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Installing Shutters

Up until the last 60 years or so, window shutters were primarily functional accessories that closed over windows to protect against damaging wind and rain. Today, shutters are mostly fixed panels that serve an ornamental purpose. Even the fasteners now feature a decorative head cover that blends in with the shutter.

Installing shutters is quick and easy, and makes a big impact on your home's appearance. They're a great way to add a splash of color to an otherwise monotone exterior.

Shutters that are larger than 55" receive six screws, one at each corner and two in the middle, while smaller shutters are fastened only in

the corners. The exact location for the screws is somewhat flexible, as long as you don't get too close to the edges. For installation over vinyl siding, insert the fastener through the top, rather than the bottom, of the siding panel. For brick, fasten the screws into the mortar, rather than the brick. Drill and insert screws one at a time. If you drill all the holes first, the shutter may move slightly in the process and the holes won't line up.

Everything You Need

Tools: drill with $\frac{1}{4}$ " bit, hammer.

Materials: shutters.

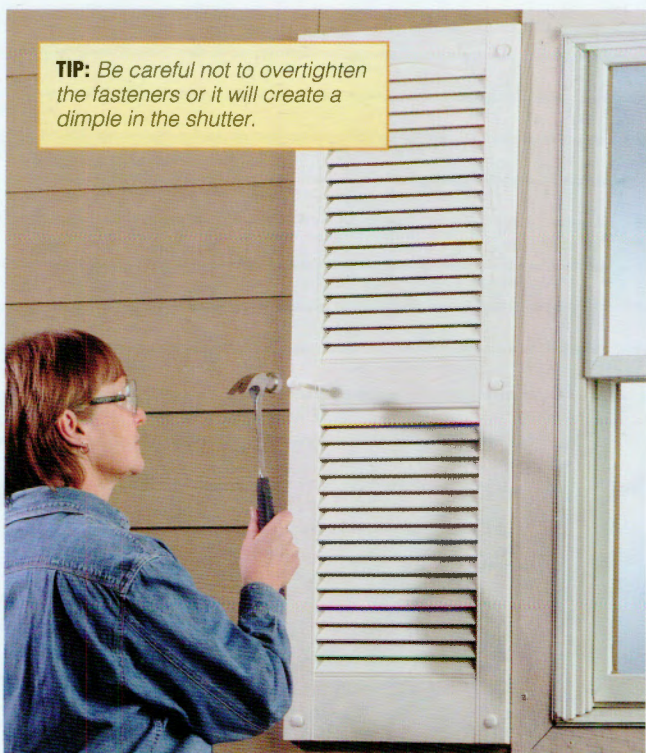
How to Install Shutters



1 Hold the shutter in place next to the window, centered from top to bottom. At one corner of the shutter, drill a $\frac{1}{4}$ " hole, $\frac{3}{4}$ " deep through the shutter and into the wall.



2 Insert a fastener that came with the shutter into the hole. Use a hammer to gently tap the fastener until it's flush against the shutter.



3 Drill holes and insert fasteners in the remaining three corners. If the shutter requires six fasteners, drill two holes in the middle of the shutter, along the outside edges, and insert fasteners.



4 Place the second shutter on the opposite side of the window. Keep the top and bottom parallel with the first shutter by measuring down from the window. Follow steps 1 to 3 to install the second shutter.