

DIY PRICING

DIY Roller Shutter Cost in Australia

The cheapest DIY ad you'll see online, the "Roller shutters from \$199!" one, refers to a bare manual kit on a small window, ex-warehouse, no tools, no install. Below is what the realistic total cost looks like by the time you've actually got working shutters on the wall.

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QUICK ANSWER

DIY roller shutter kits in Australia typically cost **\$220 for a small manual kit** up to **\$850 for an electric kit on a standard window**. The realistic *total* DIY cost (kit plus tools plus electrician (if electric)) usually lands 25-40% below a professionally installed price on the same window.

On the right window the saving is real. On electric shutters and large openings, the saving often disappears once you factor in the electrician and your weekend.

Bottom line: Budget 25-40% off the pro price as your realistic DIY saving, not the 60% you'll see on kit-only ads.

Who this is for: Australian homeowners comparing the all-in cost of DIY roller shutter kits versus paying an installer.

Typical price ranges

Indicative supplied-and-installed pricing across Australia in 2026. Final pricing depends on installer assessment.

ITEM	TYPICAL RANGE	NOTES
Small manual DIY kit	\$220-\$360	900 × 1200 mm bedroom
Standard manual DIY kit	\$330-\$520	1500 × 1500 mm window

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Large manual DIY kit	\$520-\$780	2100 × 1800 mm
Standard electric DIY kit	\$520-\$850	motor included, mains-wiring excluded
Licensed electrician (per window)	\$120-\$280	add to every electric kit
Tools (one-off, if you don't own them)	\$80-\$250	hammer drill, masonry bits, level, ladder

What changes the price

Whether you already own the tools

A first-time DIYer buying a hammer drill, masonry bits, a 1.2 m level and an extension ladder is looking at \$150-\$250 in one-off costs that don't show up in kit ads. After the first shutter, those costs amortise across the rest of the project.

Manual vs electric

Manual is where DIY genuinely shines, no electrician needed and the install is straightforward. Electric pulls in a licensed sparkie (\$120-\$280 per window in metro AU) which usually eats most of the saving.

Number of windows

A single DIY shutter is rarely worth it once you count tool buy-in. Six or more shutters in one project is where DIY economics get serious.

Your time

Expect 6-10 hours of working time for your first DIY shutter and 3-5 hours per shutter after that. Honest hourly cost = total saving / hours worked.

DIY kit cost vs equivalent pro-installed price (standard 1500 × 1500 mm window)

ITEM	DIY TOTAL	PRO-INSTALLED
Manual shutter	\$430-\$650 (kit + tools)	\$550-\$900
Hard-wired electric	\$700-\$1,150 (kit + tools + sparkie)	\$900-\$1,400
Time investment	~6-10 hrs your weekend	2-3 hrs installer time
Warranty	Owner-install (often shorter)	Full product + install
Risk if it goes wrong	On you	On the installer

The hidden costs of DIY no one mentions

Beyond the kit price: tools you don't own, delivery on a long item (often \$40-\$120), patching and painting render after drilling, scrap and offcut disposal, and any mistakes that require ordering a replacement part. Budget a 10-15% contingency on top of the kit price.

When the pro quote actually wins

For electric shutters on more than three windows, the volume-discount a local installer can offer often beats DIY once the electrician's call-out fees are summed up. [Run a quote comparison](#) before committing to the kit. The spread between cheap and mid-range installers can surprise you.

Checklist before you accept a quote



Price the kit AND the tools

Ads quote kit-only. Add tools, delivery, and patching.



Get a licensed electrician quote upfront

Confirm per-window wiring price before buying electric kits.

☐ **Account for your time honestly**

6-10 hrs for your first; 3-5 hrs each after.

☐ **Compare against at least one pro quote**

Sometimes the gap is smaller than expected.

Frequently asked questions

How much does a DIY roller shutter kit cost in Australia?

DIY kit prices typically range from \$220 for a small manual shutter up to \$850 for an electric kit on a standard 1500 × 1500 mm window. Large windows and sliding doors run \$780-\$1,400 for the kit alone.

What is the real total cost of DIY roller shutters?

For a standard manual window, expect \$430-\$650 all-in (kit + tools). For electric, \$700-\$1,150 including a licensed electrician for the mains wiring. Add 10-15% contingency for delivery, patching and small mistakes.

How much do DIY roller shutters actually save versus an installer?

Realistically 25-40% on manual shutters; closer to 10-20% on electric shutters once you pay the electrician. Kit-only ads showing 60%+ savings are not including tools, sparkie fees or your time.

Are DIY roller shutter kits cheaper at Bunnings?

Bunnings carries a limited range and prices are competitive on small manual kits but rarely the cheapest option for electric. Specialist online suppliers usually have wider sizing options and better motor brands.

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