



SHUTTER types

There are 4 main types of shutter: **MDF | Engineered | Solid Wood | Plastic**
Here are some benefits of each type to help you decide on the best shutter option for you:

MDF (Standard)



Shutters made from Medium Density Fibreboard (MDF) have a tough plastic coating on the outside. They look and work like wooden shutters but are a low cost alternative.

The tough coating and the fact that they are easy to clean means they are the ideal choice for kids' bedrooms.

As they are heavier than most wooden shutters MDF shutters have some limitations, such as colours and options, when it comes to large windows.

Engineered Shutters (Standard Plus, Elite, Elite Plus)



These are wooden shutters that have been made stronger than normal wooden shutters.

The insides of the side stiles, which hold the shutter together, are laminated like plywood to make them stronger and warp-resistant.

These are the most popular type of shutter on the market today. They can be stained, painted and do everything a solid wood shutter can do and more. Stains, custom colours and shapes are available in the Elite range.

Solid Wood (Cedar)



These shutters are made from cedar, meaning they are both lightweight and strong.

They are normally supplied with an oiled finish but can also be stained or painted. Custom colours, shapes and remote control are all available in cedar.

Plastic (ABS)



Made from tough ABS plastic, these shutters have a matt finish so that they look just like spray painted wooden shutters.

These shutters are great for bathrooms as they are waterproof, easy to clean and supplied with stainless steel hinges.

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Louvre Size



There are three sizes: small (47mm), medium (64mm) and large (89mm).

The medium (64mm) louvre is the most popular and suits most windows sizes. They not only let in plenty of light but also create the illusion of more space in your room.

Ask about our hidden tilt rod or remote control options.

Blackout



Shutters will block out a fair bit of light but for nurseries, night workers or light sleepers we can supply a blackout option.

A neat, pleated blackout blind can be pre-fitted within the shutter frame for added blackout. These can be ordered at a later date, providing a medium shutter frame is ordered.

Colours



The most popular colour is Silk White. Most windows are white, and, as shutters are kept closed most of the time and louvres adjusted, white provides maximum light and matches the window providing a more 'fitted' look.

The top three colours are Silk White, Pearl and Bisque. Custom colours are available in the Elite and Elite Plus range.

Frames

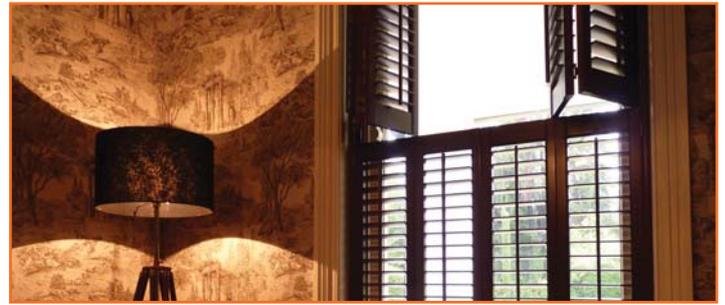


Shutters come fitted in their own frames. The frames provide a neat, professional finish; they allow the fixing holes to be hidden behind an insert strip.

There are different frame designs available, depending on the fitting style required:

- The **L frame** is the most popular frame, designed to fit inside your window recess.
- **Deco frames** fit on the front of the wall and are designed for inward opening windows.
- **Z frames** fit around the edge of the recess and allow the shutters to wrap around the wall, framing the window.

How Shutters Fold



Here are some popular folding terms and their definitions; they should help determine your folding requirements:

- **Single** – one shutter on its own.
- **Bi-fold** – two hinged together to one side.
- **Tri-fold** – three hinged together to one side.
- **Quad-fold** – four hinged together to one side.
- **Track mounted** – bi-folding and hanging on a track.
- **Sliding** – sliding on a track (by-pass).
- **T Post** – folded either side of a post.
- **Top opening** – both the top and bottom shutters fold the same way, like a stable door.

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Full Height



These are the most popular type of shutter design and feature a single panel from top to bottom with louvre blades running the full height of the shutter; they usually include a horizontal dividing rail matching a feature on the window. This rail allows you to adjust the louvre blades either side of the rail for greater privacy.

Shaped Designs



Fitting wooden window shutters to a shaped window can look really impressive but getting the design correct is important. For high up/hard to reach shaped windows the remote control option can be used. The panels can be folded in towards the centre of the room by using T Posts or hinged downwards for triangular windows. Arched or curved shutters can fold outwards or be hinged downwards.

Top Opening



One of the most popular designs is a top opening shutter. This works like a stable door as the top half can open independently from the bottom half. Known in the trade as Tier on Tier shutters, these suit windows that are taller than they are wide (portrait style) and are very versatile. Typically, sliding sash windows suit a top opening style as they are tall and narrow. These are very popular in London. Modern UPVC windows are generally wide and not very tall so not as suitable.

Half Height



Are you looking for a little more privacy but not full height shutters? You can have shutters fitted to just the bottom half of your window. This option is also called 'Café Style'.

Track Mounted



These are suitable for wide openings such as patio doors and French doors as well as room dividers. This design of shutter is a very popular option and can be opened from the centre and folded right back either side of the opening. Alternatively, track mounted shutters can be opened from the side and folded to the other side of the window.



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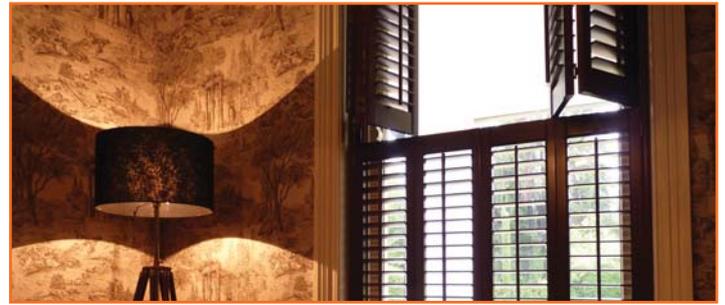


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