

# 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 valance with two side pieces
4. Center support bracket with support screws\*
5. Spacer blocks (one per bracket)\*
6. Two hold down brackets\*
7. 5/8" hold down screws (two per hold down bracket)\*

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 greater than 69" wide you will have two end brackets and one center support bracket. If you window is greater than 95" wide you will have two end brackets and two center support brackets.

**IMPORTANT:** Do not remove the rubber bands around your blind until the shade is installed. Routeless products have removable slats due to the nature of the product. The slats can fall out of the blind ladder cords if the rubber bands are removed prior to installation.

### **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 the 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. **Install the valance.** Prior to placing the valance on the headrail, attach the side returns (side pieces) to the valance. The L-brackets attach to the grooves on each side return and to the grooves on each side of the front valance piece. Now attach the magnetic valance to the front of the metal headrail.
8. **Enjoy your new blinds.** Sit back & relax because Blindster’s got you covered.