

# Hang In There When Things Get Tight!



**WAYS TO MAKE SHADES FIT WHEN THE WINDOW DEPTH IS TOO NARROW FOR STANDARD PROCEDURES.**

*This tip applies to:*

- Duette Manhattan Collection™
- Duette Originals Collection
- Applause™ Honeycomb Shades
- Brilliance Pleated Shades

Hunter Douglas honeycomb and pleated shades made by Designer Blinds can fit almost anywhere. The standard bracket is good for most situations, but occasionally you may want to request an alternative bracket, like the swivel bracket, or, in a fix, make some modifications to the standard bracket.

## Your Best Bet...

The best approach for windows with a narrow depth is to specify swivel brackets. The swivel bracket can be fit into a depth as narrow as a half-inch. It is especially useful for casement windows with screens as it holds the shade closer to the window and is less likely to interfere with



removing the screen.

Swivel brackets will get you through most narrow mounting depth situations. Designer Blinds advises that installers keep a couple of swivel brackets on hand in case you run into a need. Swivel brackets can be

requested when shades are ordered at no additional charge. Swivel brackets are for inside mount to the ceiling or soffit only.

## The Unexpected...

If there is one universal rule in window coverings, it would have to be, "Expect the unexpected." So if you're already out in the field --without swivel brackets--needing to install a shade into an impossibly narrow depth, here's a little magic trick you can perform with the standard brackets.

Use a phillips screwdriver to remove the screw that holds the tab in place on the standard bracket. Replace that screw with a #6 installation screw so that one screw performs both the function of holding the bracket to the frame and

tightening the shade into the bracket. Using this technique shades can be installed into windows with as little as 3/8" in depth. Designer Blinds does NOT recommend using this technique on windows with less than 3/8" of mounting depth.



When installing the bracket, start the installation screw through the tab into the bracket. Hold the bracket securely in the window to tighten the screw. ***Do not tighten the tab all the way***, so that you will be able to mount the shade. After the shade is installed tighten the screw on the tab to hold the shade in place using a ***standard handheld screwdriver*** instead of a drill.

It's a simple little trick of the trade that will get you out of "tight" situations.



### ***Note:***

*This tip is specifically addresses shades that use standard headrails. It does not apply to EasyRise™, Easy Glide™, LiteRise or Ultraglide™ shade systems*

Duette UltraGlide shades, however, use the brackets shown below that feature a corner hole for installing into tighter openings.



Duette UltraGlide™ Brackets

