

How to make a Roman Blind

What you will need: (the quantity you require will depend your desired blind size)

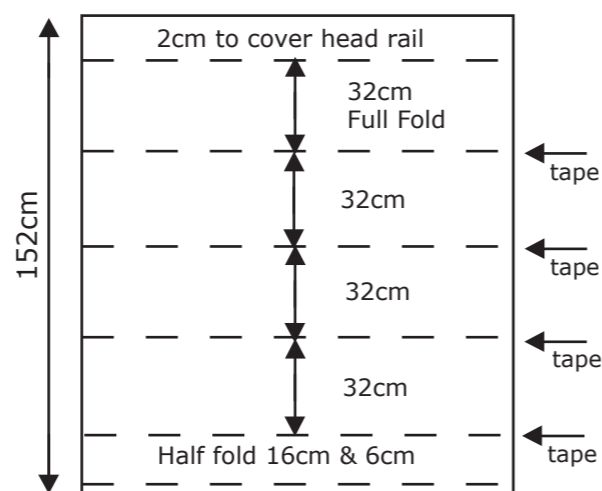
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| 1. Rufflette ivory or translucent roman blind tape | 9. Rufflette quick release cord rings |
| 2. Your chosen fabric | 10. Rufflette wooden acorn |
| 3. Matching thread | 11. Rufflette brass screw eyes |
| 4. Rufflette white or translucent roman blind rods (pack of 4 x 4ft lengths) | 12. Rufflette brass cleat and screws |
| 5. 5cm x 2cm wooden batten | 13. Rufflette aluminium roman blind header rail (pack of 2 x 1.8m lengths) |
| 6. 2cm x 5mm lath | |
| 7. Self adhesive hook & sew-on loop fastener | |
| 8. Rufflette roman blind cord | |

Step by Step Guide to making your Roman Blind:

1. Firstly, measure your chosen fabric. The length should be the intended drop plus 2cm for the top hem and 7cm for the bottom hem. The fabric width should be the desired width to cover the window, plus 5cm for the side hems.
2. Sew side hems and a 5cm bottom hem, leaving one side open in order to insert the wooden batten to give weight at the bottom of the blind.
3. Next, press a 2cm hem at the top of the blind and sew on the loop fastener, leaving 3mm between the top of the fabric and fastener. This is to attach the blind to the header rail when complete.
4. With the hems completed, divide the fabric into folds substituting your own measurements where appropriate. Subtract 8cm from the fabric length. Decide on the number of folds, then divide the fabric. To do this you must work in half fold lengths - see example calculation below in conjunction with Fig 1.

Fig 1.

Example calculation:
 Fabric length - 152cm
 Less 8cm - 144cm
 Total folds desired is 5
 The last fold is always a half fold
 The remaining 4 folds - 8 half folds
 Therefore the total number of half folds - 9
 (NB the total number of half folds is always an odd number)
 144cm divided by 9 = 16cm per half fold.
 Therefore each full fold will measure 32cm between the lines of tape and the bottom half fold will measure 16cm plus the 6cm extra.



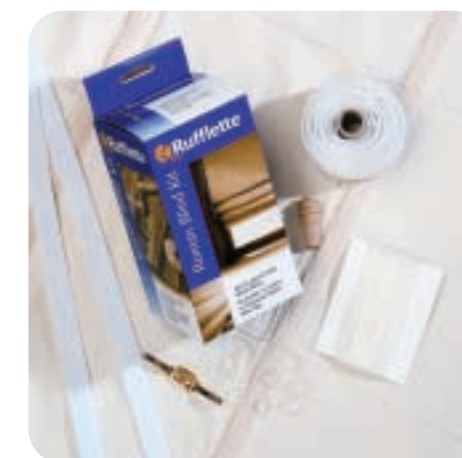
5. Cut the roman blind tape to the width of the fabric plus 2cm for the side hems and pin along the chalk guides, leaving 1cm of spare tape at each side.

6. Machine the tape along the blue sewing line and hem one end. Repeat to attach the remaining lengths of tape.
7. Cut the roman blind rods and batten 1cm less than the width of the fabric and insert into the free end of the tape and bottom pocket.
8. To secure the spare tape at the sides of the blind, fold over the excess tape and tack or fix with loop fastener, allowing the rods to be easily removed when washing the blind.
9. To attach the cord, measure in 2cm from the edge of the fabric and sew Rufflette's quick release rings across the roman blind tape leaving a 30cm gap between each ring across the width of the blind.
10. Fasten the cord, which should measure 1 1/2 times the window drop plus the width, to the bottom ring and thread upwards.
11. Fix the Rufflette's roman blind rail to the window recess.
12. Attach the blind by fixing the loop fastener to the front of the rail.
13. Finally, thread the cords through the self locking mechanism.
14. To finish, place the wooden acorn over the cord ends for neatness.

Helpful Tips:

Use a Rufflette Roman Blind Kit -

The Rufflette Roman blind kit is the ideal solution for making your own roman blinds. The kit comes with 10m Translucent roman blind tape, Sew on loop fastener, blind cord, quick release rings, a wooden acorn, a brass cleat and full roman blind instructions. It is suitable for making a blind to fit a window up to 183cm (6ft) wide by 183cm (6ft) drop. The kit costs only £13.89 and you can order it directly from our Customer Services Dept. (see below for contact details)



Sewing your tape -

Don't forget when sewing your tape onto the fabric the blue sewing line should be at the top of the tape!

Contact us:

If you experience any problems while making your roman blind do not hesitate to contact our Customer Services Dept. (via any of the methods below) who will be happy to help you out.

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