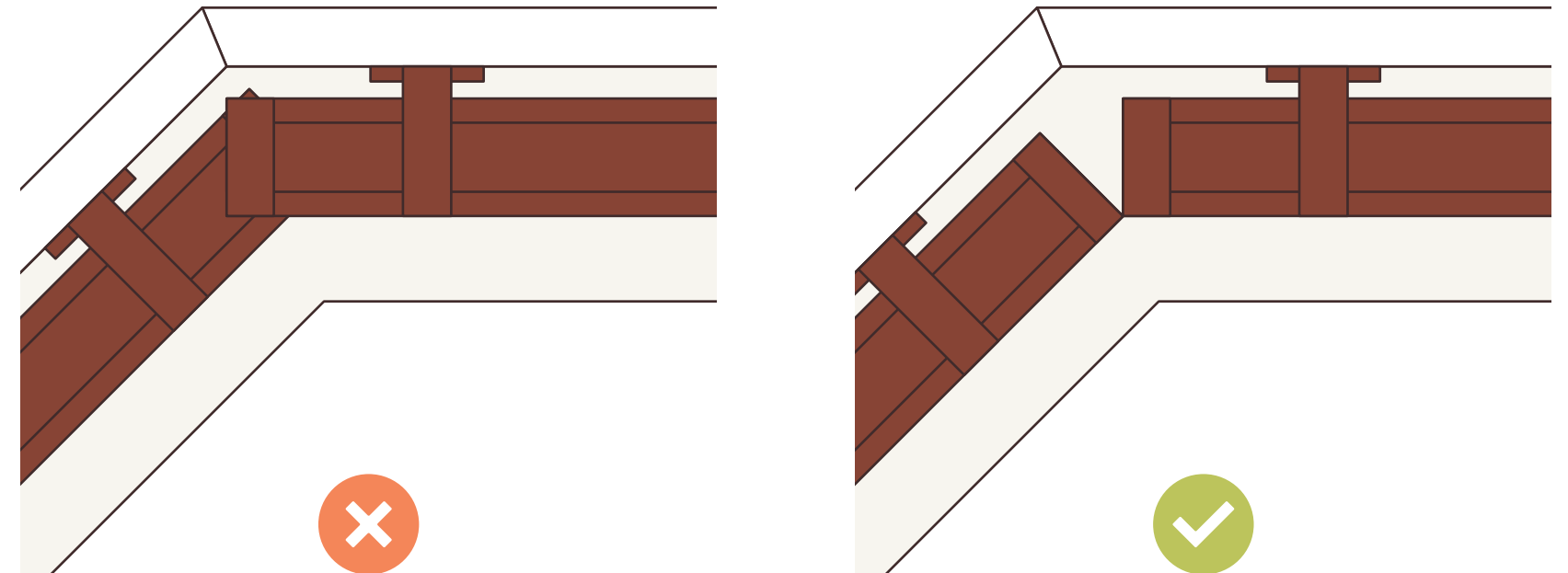
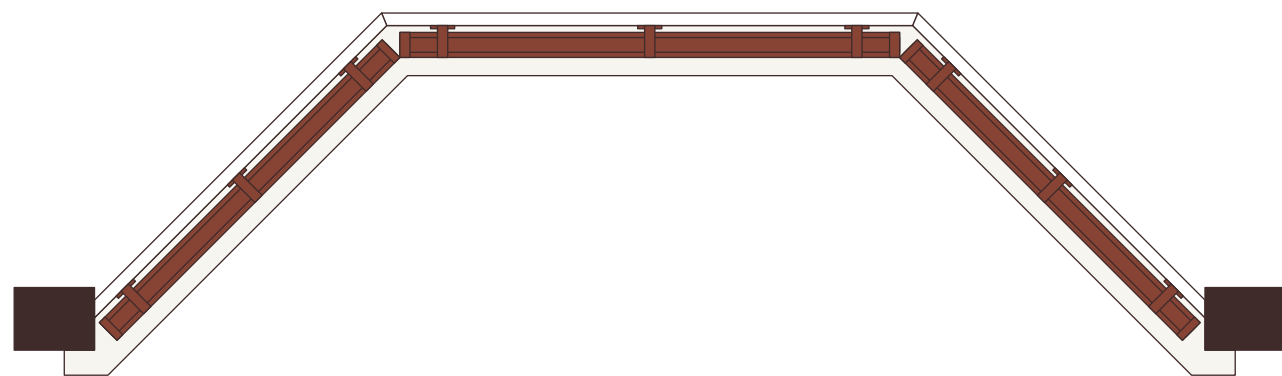


