

Faux Wood Plantation Shutters

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Installation Instructions

Congratulations on purchasing Faux Wood Plantation Shutters for your home from Blindster. To ensure that your shutters are installed properly and securely, please follow these instructions.

What You'll Need to Get Started

To install your Shutters, locate the following tools:

- Variable speed drill
- 3" Robertson bits (included)
- Slotted screwdriver
- Non marring hammer
- Level
- Pencil
- Contact cement required for outside mount L-frame applications (included)

After you've collected your tools, you're ready to begin the installation process.

Frame Assembly

1. Labels

- All Frames will be identified with removable labels. Match the line number of the frame to the line number of the panel. **Do not remove labels until product is installed.**

2. Frame Assembly

- Lay frame sides flat beside the panels to ensure that the frames will be assembled correctly and that the hinges on the panels and the frames will be in alignment.
- Frames should be pre-drilled with installation holes.
- Installation holes are located just below each hinge on the side frames (except bottom hole is located just above the bottom hinge). Top and bottom frames should have evenly spaced holes no more than 16" apart. (See Fig. 2.2)
- Insert the plastic corner keys into both ends of the top and bottom frames. Note: Bonding is only required for an outside mount L-frame application. (see step #3)
- Slide the corner key that is in the top and bottom frames into the end of each side frame.
- Using a rubber mallet hammer, give a firm tap to the frame to ensure the corner keys are fully engaged.

3. Glue Corner Keys (OUTSIDE MOUNT L FRAME ONLY)

- Apply Contact Cement to inside surface of the corner key cavity of both frame corners to be assembled.
- Insert the corner key, making sure the mitered corner is clean, tight and in alignment. Hold firmly till set (10 to 20 seconds). (See Fig. 2.1)
- Repeat for remaining corners.

Apply contact cement to outside surface of corner key cavity.

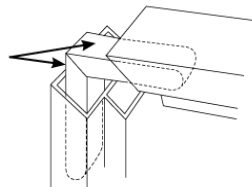


Fig. 2.1

4. Metal L Brackets

- The Z Frame will also include metal L Brackets which are attached to the back side of the frame.
- With the frame face down, set a metal L Bracket on the back of the frame in each corner. (See Fig. 2.3)
- Using the supplied screws (#6 x 5/8"), set 4 screws in each bracket to firmly secure the corners.
- If minor gaps appear, use caulk or sealant to seal the corners once the shutter is completely installed.

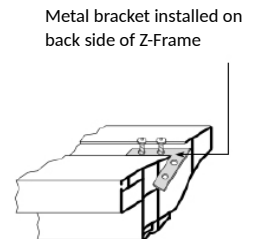
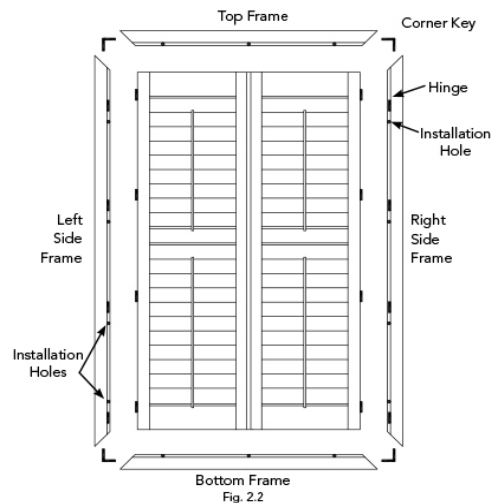


Fig. 2.3

Inside Mount L-Frame Shutter Installation

1. Place frame in opening

- Make sure the frame has been properly assembled and is right side up. Labels will identify each frame piece.

2. Fasten frame

- Center the frame in the opening. Insert screws (#8 x 1 1/2") into the pre-drilled holes of the top of each side frame. Set the screws into the window jambs.

Note: If the frame is significantly smaller than the opening size, then do not over tighten the screws. Over tightening the screws will cause the frame to distort.

3. Hang panels

- Set the panel(s) in the frame and insert the hinge pins of the top and bottom hinges only.

4. Square or level panels to the opening (See Fig. 3.1)

- Move bottom frame left or right until the panels are level. If this does not work then;
- Remove the top left screw and move the left frame side up or down until the panels are level. Once level, set the screw back into the window opening. If this does not work then; try repeating for the right side frame. (An alternate option to this step is to remove the top right installation screw. Loosen or tighten the top left side screw until the panels are level then re-install the top right screw.)
- When the panels are level and square within the frame, hold the bottom frame in position and set a screw in the middle bottom frame hole. (Note: Setting a bottom screw may not be possible due to marble window sills, etc. If this is the case, set screws in the lower side frame holes.)
- Minor support or leveling can be achieved by turning the adjustable jamb cap at the bottom of the vertical jamb (stile) to the required spot. (See Fig. 1.2)

5. Fasten remaining screws

- Insert screws in the remaining holes and check to ensure panels are level after every screw has been set into position.

