# HOW TO MEASURE FOR DRAPERY & WINDOW



From the fabric you select to the hardware that you choose, window treatments are an opportunity to define a room's style. This guide outlines the various drapery styles and window accessories we offer, and provides easy-to-follow instructions on how to measure for each.

### CHOOSING YOUR DRAPERY STYLE











Our drapery is tailored from the finest fabrics found anywhere, and available in your choice of 4 styles: Rod Pocket, French Pleat, Inverted Pleat or Grommet.

#### A-C. ROD POCKET

- Offers casual simplicity.
- Features a fabric casing along the top that can be slipped over a rod when using the drapery without hooks or rings (C); can also be used with drapery rings (A & B).
- For ease of opening and closing, use a drapery rod and rings (A & B).
- Our lined rod pocket drapery includes hooks for loop rings, which create folds in the drapery for a more tailored feel. Instructions for attaching the hooks are included with your drapery panels.
- We recommend using 7 drapery rings to hang each 50"W rod pocket panel, and 13 rings to hang each 100"W rod pocket panel.
- Our sheer rod pocket drapery can be used with clip rings (A).

#### D. FRENCH PLEAT

- Also referred to as "pinch pleat", this is the most traditional style available.
- The pleats are stiffened with buckram, providing a clean, crisp and classic aesthetic.
- Most French Pleat drapery requires 11 loop rings for hanging; drapery hooks are pre-installed for convenience.

#### E. INVERTED PLEAT

- Creates a smooth and sophisticated look.
- Inverted Pleat drapes are available in our Thai Silk Tonal Stripe, Silk Taffeta Multistripe and Silk Taffeta Pavilion Stripe collections.
- Most inverted pleat collections require 10 loop rings for each panel; panels come with drapery hooks pre-installed for convenience.

#### F. GROMMET

- Our most casual option, with metal eyelets (grommets) applied to the top of each panel.
- Drapery rings are not needed.
- $\bullet$  Use with a single rod to allow grommets to move smoothly.

### HOW TO MEASURE FOR DRAPERY







Before measuring, consider the look you'd like to achieve – formal or casual – then follow the steps below.

#### MEASURING TIPS

- Precise measurements are key.
- $\bullet$  Use a steel tape measure, measuring to the nearest  $1\!\!/\!\!s$  ".
- Measure each window and doorway individually (often, windows and doors that appear to be the same size are not).

#### 1. DETERMINE YOUR DRAPERY ROD

- If you already have a rod installed, skip to Step 2.
- If you have yet to select a drapery rod, see "Choosing Your Window Hardware" (page 4).

#### 2. DETERMINE THE RIGHT LENGTH FOR THE LOOK YOU WANT

- Our drapery length reflects the full length of fabric, from the top edge to the bottom hem.
- Drapery rods are typically installed 4" above the window frame (see above center) or closer to the ceiling (see above left); the latter gives the illusion of a higher ceiling.
- For a tailored, more casual look Measure the distance from the bottom of the installed drapery rod or drapery rings, to the floor. Subtract ½" to get the panel length you need (see above left).
- For longer, more formal drapes that puddle on the floor in luxurious folds, add 1-10" to the height measurement.
- There are different degrees of puddling:
- 1" Puddle Also called a "break" or "trouser break". A clean look, with drapery just touching on the floor (see "Tailored" above).
- 2-4" Puddle A standard puddle, with just a slight spill of fabric (see "Standard" above).

5-8" Puddle – A true puddle with enough extra length to fan the fabric out onto the floor (see "Full" above).

10"+ Puddle - Appropriate for heavy material and very lush decors.

 Puddling is not recommended for drapery that will be opened and closed regularly, as the bottoms will get dirty very quickly.

#### 3. CHOOSE THE RIGHT FULLNESS FOR THE LOOK YOU WANT

- For a tailored, more casual look Use panels that cover your window with fewer folds and with hems just above or at floor height (see above left).
- For a fuller, more formal aesthetic Use panels that are wider (to create rich folds) and longer (for a dramatic puddle effect) than your window (see above center and right).

