

## how to... make a wooden batten corded roman blind



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### Materials and components you need to make a fully compliant child safe\* blind system...

- Wooden Batten the width of the blind
  - Angle Brackets (3468R, 3469R)
  - Fabric (pictured iLiv Botanica/Willow)
  - Lining
  - Interlining
  - Trimmings (optional, we used Jazz 2648R/06)
  - Rear Cord Breakaways (0958R\*)
  - Touch & Close Tape (self-adhesive hook and sew-on loop) (2005R and 2004R)
  - Cleat(s) (3932R\*)
  - Bottom Weight Bar (0979R/300)
  - 1.3mm Blind Cord (10028R)
  - Breakaway Tassel (0850R\*)
  - Cord Weight (3548R)
  - Warning Labels (0801R/25\*, 0802R/25\* and 0803R/25\*)
  - Cord guides or vine eyes (3929R and 3736R)
- Other Hallis rear cord breakaway devices are approved for use with the wood batten system.
- Roman Blind Roads (2246R/300)
  - 13mm Rings (0849R/15\* and 0849R/200\*)

\* must be used in order for the system to be fully compliant



### Tools you need...

- ✓ Staple Gun & Staples
- ✓ Scissors
- ✓ Sewing Kit
- ✓ Bradawl screws and screwdriver to attach the batten

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# 1.

## 1. Prepare the batten

Cut the wooden batten to the finished width of the blind. Cut a strip of fabric long enough to wrap round all sides of the batten and the ends (if the blind is going into a recess then a strip of lining can be used instead). Put the fabric face down on the table and centre the batten on it. Fold the fabric over one long edge onto the back of the wood and staple in place, starting in the middle and working to the ends.



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## 2. Cover the batten

At each end of the batten, fold the end of the fabric over and wrap the batten like a parcel. Keep the excess fabric on the top and bottom of the wood, rather than the end, to reduce bulk, trim if necessary. Bring the other side of the fabric up over the batten and fold under the raw edge. Staple in place on the back of the batten.



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## 3. Fix the tape

Cut the touch and close, self adhesive hook tape to length and stick it to the back of the covered batten, staple in place for extra security.



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## 4. Attach the guides

To affix the cord guides or vine eyes (we used vine eyes), measure 5cm in from each end on the bottom of the batten. Divide the length of the batten between these two points evenly (no more than 30cm apart) and attach a cord guide or vine eye at each position. Add an extra one on the right hand side of the batten (if cording on the right).



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## 5a. Prepare the fabric

Cut the blind (face fabric) to the finished width by the finished length, making sure to add all allowances. Cut the lining to the finished width and the finished length, again adding your allowances for seams and rod pockets and finally cut the interlining to the finished width and length of the blind.

## 5b. Calculate the distance between the rod pockets

Take the finished length of the blind and subtract 6.5cm from this measurement. The remaining amount should be divided equally between the rod pockets, with half for the bottom pocket. As a guide the top pocket should be 5cm longer to allow for the folds to stack neatly when raised. The bottom pocket should be half of the other pockets.

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## 5c. Prepare the lining

On the right side of the lining, draw a line 4cm from the bottom raw edge for the weight bar pocket, then mark the rod pockets, allowing 2cm for each pocket. On the wrong side, press in 2cm on each side for the side hems. Fold along each pocket line, wrong sides together. Stitch each pocket 1cm from the folded edge. Fold the weight bar pocket to the wrong side along the pencilled line and stitch close to the raw edge.

## 6. Attach the loop tape

Fold over your allowance at the top of the face fabric to the wrong side. Press and open out. Cut the loop tape to the length required and stitch to the right side of the top hem, just above the fold.

## 7. Assemble the fabrics

Put the fabric face down on the table. Centre the interlining on the back of the blind and with the top raw edge up to the fold. Fold in the side hems over the interlining, and stitch in place. Centre the lining wrong side down onto the blind, lining up the bottom fold to the bottom edge of the interlining. Slipstitch the lining to the fabric and hem up the sides, leaving the weight bar pocket unstitched.

## 8. Secure the layers together

Underneath each rod pocket, measure and mark the ring positions to line up with the vine eyes or cord guides on the batten. At each point, use a double thread to stab stitch through all layers and tie off securely. On the bottom pocket stitch a rear cord breakaway device at each stab stitch point. On the remaining rod pockets stitch a 13mm ring at each stab stitch point. In each case, just stitch through the folded edge, to allow the rods to be inserted.

## 9a. Finish the top of the blind

At the top of the blind, turn down the top hem, turn under the raw edge and slip stitch on all three sides, occasionally making a stab stitch through to the face to hold all the layers.

## 9b. Attach trim (optional)

At the bottom of the blind, turn up and lightly press the bottom hem. Turn the fabric over, and on the right side, hand stitch the pompom trim in place, turn the raw ends to the back.



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## 10. Add the weight bar

Insert the weight bar, and turn up the bottom hem. Turn under the raw edge and slipstitch in place, slipstitch the folds closed. Insert the rods into the rod pockets.

## 11. Attach the batten

Put the batten onto the top of the blind, securing the touch and close tape and place face down on the table.

## 12. Breakaway cord tassel

Cut lengths of cord (10028R) and place into the breakaway tassel. Cut a length of thicker cord (3422R/1) for the other end of the breakaway tassel (0850R).

## 13. Cord the blind

With the blind flat on the table, feed the cords through the cord guides or vine eyes from the right, taking one cord down each vertical row of the clear 13mm rings. At the bottom rod pocket, secure each cord to the rear cord breakaway 'A' Style device (0958R) with a double knot (other Hallis rear cord breakaways can be used as an alternative). The rear cord breakaway device is in two sections, the first section has the blind cord threaded through it and secured with the double knot, while the second section is stitched to the bottom rod pocket. Attach a cord weight to the thicker cord (3422R/1) at the desired height.

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## 14a. Hang your blind.

Use angle brackets to fix the blind to the wall. Fix a cleat at least 150cm from the ground to wrap the cords round. If all of the cords will not fit round one cleat, fit a second cleat next to or above to take the remainder of the cords.

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## 14b. Attach your warning labels

Attach the labels to the rear cord (0801R/25) and the breakaway tassels (0802R/25), then stick the self adhesive label (0803R/25) to the packaging.

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Now stand back  
and admire your work!