Custom Valance Measurement Worksheet

Calculate your cuts and build a hidden framework for a professional window treatment.

Building a crisp, modern box valance is surprisingly simple when you understand the hidden framework. Use this worksheet to calculate exact fabric cuts and build a sturdy base today.



Framework Dimensions

1x4
pine mounting board foundation

3.5 inches
side return depth to hide hardware

30-36 in
L-bracket spacing; closer for heavy fabrics

2 inches
minimum extra fabric allowance on every side

0.75 inches
actual thickness of standard lumber

Check actual dimensions

Always base your fabric cuts on the actual depth of the board rather than the nominal name to prevent unsightly gaps behind the window treatment.

Hardware Anchoring

Find your row: **Bracket placement**

Bracket placement	Your pick	Why
Solid wood studs	Drive screws directly	For maximum security
Hollow drywall	Use heavy-duty toggles	Prevents pulling away

Pre-installation Checks

- ○ Measure specific window width to determine total board length.
- ○ Sight down the board edge to check for bowing.
- ○ Lay the wood flat on the floor to check for cupping.
- ○ Confirm the mounting height clears the window glass entirely.
- ○ Sand edges smooth to prevent snagging your beautiful decorator fabric.

Assemble the Framework

1. **Layer the materials** Place face fabric down, followed by thick flannel interlining, and finally the standard lining.
2. **Staple with tension** Start at the exact top center and work outward to prevent loose, baggy wrinkles.
3. **Fold crisp corners** Fold tight 90-degree hospital corners and trim hidden excess bulk so fabric lays flat.
4. **Mount the valance** Lift the finished framework onto the brackets and drive short wood screws up into the bottom.

My Custom Measurements

Enjoy your beautifully tailored, custom window treatment that perfectly frames your view!