Don't worry! Even if your measurements aren't quite right, our SureSize measuring guarantee has you covered.

Section 1 *Why Bay Measuring is Different*

The reason there's a separate guide for measuring for bay windows is simply that the process is different to measuring for other windows.

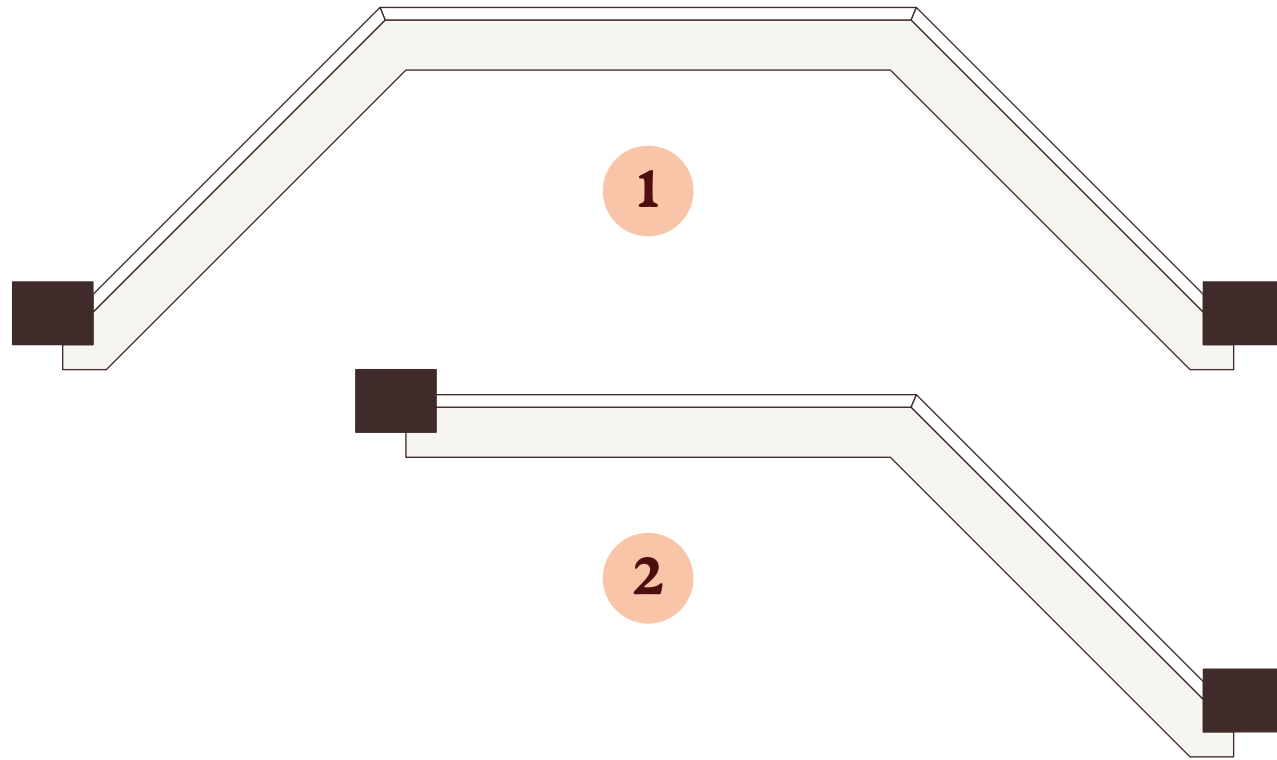
The blinds will protrude from each window they're fitted to – in a bay this means that they can block each other. The aim is to measure each blind so it fits its window without blocking the blind next to it. The below top-down view shows 3 blinds correctly installed in an angled bay window.



