

FREQUENTLY ASKED QUESTIONS*What should I be aware of before I purchase a new Roman Blind?***FOR MORE FAQ**
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Roman Blinds are a very popular form of window treatment that look very smart. However, before you purchase a Roman Blind, you need to understand the nature of fabric and the characteristics that may be noticeable on a Roman Blind.

Each Roman Blind is a work of art. Made by our skilled machinists, who require all their expertise and experience to work with the challenging characteristics of fabrics. Most fabrics are woven from a mixture of man-made and natural fibres. They are soft, they breathe, they absorb moisture, and therefore they move with atmospheric conditions. Printing on fabric is not always as straight as it would be on paper or other rigid materials.

These fabric characteristics are seldom a problem with soft draping curtains but when you attempt to present the fabric flat in a perfect square as a Roman Blind, the characteristics become a lot more noticeable. Please read over the page, for factors you should be aware of before purchasing your Roman Blind.

When choosing a Roman Blind you need to be aware that:

- > If you choose a printed fabric, you should expect the pattern to run off slightly (up to 1% across the width of the blind). This is more of an issue when designs have strong horizontal features.
- > Linen fabrics may pucker or dimple slightly between the ribs depending on atmospheric conditions. Being linen, the blinds can also look creased, just like a linen skirt.
- > Lewis's recommend fitting Roman Blinds outside the window frame. Installing Roman Blinds inside the frame accentuates any problems with windows and fabric blinds that are not absolutely square. Over time you should also expect fabric blinds to shrink slightly, which can become unsightly if fitted inside the window frame. This is not an issue with blinds fitted outside the frame.
- > When Roman Blinds butt together in corner situations they tend to not function well, as the fabric gets congested in the corner. This can be addressed by leaving a small gap in the corner that is visible when the blinds are down.
- > If you choose a blackout fabric, very small sewing needle holes can become obvious on Roman Blinds when they are let down during the day. It is amazing just how much light can come through the tiniest of holes.
- > Large Roman Blinds can become heavy to operate. Therefore a chain system is recommended.
- > The folds on Roman Blinds are susceptible to fading if sun protection is not provided.
- > The positioning of the ribs in a Roman Blind and the size of the panel between the ribs is a function of the height of the blind and not something we can manipulate. If you have multiple blinds in a room at different heights we cannot guarantee that the ribs, panels and stack will be the same or in the same place.
- > It is rare to be able to alter a Roman Blind due to its structure and complexity. Care must be taken when specifying to get the placement and measurements correct.
- > Roman Blinds are difficult to launder as the componentry cannot be removed. Careful spot cleaning of the fabric and/or linings is your best option. Avoid placing Roman Blinds in areas susceptible to mildew or where they are likely to get soiled.
- > Roman Blinds should not be placed in areas of high moisture like Bathrooms, Ensuites and Laundries. Highly changeable atmospheric conditions will cause many fabrics to move, causing puckering and dimpling. It could also lead to mildew which may stain your blinds.
- > At all times care must be given to keeping cords away from children.

Our salespeople will be happy to discuss all of these factors with you. Please ask for details.