

Plan Your Window Treatment

The Austrian Shade has rows of vertical shirring created by Conso Austrian Shade Tape. These elegantly scalloped window coverings can be used alone or with draperies. An Austrian shade is traditionally made from a sheer fabric but any lightweight, drapable fabric is suitable. The shade is raised and lowered by cords and rings on the back of the shade.

You will need:

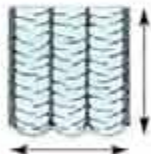
- Fabric - soft or sheer, light to medium weight
- Conso Austrian Shade Tape #11063, 31063
- Conso Fastac™ Tape #11982, 11983
- Conso Nylon Braided Cord #11602, 11603, 11604
- Suitable Conso Trim for bottom hem (if desired.)
- Conso Fuse-A-Trim™ #10709
- Piece of board equal to width of shade approx. 1" thick x 2" deep
- Angle irons of proper size to support board
- Metal $\frac{1}{8}$ " rod-cut to width of shade
- Eye screws - one for each tape
- Small awning cleat
- Thread

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The Austrian Shade can be mounted inside or outside of the window frame. Measure the window for the finished width and length of the shade.

Finished width

Finished length



Fabric length. The total length of fabric needed should be 2 times the finished length (3 times for sheer fabrics) plus 1" for the bottom hem.

Fabric width. The attractive scallop swag characteristic of Austrian shades is obtained by allowing extra width - 2 to 4 inches extra for each scallop. The more width allowed the deeper each scallop will be. Scallops should be no more than 12" wide. Decide number of scallops you want, figure the extra fabric needed and add 3" for the side hems. (1½" for each side).

Suggestion: Make a paper pattern in the width needed, marking in pencil where tapes will be placed across the shade; if shade requires more than one width of fabric, you should locate the seam beneath a tape, instead of in the middle of a swag.

PATTERN



You need one more strip of tape than the number of scallops. Example: For four scallops you need five strips of tape. Cut necessary lengths of Austrian shade tape allowing 1" longer than fabric and make sure rings of all tapes are parallel.

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For an alternative to sewing, try Conso's Fuse-A-Trim™ adhesive tape.

Austrian Shade Tape



Style 11063 & 31063 Polyester ¼" wide, 10" ring spacing. Two woven-in cords are pulled to shir shade fabric.

Nylon Braided Cord



Style 11602, 11603 & 11604 Durable lightweight nylon cord for raising and lowering shades.

Conso Fastac™



Style 11982 & 11983 Nylon mushroom hook and loop fastener, ¼" wide. White.

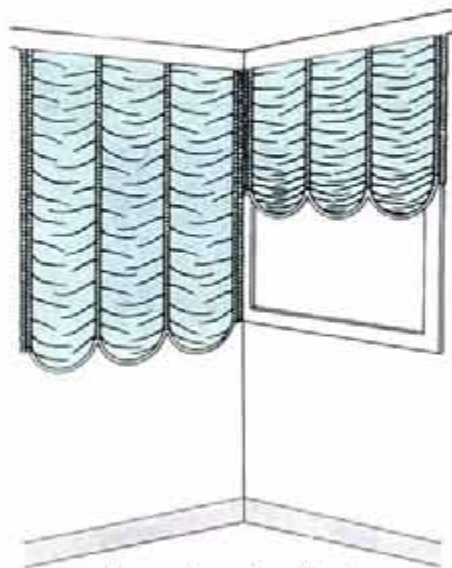


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Conso Austrian Shade Tape and Nylon Braided Cord

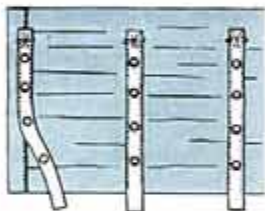
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Making the Shade

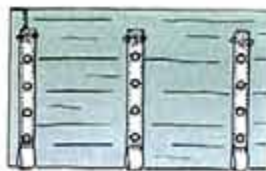
Take time to first read the "Plan your window treatment" section. You will need a large, flat work surface on which you can measure, cut and put your shade together.



1. Side hems. Turn in a 1 1/2" side hem on each outside edge of your fabric. Starting 1 1/2" below top edge of fabric, sew or iron a strip of Austrian shade tape over both side hems 1" in from outside edge. Stop stitching or ironing 1" from the bottom. An adjustable zipper foot is useful in stitching tapes with shirring cords. Be careful not to stitch into cords. Allow excess tape to hang below shade. This will be stitched into loops for the bottom rod.



2. Position shirring tapes. Using your pattern, measure and mark the positions for the remaining tapes. Line up the rings horizontally and stitch or iron tapes in place. After all tapes are stitched or ironed on fabric, slit the ends of the cords out of tapes close to the bottom ring, knot cords together. Also, knot cords together at top of shade.



3. Make rod loops. Turn up excess tape at bottom and stitch to make loops.

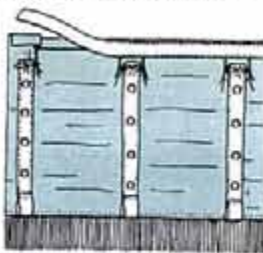
4. Bottom hem. Finish the bottom of the shade by turning a double 1/2" hem toward the back of the shade. Sew or iron decorative fringe over hem (see Corso dealer for complete decorative trim selections).



5. Top hem. Next, finish the shade's top edge. At this point the shade is wider than the window due to allowance for scallops. Pin small pleats at top of shade on each side of shade tape strips, as shown, so that the top edge measures exact finished width of shade. Turn down a 1/4" hem at the top. Turn the hem to the wrong side and sew or iron pleats securely into hem.

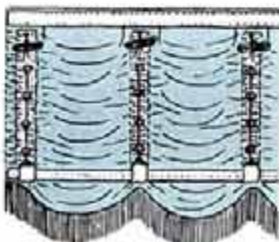


6. Apply Fastac®. To hang Austrian shade, sew or iron loop side of Fastac® tape directly over top hem of shade.



7. Covered rod. To cover bottom rod, cut strip of curtain fabric 2" wide and 1" longer than finished width of curtain. Seam together lengthwise-turn inside out and insert metal rod. Turn in ends and sew. Slide the covered rod into loops created by shirring tape at bottom of shade. Tack firmly into place.

8. Gather shirring tapes. The shirred look is created by pulling up the two cords at the top of each strip of tape until the shade is the desired length. Make sure each tape is shirred to the same length and that the rings on the tape are horizontally level. When shirring is complete, knot the cords together at top of shade, but don't cut them. You'll need to release them for cleaning later on.



INSTALLATION

First install board as a miniature shelf, using angle irons for support, attached to inside window frame if deep enough, or mount on the outside. Glue, staple or use small tacks to fasten mushroom hook side of Fastac® tape to top of board, fairly close to edge.

To operate the shade, each tape has its own cord which, when pulled in unison, raises and lowers it. Cut a length of nylon braided cord for each strip of shirring tape on the shade. The cord should be long enough to go up the shade, across the top, and back down halfway to the slit. Tie cord to bottom ring of each tape (or tie to covered rod at bottom).



Attach shade to board by merely pressing Fastac® loop side, sewn to shade top hem, to the mushroom hook side of Fastac® on top of board. At point where each cord comes up through tape and top ring, mark underside of board and insert screw eyes for each cord. Bring the cord from each tape through the screw eyes and across the board so they all hang down on one side.

Lower shade to its full length and knot all cords together underneath the last screw eyes. Now cut off all cords below knot except one, which is used to raise and lower shade. An awning cleat should be installed on window frame or wall, at a height you can comfortably reach. When shade is raised tie cord around cleat.

