

## Installation Tips and Tricks

1. To **save labor** time while installing valances or cornices over operable draperies, while still in the workroom, install the drapery rod on the underside of the dust board. Use center supports (not the end brackets) to “ceiling mount” the rod to the dust board. This needs to be planned prior to making the draperies since the finished length will be longer. When in the customer’s home, you only install the angle irons for the top treatment.
2. To create a nicer look and a more substantial feel, use a traverse rod cord coming out of the bottom of the cord condenser on shades. In the top of the condenser if you have a lot of cords it may work better to divide your cords and have two knots. Two smaller knots often fit better than one large knot.
3. When installing window treatments on steel or fiberglass doors, **pre-drill a pilot hole** one screw size smaller than your mounting screw. It will allow you to drive the screw, but won’t strip the hole. To use a #8 screw, you would pre-drill a hole for a #6 screw.
4. Most blind companies currently include plastic hold-down brackets when you specify hold-downs. Since the plastic can break, especially when blinds are mounted to doors, and lead to a replacement/repair trip, replace with metal hold-downs (BB40).
5. When **marking the walls** to install your treatment use a purple fabric-marking pin (PM21). It will not leave any marks on the walls. Let your customer know the marks will disappear; it lets them know you care about their home and gives them a sense of security about your drilling holes in the walls.
6. To ensure strong adhesion, when using pressure sensitive/adhesive hook and loop, clean the area the adhesive will be applied to with 91% alcohol and let dry before applying. Apply hook or loop and let tape stay on for several hours, or overnight, before hanging anything on it.
7. Carry our NS12 electric stapler in your installation tool box. This comes in very handy if adjustments need to be made to board mounted treatments.
8. Keep a clean, extra long cuffed oven mitt in your installation tool box. When **steaming** draperies and valances wear the oven mitt on your free hand to protect it from burns.
9. Use our Dust Catchers (DB11, DB12) when drilling into a client’s wall to reduce dust inhalation and save on clean up time.
10. Carry a set of Paint Markers (PMK01) in your installation tool box. The markers blend the color of screw heads with brackets. They cover like paint and are great for **hardware touch ups**.