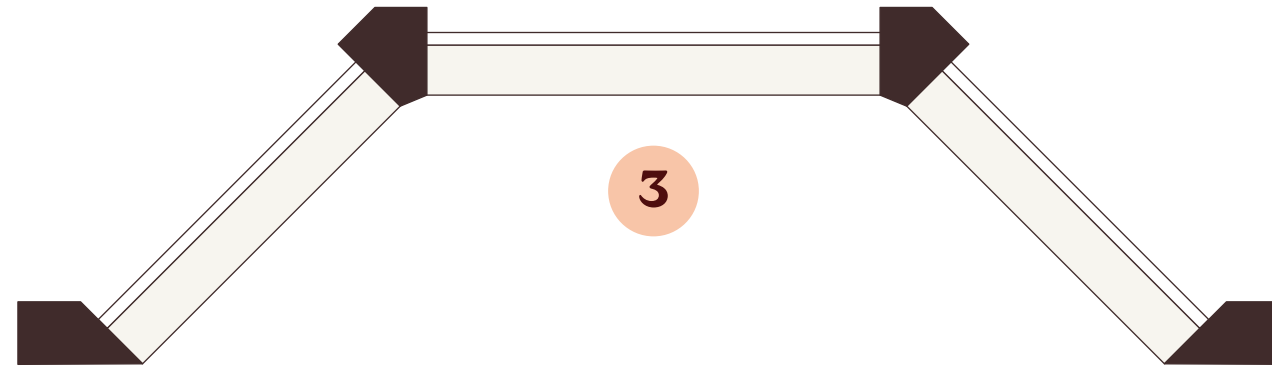
It's tempting when you start measuring to assume you should just measure the width of each window – but this will produce blinds which don't fit the bay, as you can see in the left image above.

This guide will walk you through how to correctly size each blind so that it sits neatly on its window whilst still making space for the blind next to it.

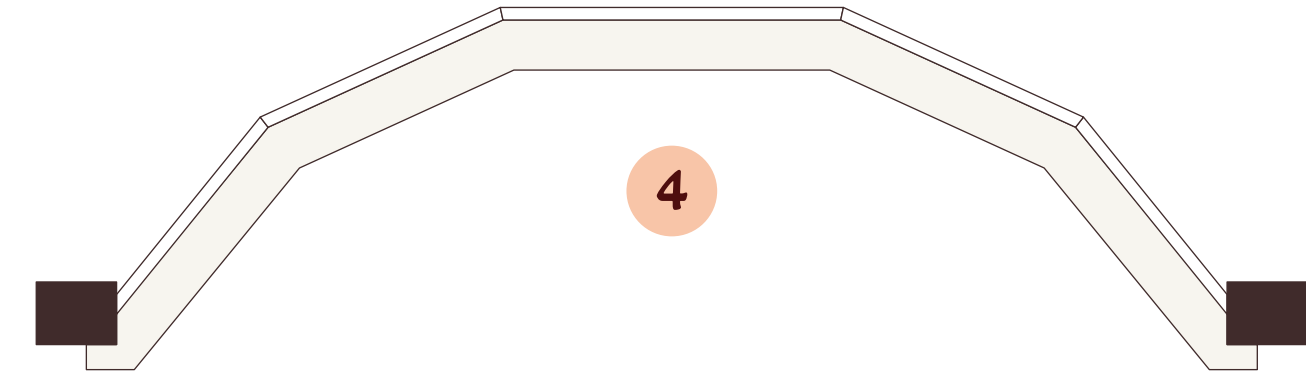
Section 2 *Your Bay Window's Shape*



The traditional, or 'canted' bay window (1) and its smaller cousin a single end bay, or half bay (2), are exactly what this guide was designed for. These are the most common shapes of angled bay windows.



