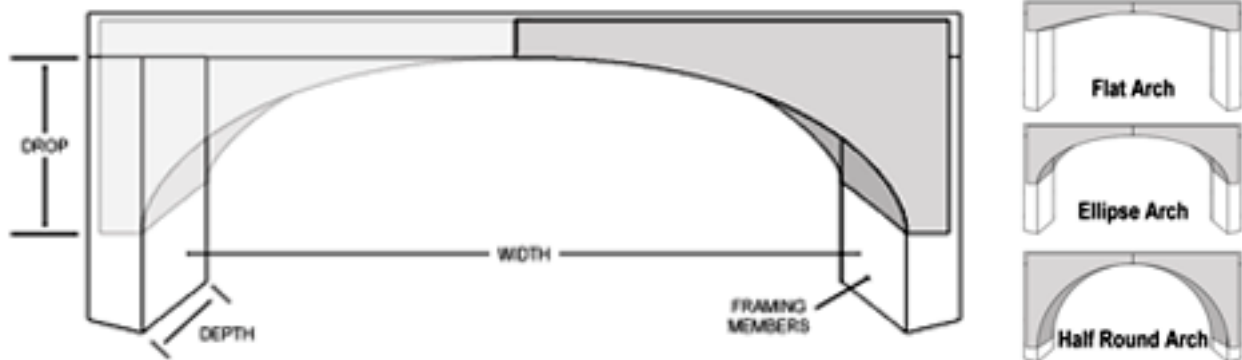




How to MEASURE and DESCRIBE an Arch or Niche

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To facilitate ease of ordering, Fast Arch has developed the following Uniform Method of describing an Arch. If these simple Measurements and Descriptions are made as outlined and forwarded to Fast Arch of America, you will be assured of receiving the Perfect Arch!



WIDTH: Actual width, side to side, (as **you look into** it) of the rough frame opening. "Flat" Arches are usually patterned in 2" increments, allowing side to side adjustment of ± 1 " and thus allowing for variances in framing widths without affecting the appearance (i.e. a 36-3/4" opening would take a 36" arch). Half-circle arches should be measured to within 1".

DROP: The measurement of the distance between the top or peak of the arch to the lower portion of the arch. Sometimes referred to as the rise, leg, spring, or slope of the arch. A good rule of thumb for un-specified drops is a 6:1 ratio to the width of the opening (i.e. a 48" wide opening would have an 8" drop). The "drop" of a half-circle arch would be 1/2 the diameter (i.e. a 72" half-circle width would have a 36" drop)

DEPTH: The measurement of the "thickness" of the opening or niche (the distance **going away from you** as you look into the opening). This measurement should be accurate to 1/4".

TYPE: Designate as to what the application will be 1) A passage type opening or 2) a niche type opening (a solid back). Both types are the same price.

STYLE: Refer to the Arch Shapes pages for different styles available, and list in appropriate column.

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