



THE CARPET CALL

SHUTTERS

BUYING GUIDE





Australia is inundated with bright, sunny days, so it's only natural homeowners require stylish and suitable solutions to produce shade within the home.

Introducing: **shutters.**

Providing privacy, security, light and ventilation control, shutters add style and substance to any room in the home year after year.

In this buying guide from Carpet Call, discover everything you need to know about shutters to determine whether they're the right window furnishing for your home.



AN OVERVIEW OF SHUTTERS

Today, shutters are known for the classic style they bring to homes, as well as being an incredibly practical and stylish way to control air, temperature, light and mood.

But where did it all begin?

The use of shutters is particularly synonymous with the Tudor period. Many homes in medieval England relied on shutters to protect them from the elements, as at the time glass was a luxury. For those with a little more wealth, glass was only used on the upper half of the window, while solid wooden shutters covered the lower section.

Fast forward to the industrial revolution and shutters were designed with a little more style as well as substance. During this period shutters were used for both interior and exterior benefits.

In the 1980s, Australian designers took inspiration from the plantation shutter style

which was prevalent during the 18th and 19th centuries in America.

Advancements in technology paved the way for decorative features, additional mechanisms and an increased choice of materials. The 1990s saw the introduction of PVC shutters which, along with wood, has remained a popular choice throughout the years.

Now, Australians have more choice than ever in regards to shutter colour, size, material and purpose—all of which can be [found at Carpet Call.](#)

THE PROS AND CONS of SHUTTERS

As with any window furnishing option, it's important to weigh up the pros and cons to ensure it's right for you.



Shutter **Pros**

Versatility

As noted, Australian homeowners have access to a broader range of shutter styles, colours and sizes than ever before. This makes finding a design to suit your living spaces incredibly easy!

Great Light Filtration

Once installed, homeowners are in complete control of how much light they let into the home. Simply adjust the louvres at different levels to manipulate light. For example, angle them down, and light will do the same—angled straight, light will enter the room at full capacity. You're in complete control of setting the mood and ambience.

Easy to Clean

Choosing a stylish window treatment doesn't have to mean more maintenance. With shutters you can enjoy maximum visual appeal with minimum upkeep! Whether wooden or PVC, simply slide a lint-free duster through each louvre to remove any debris. Unlike curtains and Roman blinds, shutters aren't made of fabric, so even if something spills or splashes onto its surface, just wipe it off.

Durability

Shutters are designed to last year after year. Unlike any other window furnishing option, shutters won't show signs of age if cared for correctly. There are no strings or cords that can fray or tangle, nor are there any fabrics which can stain or tear. Instead, shutters are a worthy investment that will work as a stylish and sturdy window treatment that can last for decades.

THE PROS AND CONS of SHUTTERS



Shutter Cons

Always in Sight

Unlike a curtain or blind which can be drawn or raised, shutters are always visible. While this is great for privacy, homeowners who always want a full view to the outside may have an issue.

Impedes Furniture Placement

The majority of shutters require ample space in front of them as they open inwards like a door. This means you can't, for example, place a couch directly anterior to the shutters as they require at least the width of the panel to be clear in front. This can affect furniture placement when decorating.

WHAT TO CONSIDER before INSTALLING SHUTTERS

Before signing on the dotted line, make sure you've considered **the following factors**:

Climate

Whether you're opting for interior or exterior shutters, the climate of your home's location will play a large part in determining your options. Depending on where you live, your shutters may have to adapt to high levels of humidity, moisture and even storms, so always bear your geographical location in mind.

Size

There's no one-size-fits-all approach to shutters. Some homes may have larger or oddly-shaped windows which require a

custom-built shutter. Here at Carpet Call, we offer made-to-measure options to ensure your window space is perfectly fitted with a high quality shutter.

One of our qualified sales consultants will advise you regarding what style is best suited for your application during the initial consultation.