Some canted bay windows have pillars or mullions between each window. If your window is shaped like this then you won't need this guide – you can simply measure each window on its own, using our standard measuring guide.



A bow bay window contains more than 3 windows, at a shallower angle, to give the window a more curved shape. Measuring can get a little trickier here – the more windows there are, the more blinds you'll need and the smaller each blind needs to be. Depending on the size of the windows this can still work, but if the windows are made of uPVC then we'd recommend trying our Stick On blinds or PerfectFit blinds. This guide doesn't apply to those blind types.

Because of the way the blinds must be measured and installed for a bay window, some types are more suitable than others. The below table provides a list of our product types that can be installed in a bay window. If the blind you were hoping to order does not appear in this list then it's one that we wouldn't recommend for a bay window.

Key: Most suitable* Possible but can be tricky Suitable No Drill products**

Wooden Blinds	Standard Venetian Blinds	Roman Blinds
Roll Up Blinds	Free-hanging Pleated Blinds	Cordless Pleated Blinds
Top Down/Bottom Up Pleated Blinds	Night & Day Pleated Blinds	Standard & Electric Roller Blinds
Standard & Electric Double Roller Blinds	Double Roman Blinds	Vertical Blinds
Privacy Sheers	Stick On Pleated Blinds	Stick On Roller Blinds
Stick On Venetian Blinds	Stick On Roman Blinds	BiFold Blinds (All Types)
EasiFit Blinds	PerfectFit Blinds (All Types)	

*The no drill versions of these products are not suitable for bays

**You don't need this guide to measure for these products, refer to the standard measuring guide

The first measurement you'll need is one we'll provide – the 'depth' of the blind. This is how far it will stick out from the window frame when fitted. This information's important for the rest of this guide, so make a note of your chosen blind's depth from the table below before moving on to the next section:

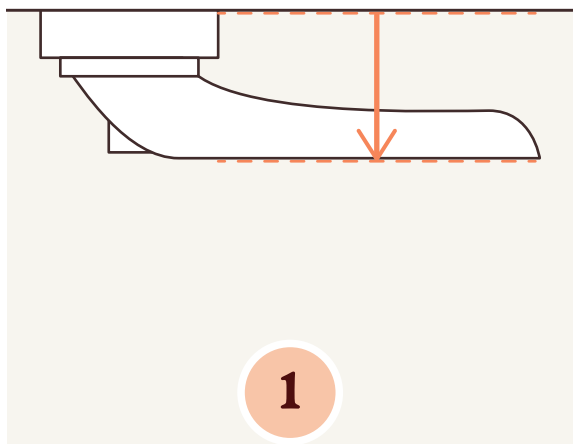
Blind Type	Depth
Wooden Blinds – 35/38mm Slats	65mm
Wooden Blind – 50mm Slats	70mm
Wooden Blind – 63/64mm Slats	80mm
Standard Venetian Blind	30mm
Roman Blinds	50mm
Free-hanging Pleated Blinds	45mm
Cordless Pleated Blinds	45mm
Top Down/Bottom Up Pleated Blinds	45mm

Blind Type	Depth
Night & Day Pleated Blinds	45mm
Roll Up Blinds	30mm
Standard/Electric Roller Blinds (Top-Fix)	50mm
Standard/Electric Roller Blinds (Face-Fix)	70mm
Double Roman Blinds	75mm
Standard/Electric Double Roller Blinds	80mm
Vertical Blinds	75mm
Privacy Sheers	75mm

Section 5 Mark Your Blind's Depth

For this section you'll need:

