Moving In

Your new home





Coordinating treatments on windows of very different sizes brings a room together. Here, **Luminette Privacy Sheers®** dress a large arched window, while **Silhouette® window shadings** cover a tall, slim one. At right, **Jubilance™ roman shades** offer timeless beauty in a wide range of colors, fabrics and textures.

Whether **your new home** is a blank canvas or reflects the tastes of previous owners, you can give it your personal decorating touch with Hunter Douglas. Window coverings make an enormous difference in the enjoyment of your home. They add beauty, enhance light quality and provide privacy. The can even reduce utility bills. Blinds, shades, sheers and shutters are classic treatments that bring style into a room without overpowering it. They'll last and be valued as long as you own your home!

before possessions and parcels are delivered

Perhaps you're a home's first owners, but maybe you're the fifteenth. In any case, moving into a home that's new for you provides excitement, change and many decisions. You can get a jump start at your new place, before moving day.

1. **Start a notebook** for the new house. Jot down items to purchase or activities to handle. Include eye-catching fabric and color samples, favorite window product brochures and quotes from movers. Carry your notebook with you to have data handy when you need it.
2. **Sketch a floor plan** of your new home when you don't have blueprints. Record measurements of rooms, windows, closets and doors in your notebook. Include distance of window moldings from corners, floor and ceiling. Use measurements or blueprints to make a "to scale" floor plan and determine your furniture placement for moving day. Your movers will love your organization!
3. **Donate furniture, clothing and accessories** that no longer suit you. Why pack and move such baggage when you're starting life in a new place?
4. **Paint rooms, closets and ceilings** before the move if existing colors don't suit you. It's easier when there are no heavy furnishings to move and the window treatments of your dreams aren't yet in place.
5. **Clean and paper** the inside of kitchen cupboards and drawers, even closet shelves.
6. **Replace floor coverings** or clean carpets before furnishings arrive if a house was previously occupied. Your home will be fresh and new for your family!
7. **Watch a room's light.** Which window coverings will make the room most usable and comfortable?



getting started with window treatments



The Directional Difference

- North-facing windows offer the clearest, most consistent light and the coldest exposure. Use energy-efficient treatments.
- East-facing windows offer warm, bright light, especially in the morning. Treatments that block UV rays are a good choice.
- West-facing windows admit the hottest, haziest light of the day. Consider a combination of light-diffusing treatments.
- South-facing windows receive good light year-round. They cast a warm glow on interiors. Light-diffusing treatments can help protect fabric and furniture.

You want to decorate your windows for style, comfort and practicality. How you dress a window is one of the most important decorating decisions you'll make. Go from room to room and ask yourself:

1. **How will we use the room?** Plan on diffused light for dining, hard working window treatments and ventilation in the kitchen, and light control to prevent glare on computer and television screens. Think safety in kids' rooms, privacy for the master suite and humidity-tolerance in baths.
2. **How important are privacy, security and sound absorption?** Is there a nearby neighbor or a busy street? Are windows easily accessible? Is traffic or public space a factor?
3. **Are there natural and ultraviolet (UV) light issues to address?** Window treatments can protect fabrics, furnishings and woods from fading and deterioration.
4. **Is energy efficiency a consideration?** Walls of uncovered windows can bring the beautiful outdoors in, but also impact your energy bills and comfort.

Your answers will help you make appropriate decisions as you consider stylish products.

Seeing the Big Picture

Q. What window treatment will coordinate a picture window or sliding glass door with a nearby window?
A. For complementary treatments, consider pairing Silhouette® window shadings with Luminette Privacy Sheers®. Your light control options are endless. (See how beautiful they look together on page 2.)





Window Treatments are Included...

You've heard these satisfying words when purchasing a previously owned home. Thanks to Hunter Douglas and participating builders, they can be music to your ears when building a new home too! Just ask your builder about rolling the cost of window treatments into your construction expense.

When building a home, you select flooring to be installed, pick paint colors for every room, and choose wall tiles and designs. Simply add the selection of window coverings to your list of decisions using affordable products from Hunter Douglas. Your family will enjoy beauty, privacy and energy efficiency from day one.

Homeowners can chose from the complete Hunter Douglas product line, and avoid out-of-pocket expenses for window coverings at move-in time. Let the benefits of decorative and practical window fashions from Hunter Douglas begin the day you arrive.



Vignette® window shades enhance the look of fine draperies while providing the function of a shade. At left, Country Woods® wood blinds provide privacy, light control and exceptional style.

Alouette™ Light Louvers, a new product in 2003, gently diffuse light while bringing high design into a room. At right, **Brilliance® pleated shades,** available in numerous colors and fabric styles, can function as an eye-catching room accent or the one feature that brings an entire room together.

five elements of decorating

As you develop your overall decorating scheme, consider the following:

1 **Space** determines what you have to work with in each room. To visually expand, keep the color contrast between wall and window low. To make a room feel cozier, create a high contrast. Natural light and light diffusion through window coverings create dramatic visual effects in a space.

2 **Lines** impact the overall feel of a room. Vertical lines add height and dignity. Horizontal lines suggest relaxation and informality. Round windows, fabric folds and soft objects lessen the harshness of a room's lines.

3 **Form** is the shape or combinations of shapes of the elements in a room. If you have square windows, window treatments can lengthen them and give them a taller, more rectangular look.

4 **Color** determines the mood in a room. It intensifies as you increase the area of coverage. As a guide, allow your main color to occupy 75 percent of a room (including floor and wall space), with 15 to 20 percent for your secondary color and 10 percent for an accent color. Use neutral-toned window treatments in rooms where you'll spend a lot of time or when you want other furnishings to make bold statements. But when you want window treatments to be the special accent or coordinating feature that pulls a room together, Hunter Douglas offers an abundance of colors, textures, sheens, and treatments to provide privacy and light control and meet your decorating needs.

5 **Texture** adds interest to a room. Window treatments in metal, wood, and a vast palette of fabric colors, patterns and finishes offer many textural options to explore. Dramatic contrasts are in.



Think-it-Through Decorating Tips

- Utilize the same floor covering throughout to make all the rooms feel bigger.
- Avoid clutter by displaying only a few large and wonderful objects you love.
- Use a few large pieces of furniture to make a small space appear larger.
- Group related items on a wall to create a strong focal point and pull a room together.
- Make comfort and convenience your top decorating priority when arranging furniture.
- Focus next on composition (color, balance and scale) to create visual interest and add your personal style.
- Present a consistent exterior image with white backing on all window treatments.



Aluminum horizontal blinds are not only durable but available in an extensive range of colors and appealing textures.

Hunter Douglas helps families turn houses into homes with heart. Sheers, shades, shutters and blinds add beauty and energy efficiency. They protect the people and the things you love by providing privacy and light control.

Discover your personal decorating touch and put it into every room in your new home.

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