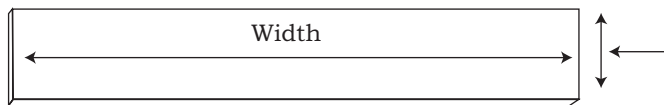


TIP OF THE MONTH DECEMBER 2009

THE MOUNT BOARD

This board is usually made from 1" pine lumber, available at home improvement centers. This lumber comes in sizes of 1" x 2", 1" x 4", 1" x 6", 1" x 8", and wider. Even though it is called 1" thick, it is only 3/4" thick. If it is called 4" wide, it is only 3 1/2" wide, etc. M'Fay patterns are designed to fit the reality of these board sizes.

The lumber you use for the mount board will determine your projection size. The width of the board will be horizontal of the window.



The projection is the end of the board, (the distance from the front of the board to the wall). The returns are the side portions on the valance or jabot that will cover these ends. Determine what size projection you need according to what will be under the board.

If you have only mini blinds, you will need to use a 1" x 4". If you have a traverse rod, you will need to use a 1" x 6". If nothing is going under the board, sometimes a 1" x 2" will be best.

You should always measure the end of your mount board. If it is a different size from the returns on the patterns, you will need to alter the pattern to fit.

It is recommended that you paint the board before attaching the treatment or installing to the wall. An alternative choice is to cover it with fabric.