- 2 pieces of A4/A5 paper or card
- Pen or pencil
- Ruler



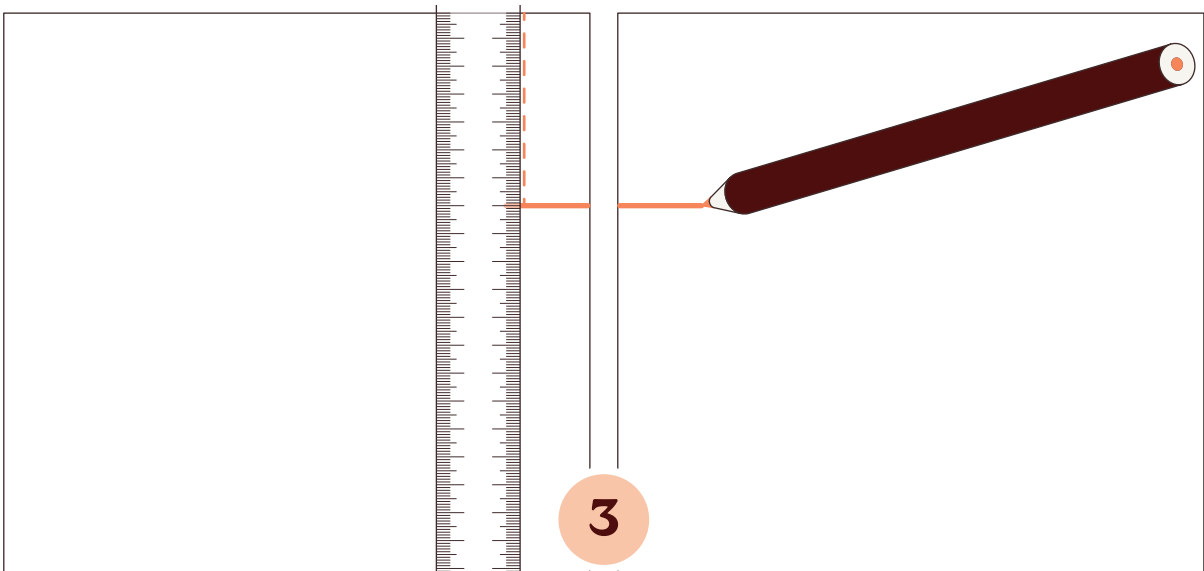
Measure the depth of any handles or other obstructions on any of the windows (this is the depth from the surface you'll be attaching the blind to, out to the front of the handle).



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Add this measurement to the depth measurement for your chosen blind. This new total measurement we'll just refer to as your depth measurement for the rest of this guide.



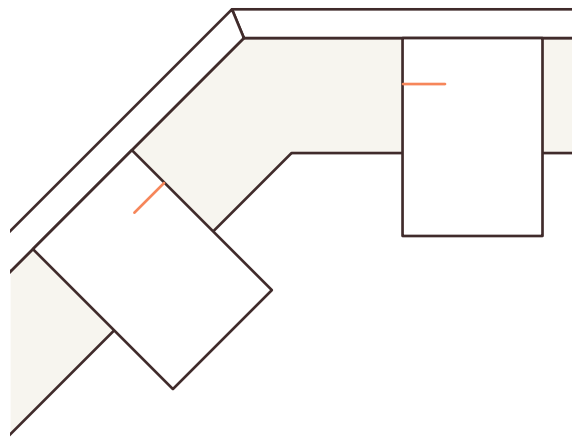
Take 2 pieces of paper or card – measure your depth measurement from the top edge of the paper, then make a horizontal line at the same point on both pieces.

Section 6 Mark Your Window Frames

For this section you'll need:

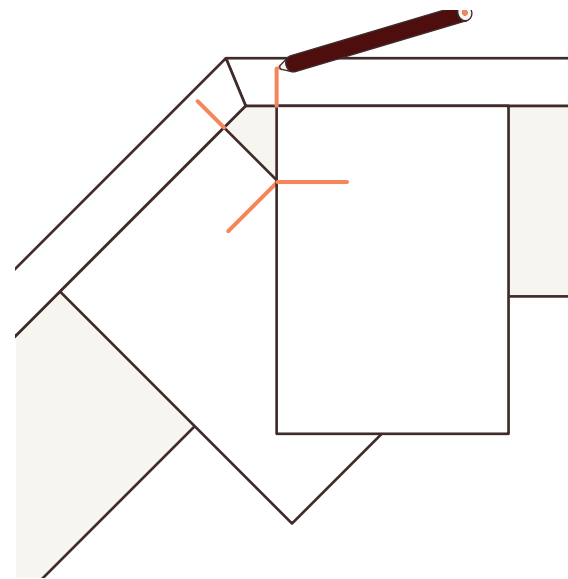
- Your marked paper or card
- Pen or pencil
- Masking tape (optional)