6. Cap screw holes

- Once all screws have been installed and panels checked for level, cap all holes with the provided button plugs. (See Fig. 3.2)

7. Close Gaps

- Close gaps around frames with L-Frame Cover Strip (if requested). This is glued to the front face of the frame. (See Fig 3.2)
- Caulk or sealant can be used to seal any gaps around the frames or mitered corners.

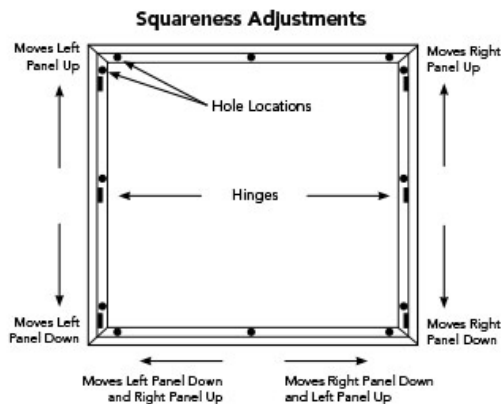


FIG. 3.1

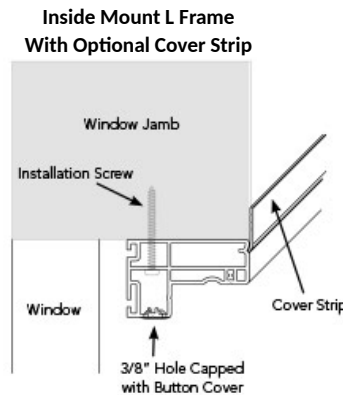


FIG. 3.2

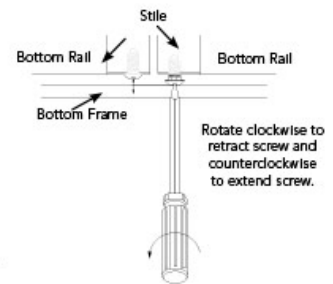


FIG. 3.3

Inside Mount With Z-Frame Installation

1. Place frame in opening

- The top of the frame is indicated by a greater amount of distance from the top of the top hinge to the edge of the frame.
- The label will indicate left and right side, but labels do not indicate top or bottom frames, as they are usually interchangeable.

2. Fasten frame

- Most frames have pre-drilled holes placed for ease of installation.
- Insert a screw (#8 x 1 1/2") in both the left and right top side frame holes. Center the frame in the opening, then set the screws into the window jambs.
- **Note:** If the frame is significantly smaller than the opening size, then do not over tighten the screws. Over tightening the screws will cause the frame to distort.

3. Hang panels

- Set the panel(s) in the frame and insert the hinge pins of the top and bottom hinges only.

4. Square or level panels to the opening (See Fig. 4.1)

- Move bottom frame left or right until the panels are level. If this does not work then;
- Remove the top left screw and move the left frame side up or down until the panels are level. Once level, set the screw back into the window opening. If this does not work then; try repeating for the right side frame. (An alternate option to this step is to remove the top right installation screw. Loosen or tighten the top left side screw until the panels are level then re-install the top right screw.)
- When the panels are level and square within the frame, hold the bottom frame in position and set a screw in the middle bottom frame hole. (Note: Setting a bottom screw may not be possible due to marble window sills, etc.)
- Minor support or leveling can be achieved by turning the adjustable jamb cap at the bottom of the vertical jamb (stile) to the required spot. (See Fig. 1.2)

5. Fasten remaining screws

- Insert screws in the remaining holes and check to ensure panels are level after every screw has been drilled into position.

6. Panel Lock

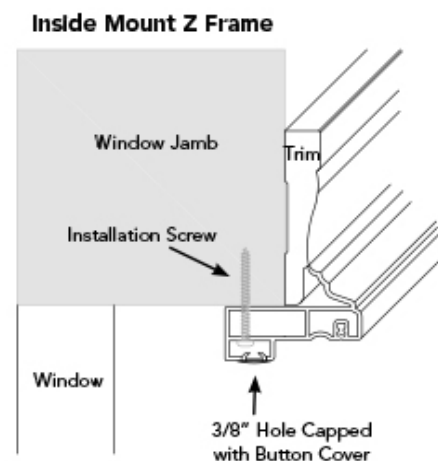
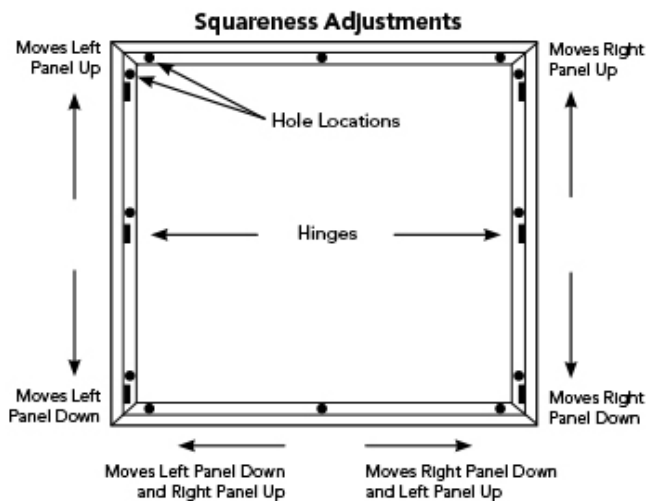
- The Panel Lock system does not require any installation when 4-sided frames are used. The Panel Lock caps have already been installed in the ends of the stiles. The plungers lock into the groove of the frame.

