

DIY CorniceKits

Instructions for the Dawn 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...

MAKE SURE TO ALIGN THE TUCK GROOVES PRIOR TO ASSEMBLY!

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 and are on the back of the cornice. 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 Dawn for assembling, decorating, and hanging.

4. Cut your fabric; the length should be at least:
 - a. For 5" brackets: Inside cornice measurement + 27"
 - b. For 3" brackets: Inside cornice measurement + 23"

The width should be at least:

- a. 14" wide for thick fabric
- b. 15" wide for thin fabric

To decorate the back of the cornice, cut the fabric to the width of the back between the end caps

Drop	Cornice Front		Cornice Back	
	Thick Fabric Width	Thin Fabric Width	Thick Fabric Width	Thin Fabric Width
9"	17"	18"	6 ½"	7 ½"
12"	20 ½"	21 ½"	10"	11"
15"	23 ½"	24 ½"	13 ½"	14 ½"

5. Lay your fabric lengthwise on your work surface face down. Place your cornice front down on top of your fabric, positioning the cornice so that the fabric will wrap around the top and tuck in the top groove.
6. Re-verify that your cornice is positioned properly as described in Step 5, and that
 - a. there is enough fabric at each end of the cornice to cover the End Cap, with at least 1" of fabric to tuck under where the End Cap rests against the wall., and
 - b. there is enough fabric to wrap around the bottom of the cornice and up the back to tuck into the groove.



7. Rotate the cornice and the fabric so that the top of the cornice is up, and the fabric is across the top of the cornice.

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



9. Tuck the fabric into the tuck groove on the back of the cornice.

10. Roll the cornice and fabric so that the front is down on the work surface. Continue rolling the cornice so that the bottom is now facing up.

11. Repeat steps 8 and 9 for the fabric covering the back. Verify that the fabric is tight and smooth across the top, front, bottom, and back of the cornice.



12. With the cornice top up, 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.

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



14. Fold the fabric over making a mitered corner. 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 rest against the wall. Repeat this step for the fabric on the same end that wraps around the bottom, across the back side of the end cap, and tucks into the groove in the back.

15. Repeat steps 12, 13 and 14 for the opposite end of the cornice.

Hang...

16. 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.

17. 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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