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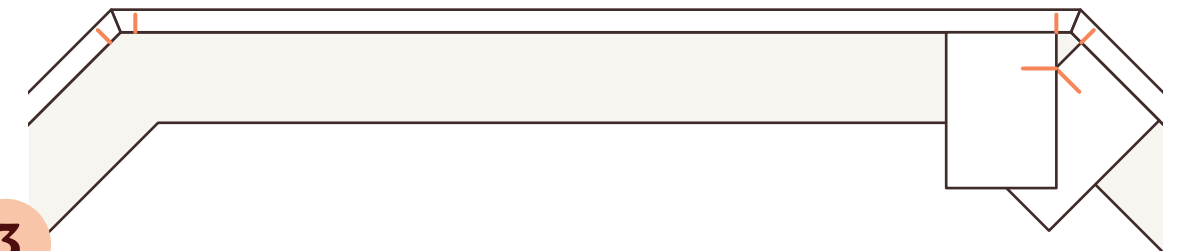
Start by placing your marked pieces of paper on the window sill. The marks you made should be facing each other. Line up the top edge of the paper with the window so it's flush against the frame – one piece for the left window, one for the centre window.

2



Slide the pieces towards each other until the marks touch and the edges of the paper form a neat triangle. Follow the edge of the paper back to the window frame and make a mark on each frame (use a little masking tape on the frame if you'd prefer not to mark it directly).

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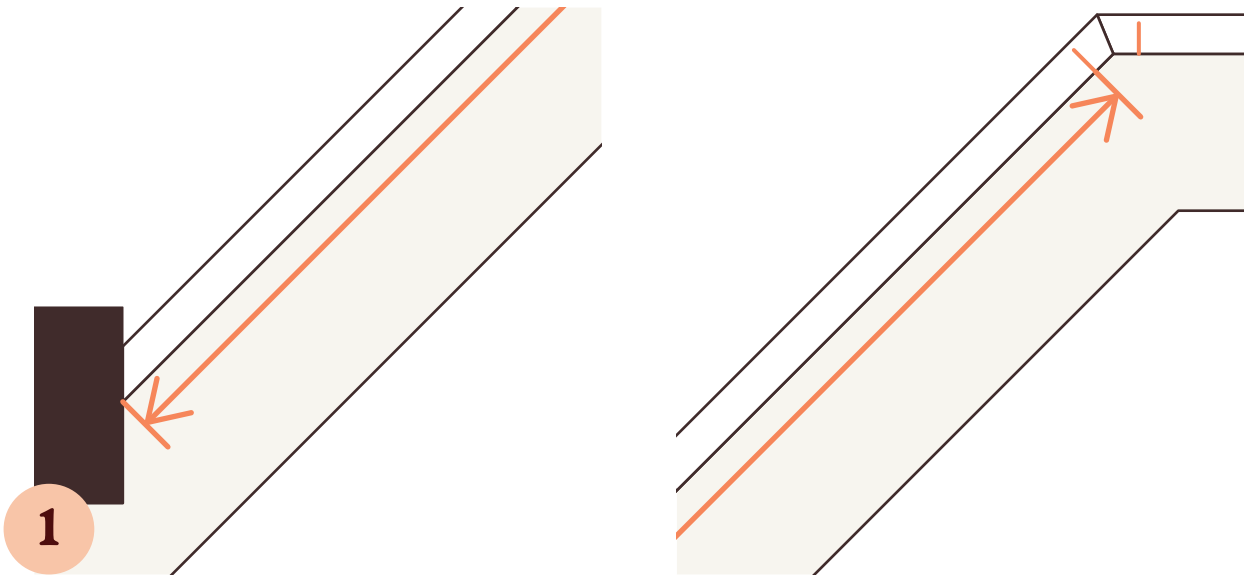
Repeat the process on the right side of the bay.

