

...clever ideas perfect for your space!

Window dressing tips & ideas

Choosing the right window treatments for your new home.

There's a lot to consider when covering any window, but especially so when you're choosing an entire houseful of window coverings all at the same time! When you're building a new home, that's exactly what you're doing and the decisions can seem never ending; the vital role window treatments play in creating the finishing look to your new home can make choices seem daunting, not to mention important environmental factors and issues of energy efficiency.

Here are some practical questions to help you trim down the choices to the few that will be right for your home and the people who share it with you.

1. What style of window furnishings have you had in the past?
What did you like—or not like—about them?
 2. What budget considerations do you have?
 3. Can you balance cost savings in some areas to feature an eye catching room (or rooms)?
 4. Are insulation factors such as maximising warmth in winter and coolness in summer, a consideration?
 5. Do you want a streamlined look, or do you prefer the softness and elegance of drapes?
 6. Which rooms would you like to make welcoming and warm, and which are better suited to simplicity and practicality?
 7. Is noise an issue? Many modern houses have large angular rooms with bare floors that reverberate sound—which window treatments will help minimise noise and irritating echo?
 8. Utility rooms and family rooms are generally high traffic areas—would simple window coverings contribute to their operation and cleanliness?
 9. Have you researched a look you are trying to create? Photos, magazine clippings and online references are great ways to kick start the creative process!
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