How To Measure Cornice, Pelmet and Plinth.

What Are Cornice, Pelmet And Plinth?

Cornice is the trim that sits at the top of the wall unit. Pelmet or light pelmet as some people call it, is the trim that fits underneath your wall units. Plinth is the skirting, the panel that fits around the bottom of your base units.

Tip - Use Our Cornice, Pelmet And Plinth Calculator

At the back of this book you will find a pelmet and plinth calculator that shows you how to accurately calculate the amount of cornice, pelmet and plinth that you will require.

How To Measure Your Cornice, Pelmet And Plinth

Measure each length of cornice, pelmet and/or plinth in turn and enter it into the measuring guide calculator, remembering to measure in millimetres, rather than centimetres or inches.

Next you need to total up how much you have and then add an allowance of 20%. We'll show you on the form how to calculate the extra 20% which is allowed for cuts and wastage.

To help you calculate out how many lengths you need we suggest downloading the price list for the door range that



you are considering. Firstly to see what cornice, what pelmet and what plinths are available but more importantly to see what the standard length size is. The size of these can vary between one range and another and you need to make sure you know the length of the cornice, pelmet or plinth that you are ordering.

Also, consider ordering an extra length, just in case of mistakes,

A Special Note About Measuring Plinth

When measuring plinth you need to specify the height. The height of your plinth may vary throughout your kitchen. This may be because your floor may not be totally even. We would suggest measuring the plinth all the way around the kitchen and just make sure that you order the plinth at the maximum height that you're going to need.

Some customers prefer to order it taller than they need and cut it down on site, some customers prefer to get us to make it just the height that they need.

Calculator for cornice, pelmet and plinth



Enter the sizes of your cornice, pelmet and plinth into the tables below.

Add together the individual lengths and multiply the total measurement by 1.2 to give you an amount for cuts and wastage.

Divide this number by the actual length of the cornice, pelmet or plinth you have chosen.

Example; 6580mm multiply x 1.2 = 7896 mm divide by length size (3000mm) = 2.632 lengths In this example you would order 3 lengths

Cornice sizes			
Total mm	multiply x 1.2 =	divide by length size =	

Pelmet sizes			
Total mm	multiply x 1.2 =	divide by length size =	

Total mm	multiply x 1.2 =	P	ength size =		
Plinth sizes					

When carrying out any DIY project, safety should always be your first priority and care should be always be taken to use tools safely and to wear protective clothing, glasses and ear protection where required.

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