

Design to Installation: Templates, Tips & Techniques for Arch Windows

Featured in our luxurious Hollywood Regency Roomscape, unique window styles are a beautiful way to complement the architecture and design of a home. The detailed preparation for a project requiring custom templates can take the stress out of the process from design to installation.



Materials & Supplies

Rowley Products	Item #
Pattern Making Paper	DYC18/20
16' Center Point Tape Measure	DT85
Flexi Tape Measure	DT16
Hex Head Slotted Screws - Unpainted	HH650
Hex Head Painted Screws	HH675/
Paint Marker Kit	PMK01

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Follow along with our expert fabricator, Donna Cash, as she provides tips, techniques and recommendations to set your unique window project up for success from start to finish.

Making a Template:

1 Measure twice, cut once.

- A. Most hardware companies have a form for you to fill out when measuring different types of windows. For arch windows, especially inside mounts, it is vitally important to have a template. The form shown to the right is available from The Finial Company and is on their website.

Find the download for arched windows and other types of windows plus helpful tips for measuring on The Finial Company's page: [Tools & Tips](#)

how to measure **arched windows**

Draw entire installation to scale on large butcher paper

How to Calculate Length of Pole Needed for Your Arch
 arch width (inches) + arch height (inches) + 48" = total length of arched pole (inches)

Required Measurements	Fill in and send this page with template and order.
Paper templates must be provided with every arched window order. Please mark the following measurements on the template:	Pole Length for Arch
A. Pole size and profile.	(A) Pole Size and Profile
B. Height of arch; please specify which height measurement you are using: 1. measurement from bottom center of pole to bottom of arch. 2. measurement from top center of pole to bottom of arch.	(B) Height of Arch (B1) (B2)
C. Width of arch (from outside edge to outside edge).	(C) Width of Arch
D. Return (distance from wall to center of bracket cradle).	(D) Return
E. Selected support bracket(s); please indicate position of each bracket.	(E) Support Bracket* Item #
<i>note:</i> ARBE brackets must be used for ends of vertical arched poles.	End Brackets Item #
F. Selected rings, if any, must be welded to vertical arch; please indicate position of each ring.	Quantity Indicated on Template
<i>*note:</i> Custom rings must be a minimum of 1 1/2" from end of pole due to ARBE bracket cap.	(F) Ring** Item #
<i>*note:</i> ARBE, custom center bracket, can not be used with welded rings; select a standard or custom cradle bracket for center support unless pole is split in center.	Quantity Indicated on Template

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- B. You'll need more than one template. One will need to be sent to the company making the rod. Another will need to be supplied to the workroom making the window treatment.

2 Fill out all information on supplied measuring form and send this with the template.

- A. This information, along with the template, will ensure the rod will fit the opening and the draperies you are having made will fit as well.
- B. Whenever you have a question regarding a measurement, call for assistance. The experts are there to assist you with your requests.

3 Mark the template, cut out and fit into window opening as a test for the proper fit.

- A. Use a good quality paper or even cardboard.
- B. Mark the template to indicate the 'front'.
- C. Cut the template with a very sharp X-ACTO knife or very sharp blade.
- D. Do not fold the template.



- E. The company fabricating the template will need to know where to weld the rings. Decide how many and where they should be placed and mark these on the template.



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F. When shipping a template, send either flat or roll it up and place into a tube.



Installing a Custom Arched Rod inside the Window Frame:

1 Unpack the arch rod and brackets.



2 Measure for and install the brackets inside the window opening.



3 Install the top bracket and insert the arched rod into the brackets.



Tips & Tools for a Stress-Free Installation:

- A. Take preliminary measurements of the window.
- B. Sketch out window treatment design.
- C. Plan for rod size, ring size and bracket type. List color name/numbers, part numbers.
- D. Set a day and time for a collaboration between the designer, hardware artisan, fabric artisan and anyone else who will be a part of creating the rod and window treatment.
- E. Collaborate with the hardware artisan as the first step in the design process.
- F. Discuss window type, inside window trim depth and obstacles.
- G. For inside mount installs, discuss deduction amounts and will the designer provide these, or shall the rod manufacturer take the deductions.
- H. Don't be afraid to present all wishes and wants with the hardware artisan. If something cannot be done, they may be able to provide an alternative or a better solution for you.

Remember to create a team of artisans and professionals. Collaborating with these members will help you to create window treatments and hardware designs that elevate your projects to the highest point imaginable.

