

Where To Start When Looking For Window Coverings

(NC) The perfect window treatment should do more than just cover a window. It can make a big difference in your home, managing its daily illumination, privacy and energy management needs and adding value and style to any room.

Whether it's for your kitchen, bedroom or living room, here are the features to keep in mind during your search.

Light control. Harsh light at the window? The right window covering can transform sunlight into a wonderful soft glow and help protect your furnishings from damaging UV rays. On the other hand, if you're looking for more light, opt for a treatment designed to help channel light deeper into your room, filling dark corners and reducing the need for electrical lighting.

Energy efficiency. You can keep your rooms warmer in the winter and cooler in the summer and save on home bills with energy-efficient products. Look for products engineered with innovative cellular air pockets that can block up to 50 per cent of the heat transfer at the window.

Smart home shade automation. Imagine your shades moving automatically to the exact position you prefer for the specific lighting effect you love or adjusting themselves for the optimal energy efficiency throughout the day. For this revolutionary hands-free experience, check out the PowerView motorization system from Hunter Douglas that automatically moves your shades according to schedules you set.

Beautiful, unique designs. The right window fashion can become an interior's focal point, setting style throughout your home. Choose textures, finishes and colour combinations that complement your space in durable materials for long-term reliability.

Safety. Kids and pets are innately curious about the world around them, so even basic household items like window coverings can turn into potential hazards. Look for enhanced safety features that reduce the risk of accidents, like cordless and motorized operating systems, retractable lift cords, cord tensioners and wand controls.



3 Steps To A New Roof

(NC) A sound roof protects your home and family, but after a particularly rough winter it is vulnerable to wear and tear. Jack Rende, senior merchant for building materials at the Home Depot Canada shares three steps to a roof that stops leaks and increases curb appeal.

Self-inspection. Sun, snow, ice, branches and wind can all age or damage roofing materials. Common signs you may need to replace your roof include missing, blistering and curling shingles; deteriorating chimney flashing; and shingle granules in the gutters. Other signs include water stains, leaks, mould, mildew and daylight peeking through roof boards in the attic.

In-home consultation. At the initial consultation, an installations services consultant assesses and measures the roof, presents samples, discusses a budget and outlines the timeline. To best prepare for this appointment, catalogue any damage; note any personal style, brand and colour preferences; and determine your budget. Factors to consider when choosing a roof are style, colour, durability, warranties and installation. For an on-trend look with great quality, consider Timberline High-Definition shingles from GAF with high definition colour blends and Advanced Protection technology.

Removal and replacement. Arrange a pre-installation inspection as well as an installation date for your new roof. Removal of existing roofing materials includes the delivery of disposal bins to ensure a thorough cleanup is accomplished. Once the project is complete, the installer reviews the project and performs a final inspection.

For more information on replacing your roof visit Home Depot Canada in-store or online at homedepot.ca

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