



## Newsletter #5: How to Select the Right Window Treatments for Your Home.

Finding the perfect curtains, shades, or blinds for your windows can be a challenge. Especially when you're still moving into a space or trying to reinvent your style.

Depending on your space and design, the perfect window treatments will be a combination of the right size, color, and shape. The following suggestions will help you find the perfect coverings for your windows:

### 1. Size it right.

There's nothing worse than purchasing blinds or shades that don't fit your windows. It's just a hassle! Here's how you size interior windows for a perfect fit, every time:

**1. Use the right tool.** You'll have the best results (and easiest time) measuring your windows with a metal, retractable tape measure. Fabric tape measures and rulers simply do not give accurate results.

**2. Measure the width.** You'll take two width measurements. Measure the width of the inner window casing and the width of the outer window casing.

**3. Measure the length.** Again, two length measurements are required. Measure the length of the inner and outer window casings.

**4. Where to hang?** If you want your curtains to touch the floor, measure from six inches above the window to the floor.

If you're still unsure how you should be measuring your windows, seek a professional to help you. Many will offer measurements as part of a free initial consultation (Lavish Interiors does).

### 2. Consider your room shape and size.

If you have an extremely large room, you might want to consider hanging curtains to bring in the size of the room and make it feel more "cozy." A small space might call for blinds or shades that hang inside the window frame, accenting the architecture of the space without making your room feel cluttered.

### 3. Natural light.

When considering which window treatments are best for your room, you'll want to think about the amount of natural light coming into your space. Rooms that are very dark may not require heavy draperies or dark shades. You might want a treatment that is easy to keep open and allows some light in while it's closed. Areas with a lot of natural light can sometimes get a bit bright. Adding shades that reduce the glare, look great part way open, or "radiate" the light might be good options.

### 4. Privacy.

Sometimes it's easy to forget that people can see inside your windows. If you're windows face a very busy street, if you're on the ground floor of an apartment complex, or if the window faces a neighbor, privacy is a big factor. You might want to go for a layering effect (blinds or shades with curtains) to prevent prying eyes.

### 5. Colors.

When thinking about the color of window treatments you want to use, consider your "grand plans" for the space. Do you ever want to change the color? Will new furniture impact the look of the space? The most versatile shades, blinds, and shutters are those in a neutral color or wood finish. Curtains are easier to customize and switch out when the mood strikes you.

When you follow these suggestions, it will be easier to find the best window treatments for your space. Better yet? Call Lavish Interiors for a free in-home consultation. Nothing ensures the perfect fit, color, and style than testing your options in your own living space.