You should now have a mark on the left and right window frames, and a mark at either end of the centre frame.

Section 7 Measure the Width

For this section you'll need:

- Metal tape measure
- Pen or pencil



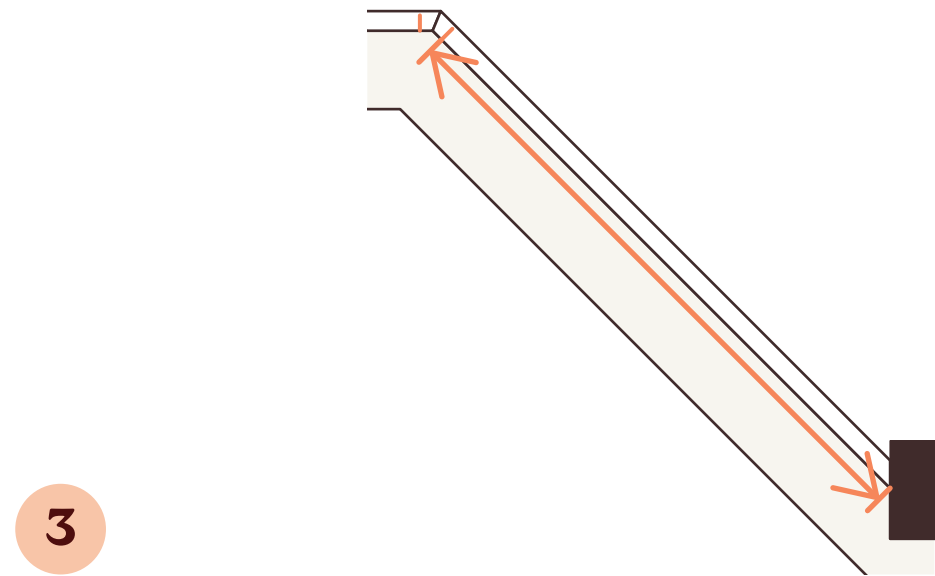
Measure from the far left of the left window, over to the mark on the other end of the frame.

Call this measurement 'left window width'.



Measure the centre window from mark to mark.

Call this measurement 'centre window width'.



