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How to Make Your Home Seem as If It Has More Natural Light Than It Actually Does

For starters, be strategic about how you hang your window treatments.

Hang window treatments close to the ceiling.

No matter the size of your windows, [Brienne Bishop of Brienne Bishop Design](#) recommends hanging your drapes as high and close to the ceiling as possible to visually expand the area. "This creates an illusion that your windows are taller than they actually are, and brings your eye up, creating a sense of verticality in your home," she explains. Madden says the same trick applies when installing roman shades. "If you're doing an outside mount, you can mount about a foot higher than the top of the window," she explains. "This will make the window seem like it starts higher, and ensure the stack (the fabric that is folded up when the shade is open) doesn't block the window glass when you have the shade pulled up."