



lamp base + shade guide

Good lighting is key to creating a warm and inviting space. With this in mind, Target offers a diverse collection of lamp shades and bases to match your unique decorating style and needs. Although there's a lot to consider, this guide will help you find the perfect lamp base and shade pairing.

Finding the Right Fit

First, determine what size shade will best match your lamp base. The height of the lamp shade should be roughly 2/3 the height of the base, or large enough to cover the bulb and socket. The bottom width of the shade should typically be equal to the visible base height. However, you can use an oversized or undersized lamp shade to create a more dramatic effect.

Color-Coded Convenience

For quick and easy size pairings, Target mix-and-match lamp bases and shades are specifically color-coded on packaging.



Small

Lamps this size can add an ambient touch to smaller spaces such as bathrooms, hallways or bookshelves.

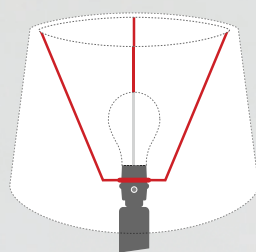


Large

These lamps can stand alone as a dramatic focal point on top of a dining room sideboard or entryway side table.

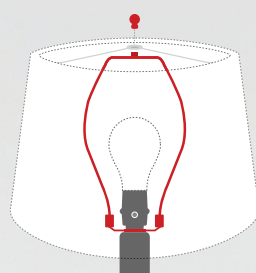
Putting It All Together

You will also need to know what type of fitter your lamp uses. A fitter is the component that a lamp shade uses to attach to the base. There are four popular types of fitters.



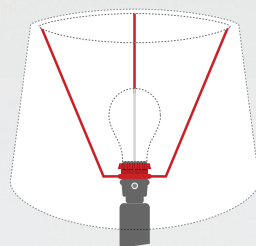
Slip UNO / Drop UNO

A slip UNO or drop UNO fitter has a metal ring inside the center of the shade with a diameter of between 1 in (2.54 cm) and 1.25 in (3.175 cm). All Target mix-and-match lamps use this type of fitter. Place the shade into the socket and then secure it with a lightbulb.



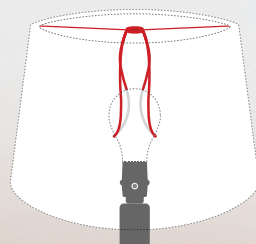
Spider

A spider fitter has a small metal ring in the center, on top of the shade. This is the most common type of fitter for replacement shades. It sits on a harp, a metal component that fits into the saddle, which you secure by screwing in a finial. Appropriate harp height is usually 1–2 in (2.54–5.08 cm) shorter than the shade height.



Threaded UNO

A threaded UNO fitter has a flat metal ring inside the center of the shade with a diameter of around 2 in (5.08 cm). Assembled lamps, which come with both the base and the shade, usually use this type of fitter. Before placing the lightbulb, the shade attaches with a threaded socket. You can then secure it with the socket ring.



Clip-On

A clip-on fitter has a pair of wire loops inside the shade. This type of fitter is the least common of the four. After placing the lightbulb, clip the shade onto the bulb and secure it with metal clips.