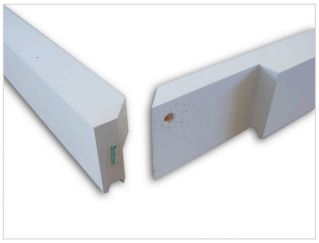
# FITTING GUIDE: 1.2 ASSEMBLING TIPS

## Tip 1: Screwing the frames



**Large windows only** - I suggest screwing the corners of large frames together for added strength, this stops the mitres sliding apart with the weight of heavy shutters.

Screws are not provided for this, use 4 x 40mm or 40 x 45mm screws. Drill a pilot hole first and counter sink the hole. You will need to tighten both sides evenly to pull the mitre together. (Not recommended for MDF frames.)

Partial frames and frame cut outs will need to be screwed as shown above.

## Tip 2: Glueing the frame (MDF only)

**Bullnose Z example**

Standard MDF frames can be glued together at the corners to help create tight strong mitred joints. This is a good idea on large windows and bay windows.

I recommend a fast drying mitre glue, for example I use 'No Nonsense Mitre Adhesive' from screwfix.

Be careful this stuff goes off in 10 seconds! Add the glue to one side and spray the other side of the mitre, bring the two parts together slowly on a flat surface (Try the cardboard box the shutters come packed in.) Ensure the joints start to line up, then press together hard and count to 10. Once you have glued two corners ask someone to help you glue the last two joints at the same time.

## Tip 3: General

**Lifting** - do not twist the frame when lifting, hold the frame on each side if possible.

**Mark the top** - Always mark the top of the frame as there no labels showing once the frame is assembled.

**Inserts** - put the inserts somewhere flat and safe, do not stand them on their ends in a corner as this can dent the tips of the mitres.

**Check the fit** - You can pre-fit the shutters in the frame while it's on the floor to check the hinge position and ensure everything lines up neatly.