Location

As noted, the layout of your room affects where you can introduce shutters. If you have a small area that doesn't possess much leigh-

way in terms of rearranging furniture, you may want to consider a space with more room to adjust furnishings accordingly. This will ensure you have enough space for your shutters to open with ease.

Price

The material, size and additional features of your shutters will influence the final cost. When deciding on a style, determine exactly what you want your shutters to look like and how you want them to function to ensure you're prepared when the final bill is passed your way.

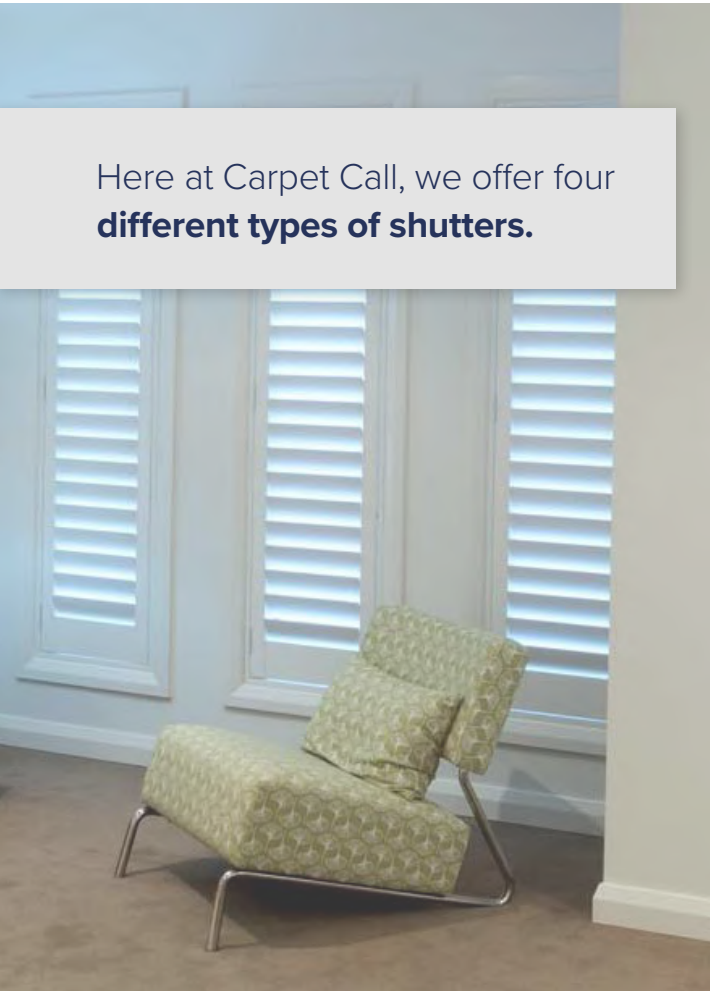


THE DIFFERENT TYPES of SHUTTERS

available at Carpet Call



Here at Carpet Call, we offer four **different types of shutters.**



PVC

These shutters are moisture resistant, fire retardant, termite proof and possess excellent insulation properties. They are easier to clean and cheaper than basswood counterparts.

Painted Timber

With a similar look to PVC shutters, timber is highly recommended when installing in low humidity areas of your home. Whilst not only looking great it is also very light weight, allowing bigger panels without sacrificing the lifespan of your shutters. Painted timber has fast become the most popular of the shutter range. With the choice of over 2000 colours to select from we're sure to have the shade that best suits your home.

Stained Timber

Looking for a more classical look? Look no further. Stained shutters allow you to see the timber underneath, keeping the incredible wood grain on display.

Aluminium Shutters

New to Carpet Call is our range of aluminium shutters. With aluminium being both fire-resistant and waterproof it's the perfect solution for windows located near moist or warm areas.

Find out more about **shutters.**

With different styles, varying materials and the option for custom designing, there's a shutter solution to suit any home.

If you think shutters could work within your home, [head in store today](#) to discuss your choices and installation with an expert from Carpet Call.



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