

FITTING GUIDE: 9.4 FITTING BATTENS

SUPPLIED IN THE BOX

- **Battens** - Designed to create a sub frame around your window to help install your shutters and ensure the louvres miss any protruding objects.

RECOMMENDED SCREWS

Standard battens are 30 x 40mm

(Screws not supplied for battens)

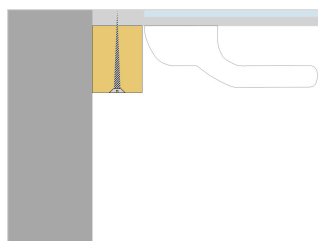
- **4 x 50mm** (Front fix UPVC windows)
- **4 x 60mm** (Front fix wood windows)
- **4 x 60mm** (Side fix masonry)

TOOLS REQUIRED

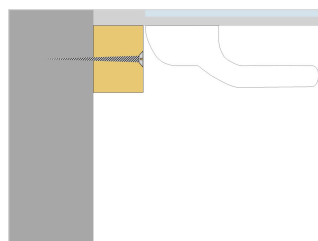
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- **Tape** - Measuring the batten length
- **Saw** - Cutting the battens to length
- **Square** - A guide to aid straight cutting
- **Suitable drill** – Screwing & drilling
- **PZ2 screw bit** - Fits most standard screws
- **5mm pilot drill** – Making pilot holes for screws
- **Counter sink** - To ensure screw heads are flush
- **Filler** - Flexible decorators caulk in a tube
- **Cloth** - Wiping excess filler
- **6mm masonry bit** - If side fixing into walls
- **6mm raw plugs** - If side fixing into walls
- **Plaster board fixings** - If side fixing into plaster board
- **Cover caps** - For screw heads if side fixing

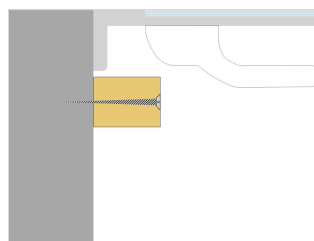
Step 1: Front fix or side fix?



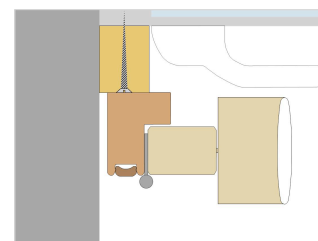
Forward



Sideways



Spaced away



Batten & frame

Battens can be fitted forward into the window or sideways into the wall. Forward fixing will mean the frame hides the batten screws. The side fix option will require cover caps.

Before assembling the frame, you can sit the bottom sections of the frames on the window sill to get a feel for how they fit. Use them in conjunction with the templates to mark the ends of where the side battens should be fixed.

Depending on the style of your bay, decide which way around you are going to fit the battens:

- Side battens first, fitting the top and bottom battens within the sides.
- Top and bottom battens first, fitting the side battens between the top and bottom battens.

The layout and design of the battens should have been decided when measuring.

Fitting the battens around a UPVC round bay can take several hours, this will form the subframe onto which you can fit your shutters.

If your window is out of level, install the side battens level/upright as this will make easier to fit the shutter frames.

Step 2: Measuring & cutting



Use the measuring templates to mark the bottom battens to length and to get the correct angle on the batten at each corner. Work your way around the bay cutting each batten to length first.

You can use the bottom battens as templates when measuring and cutting the top battens.

Measure the width, draw a square line on the top (40mm face) and down the side (30mm face) of the batten to help cut in a straight line. A tenon saw or fine toothed saw is best.

Step 3: Drilling and fixing



Choose to fix the battens into the window or down into the window will. Drill some pilot holes in the battens, usually 2 in each of the top and bottom battens is enough. Fix the battens around the bay.

The side battens may need to be leveled depending on how the sides of your bay finish and if you are using infills. Cut these to length and fix them into position.

Use a 4-5mm drill and counter sink the holes if possible, especially if you are fixing into UPVC.

Fixing - Choose a suitable fixing if you are fixing into brick or plasterboard.

Step 4: Filler



Use decorators filler (Caulk) in a tube, for example 'No Nonsense' from Screwfix is suitable.

Fill between the wall and batten to create a neat joint. You can also use filler between the joints in your battens if required.

Use a wet cloth to help wipe away excess filler.

Make sure this joint is neat because on out of level windows where the shadow gap is wider you might see through to the batten.