

BLINDSTER®

How to Install: Outside Mount

Let's make sure you have what you need!

What came with your blinds?

1. Left and right box-style mounting brackets
2. Four mounting bracket screws (two per bracket)
3. One pre-inserted channel valance with valance clips
4. Center support bracket with support screws*
5. Two hold down brackets*
6. 5/8" hold down screws (two per hold down bracket)*
7. Extension brackets (one per bracket)*
8. One tilt wand*

What else will you need in order to complete the installation?

1. Rechargeable drill with ¼" hex bit
2. Phillips screwdriver
3. Pencil
4. Tape measure
5. Ladder

***If applicable to your order.** *Regarding center support brackets-* if your window is between 48"-84" wide you will have two end brackets and one center support bracket. If your window is between 84 1/8"-96" wide you will have two end brackets and two center support brackets.

Regarding extension brackets- if mounting above the trim, you may need to use extension brackets. These brackets are used with your mounting brackets to provide additional space between the mounting surface and the blind. It is commonly used when there is a raised trim, molding, or window framing.

Outside Mount Installation-

1. **Determine the bracket placement.** You must install your brackets on a flat surface. You should already know if you plan to mount on the trim or above the trim. When determining width, use the outside edges of the bracket to see where the left side should start and where the right side should end. Your height measurement should start at the top of the bracket to determine the desired starting height point.
2. **Mark the screw hole locations.** Hold one of the brackets in place and mark the screw hole locations with a pencil. Repeat this for the other bracket. This will tell you where to drill the mounting screws. Be sure to mark for two screw holes per bracket and, if possible, try to position the screws diagonally from one another.

If you do not have center support brackets you may move on to step #3. If you have one center support bracket, position it as close to the center of the window opening as possible. If

you have two center support brackets, position the two brackets as evenly as possible across the width of the window opening. Once you determine where your center support bracket(s) will go, mark the screw hole locations with a pencil using your bracket as a guide. Center support brackets must be top mounted.

3. **Pre-drill the holes.** Using the drill with ¼" hex bit, pre-drill each of the screw hole locations you previously marked with a pencil.
4. **Install the brackets.** For each bracket, align over the predrilled holes and install the mounting screws into the bracket using either a drill or screwdriver.
5. **Secure the headrail.** Open the “doors” on each bracket. Lift the blind and set the ends of the headrail into each bracket. If you have center support brackets, position the headrail on the bottom ledge. Keeping the headrail stabilized with one hand, use the other hand to close the “doors” on each bracket. The headrail should now be locked and secured.
6. **Install the hold down brackets.** *If you do not have hold down brackets you may move on to step #7.* To install the hold down brackets, screw the brackets into the lower corners of your windowsill or jam. Make sure you do not position the brackets too close together. This will make it difficult for you to remove the bottom rail for when you wish to raise and lower the blind. There will be a pre-drilled hole in the center of the bottom rail on either end. Pull the hold down bracket out to allow insertion of pin end of the bracket into the bottom rail hole. Apply this same method to the other side.
7. **Attach the tilt wand.** *If you did not order a tilt wand you may move on to step #8.* At the top of the wand there is a metal hook that is protected by a plastic sleeve. Remove the plastic hook by pulling upward. The metal hook should now be exposed and still connected to the tip of the wand. Next, slide the plastic sleeve up over the metal shaft protruding from the headrail. Holding the plastic sleeve in place, take the wand in your other hand and insert the hook through the shaft all the way through until it rests in the bend of the hook. Finally, carefully pull down the plastic sleeve to cover the hook at the top.
8. **Attach the valance clips.** First, bend the channel valance at the score on the back. Connect the valance clips to the top of the headrail and spread them evenly apart.
9. **Install the valance.** Tilt the top of the valance in at an angle and insert it into the top of the valance clip. The bottom of the valance clip will then be snapped into the center channel located at the back of the valance. Your valance is now secure.

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10. **Enjoy your new blinds.** Sit back & relax because Blindster's got you covered.