7. Cap screw holes

- Once all screws have been installed and panels checked for levelness, cap all holes with the provided button plugs. (See Fig. 4.2)

8. Close any gaps

- Dap or Caulking can be used to seal any gaps around the frames or mitered corners.



Outside Mount With L-Frame Installation

1. Hold frame on opening

- Make sure the frame has been properly assembled and is right side up. The top of the frame is indicated by a greater amount of distance from the top of the top hinge to the edge of the frame.

2. Fasten frame

- Insert a screw (#8 x 1 1/2") in both the left and right top side frame holes. Secure the left screw first. Make sure the frame is level and then secure the screw on the right. Depending on the application and number of extensions, longer #8 x 2" screws may be supplied.

3. Hang panels

- Set panel(s) in the frame and insert the hinge pins of the top and bottom hinges only.

4. Square or level panels to the opening (See Fig. 6.1)

- Move bottom frame left or right until the panels are level. If this does not work then;
- Move left frame up or down until the panels are level. If this does not work then;
- Move right frame up or down until the panels are level.
- When the panels are level within the frame, hold the bottom frame in position and place a screw in the middle bottom frame hole. Make sure the bottom frame is level before setting screws.
- If minor support or leveling is required, turn adjustable jamb cap at the bottom of the vertical jamb stile to the required spot. (See Fig. 1.2)

5. Fasten remaining screws

- Insert screws in the remaining holes.
- Check to ensure panels are level after every screw has been screwed into position.

6. Panel Lock

- The Panel Lock system does not require any installation. The Panel Lock caps have already been installed in the ends of the stiles. The plungers lock into the groove of the frame.

7. Cap screw holes

- Once all screws have been installed and panels checked for level, cap all holes with the provided button plugs. (See Fig. 6.2)

8. Close any gaps

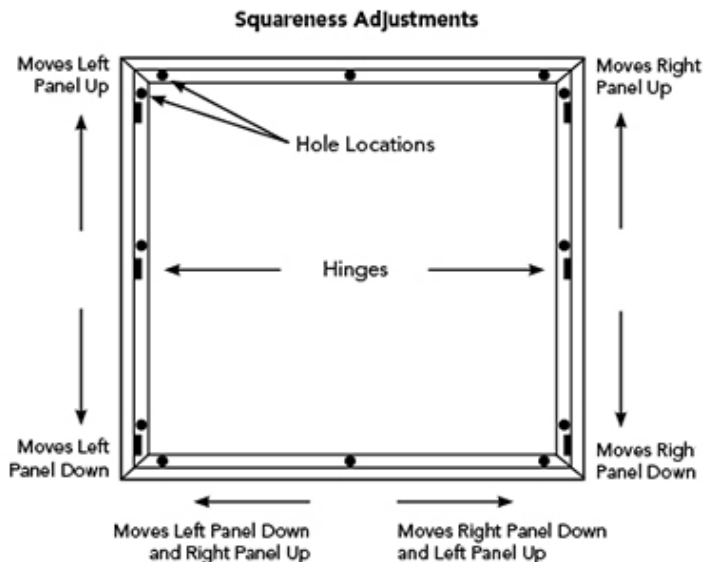


Fig. 6.1

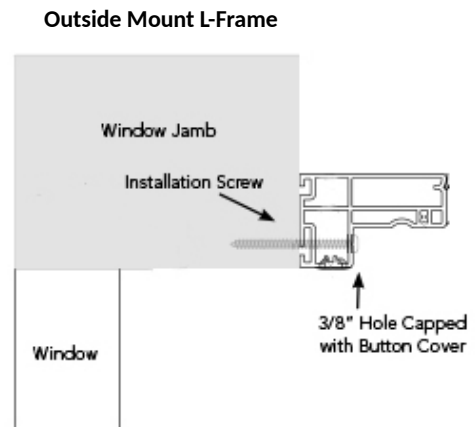


Fig. 6.2