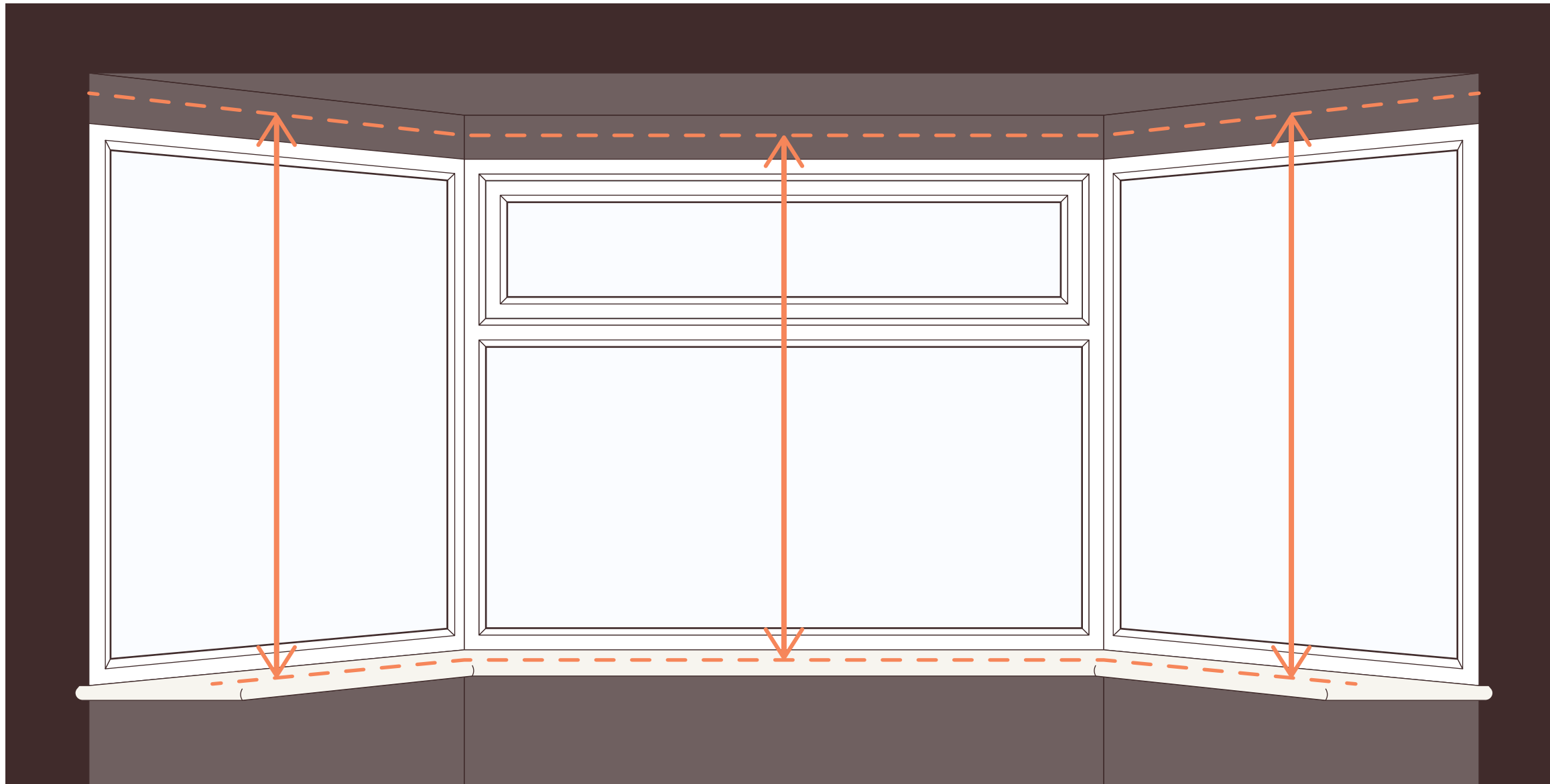
Repeat step 1 on the right of the bay, measuring from the mark to the far right of the window frame.

Call this measurement 'right window width'.

Section 8 *Measure the Drop*

For this section you'll need:

- Metal tape measure
- Pen or pencil



Measuring the drop is even easier than measuring the width! Just measure from down from where the blinds will be mounted, to the sill. If there's no sill then where the blinds end at the bottom is up to you, but make sure you account for any obstructions. We'd recommend leaving a gap of at least 50mm above any radiators.

i *Measure the drop of all 3 windows, but only make a note of the shortest measurement. You can use this drop measurement for all 3 blinds*

What Allowances Should I Make?

Generally speaking there aren't any, *except in the case of specific blind types*. The process you've just followed has provided you with the finished sizes you'll use to order.

- ✔ When you place your order, choose 'Exact Fitting'
- ✔ If you're ordering *roller blinds*, choose the sub-option 'Bracket to Bracket'
- ✔ If you're ordering *vertical blinds* or *privacy sheers*, allow a small gap at the bottom

Ready to order?

Enter the measurements for each blind separately and *choose 'Exact Fitting'*. The only adjustments you should make are detailed below.

When it comes to arranging any control cords, if you're given the option, it's entirely up to you whether you place each control on the left or right of each blind. However, for neatness and ease of reach, we'd usually recommend having the controls for the left blind on the left, and the right blind on the right.

Roller Blinds & Double Roller Blinds

When you select Exact Fitting for roller blinds, you're presented with a further sub-option – *choose 'Bracket to Bracket'*.

Vertical Blinds & Privacy Sheers

So that the fabric doesn't brush against anything at the bottom, it's best to make a small allowance in the drop. *We'd recommend reducing your drop measurement by 15mm.*