

# DIY CorniceKits

Instructions for the Brandenburg Cornice

All Cornice Starter Kits come with instructions for putting the cornices together; we have also included them below. There are no instructions with our Extension Kits, since they are generally used to expand the length of the Starter Cornice Kits.

## General Instructions

Materials needed to assemble your cornice:

Scissors, Ruler or straight edge, Fine point felt tip marker, 4" breakoff utility knife or hack saw, tape measure, and LOW TEMP glue gun and multitemp glue sticks

**DO NOT** leave a glue gun plugged in for an extended time. Hot glue will melt the EPS. We recommend you practice on a small, hidden area prior to applying on your final product.

## Assemble...

1. Measure the window that you will be decorating and add at least 1" for each side. Add more depending on your preference.
2. Mark the piece that needs to be cut with a marker or pen. Using a tip off knife, hacksaw blade, or serrated knife cut the foam extension pieces at your desired width. Place a piece of aluminum foil on the rough edge and tap it with a standard clothes iron that is set to low until smooth again.
3. Using a full size low temperature glue gun and dual temperature glue sticks glue your Styrofoam pieces together to assemble your cornice. Make sure the tuck grooves are aligned. Pay particular attention to the front of the cornice for proper alignment. Allow glue to set for 15 minutes before working with the cornice.

## Decorate...

Watch instructional video for decorating tips at <https://youtu.be/nfWMyWHkYGI>. The video is designed for the Avalon yet is similar to the Brandenburg for assembling, decorating, and hanging.

4. Cut your fabric for your front rails according at the width below. The length should be at least:
  - a. For 5" brackets: Inside cornice measurement + 27"
  - b. For 3" brackets: Inside cornice measurement + 23"

The top and bottom rails are the same, so you'll need to cut 2 strips of fabric at least:

- a. 13" wide for thick fabric
  - b. 15" wide for thin fabric
5. Lay the fabric over the top of your cornice. Position the fabric so it can tuck into both the front and back fabric grooves and around the full width of the cornice around the side to each return end. Start at the center of the cornice and work toward the return edges, tucking fabric into the front tuck groove first. Trim the fabric on the return ends to one inch and fold under to give a finished look where the return meets the wall.



6. Cut the fabric from the end of the fabric to the inside corner where the cornice meets the end cap. Repeat this step for both left and right corners.



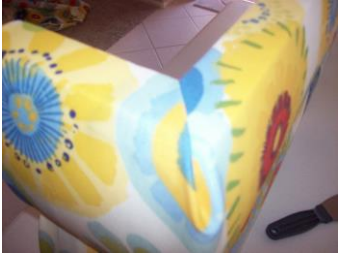
7. Tuck the fabric into the tuck groove on the cornice.

8. Repeat steps 5, 6, and 7 for the other side. Both top and bottom should be tucked in securely and tight across the front of the cornice.



9. Fold the fabric around the end caps. Fold the fabric over the top of the cornice and cut a slit to the inside of the end cap right along the backside of the cornice.

10. Cut off the entire flap except 1/4".



11. Fold the fabric over making a mitered corner with a pleat to take up the excess fabric along the curvature of the cornice. Tuck the fabric into the tuck groove on the end caps. At this time you will need to fold the excess material under creating a clean line on the part of the end cap that will be against the wall.

12. Repeat steps 10, 11, and 12 for the bottom of the cornice.

13. Repeat steps 9 through 12 for the other end of the cornice for the opposite end of the cornice.



14. To decorate the back of the cornice simply measure the distance between the back tuck grooves and add 2". The additional 2" is used to tuck the fabric in the groove. Then measure the width of the cornice inside of the returns and cut straight lines on both ends, or fold under. If you fold under, add 1" per side to fold under. Tuck the fabric in the grooves. Do the same for both of the inside returns. Congratulations, your cornice is decorated!

### Hang...

17. To mount each hardware brackets, use the two wall anchors and two screws included. After determining the appropriate placement for the hardware based on the desired height and width of the cornice, mark the wall through the slot where you will place the two anchors and screws. Drill holes, tap in anchors, screw in the top screw, leaving 1/16" between the head of the screw and the wall/anchor. Set the bracket onto the screw, lower the bracket in place, and then tighten the screw. Insert and tighten the lower screw.

18. Hanging Your Cornice – Push the cornice onto the bracket using the top tuck groove that you tucked your fabric into. It is running horizontally along the top back of the cornice. If the cornice is not quite centered on the window re-insert the bracket flange in the tuck groove to center the entire cornice on the window.

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