## 4. DETERMINE HOW MANY PANELS YOU NEED TO ACHIEVE THE DESIRED FULLNESS

- Rod Pocket drapery is designed without added fullness. To achieve fullness for this style, multiply the window width by the desired fullness (1, 2 or 3), as explained below.
- French Pleat and Inverted Pleat styles are designed for fullness; there is no need to allow for more fabric to create fullness.
- Measure your window's overall width. Multiply it by 1 (tailored), 2 (standard) or 3 (full), then choose the closet panel width that we offer in the style of your choice. (See images above.)
- To your total, add another 2" to 8". This will allow the end panels to extend 1"-4" beyond each side of the window frame, reducing light gaps and maximizing privacy.

For example, if you want a full look and your window is 60" wide, you'll need roughly 180" of drapery fabric (60" x 3), plus a maximum of 8" to cover any light gaps. We would recommend buying two 100" wide panels for the 188" of fabric you'd need.

### CHOOSING YOUR WINDOW HARDWARE



When selecting drapery hardware for your windows, choose a style to complement your décor. Coordinate your hardware's finish with other furnishings throughout your home, and select hardware that's in balance with the scale of your room.

#### DRAPERY RODS & FINIALS

Our drapery rods are available in large and small diameters, and can be paired with a variety of sophisticated finials and accompanying hardware.

Select a finial that accentuates an architectural element or accessory in the room, and minimize the size of the final to complement the scale of a smaller room.

#### A. METAL DRAPERY RODS

- $\bullet$  Available in 4 adjustable lengths: 28"- 48", 48"- 88", 60"- 108" and 88"- 126".
- Wood rods come in set lengths of 4', 6' and 8'.
- Extra-long rods are available in extending styles for oversized windows up to 10' wide.
- Wooden rods can be connected to span up to 16'.
- Two rods can connect together to create an extra-long rod with the use of a connector screw (sold with our extension rods; additional connector screws are available through Customer Service at 800.762.1005).

#### B. HOTEL DRAPERY RODS

• Mount directly on to the wall and can be used in place of a standard drapery rod.

- Available in two styles: Single or Double.
- Like Double-Rod Conversion Kits (see below), Double Hotel Rods allow you to combine sheer and opaque panels for a more layered look, which helps to control light, noise, drafts and privacy.
- All brackets needed for mounting are included in our Hotel Rod Kit.

#### C. SWING ARM DRAPERY RODS

- Combine the functionality of a drapery rod and a shutter.
- A good choice for narrow windows or French doors.

#### D. FINIALS

- Purely decorative, and can create a bold or subtle statement.
- For a subtle look, we offer end cap finials in all of our window hardware collections.

#### E. BRACKETS

- To support the drapery rod, end brackets are needed at each end of the rod.
- The longer the rod, the more brackets are needed; center brackets are sold separately to provide more support.

### F. DOUBLE-ROD CONVERSION KITS

- Like Double Hotel Rods (see above), Double-Rod Conversion Kits are used to layer drapery, allowing you to hang sheer panels behind heavier ones for regulating light, noise, drafts and privacy.
- Kits include double-rod brackets and the back rod; the front rod is sold separately.

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#### ACCESSORIES

#### G. DRAPERY RINGS

- Available in 2 styles: Clip or Loop.
- Clip Rings For hanging sheer and unlined drapery. Creates attractive folds in the fabric and provides a space between the rod and the panel.
- Loop Rings Use only with our lined rod-pocket and pleated drapery, which include drapery hooks for this purpose. Our drapery panels include hooks to accommodate loop rings.

#### H. DRAPERY WAND

- Used to help move the drapery smoothly across the rod.
- Can be connected to a loop ring.

#### I. TIEBACKS

- Used to pull fabric away from the window in a stylish drape.
- Available in styles to coordinate with our finials.

### HOW TO MEASURE FOR WINDOW HARDWARE

If you have yet to select your window accessories, see "Choosing Your Window Hardware" (page 4). To measure for a drapery rod, follow the simple steps below. Instructions are provided with all of our window hardware for installation on most surfaces.

#### MEASURING TIPS

- Precise measurements are key.
- Use a steel tape measure, measuring to the nearest 1/8".
- Measure each window and doorway individually (often, windows and doors that appear to be the same size are not).

## 1. DETERMINE THE AMOUNT OF SPACE NEEDED FOR THE DRAPERY ROD

- Measure the width of your window, taking into account whether you'd like a trim-mounted (ie, rod placed directly on window trim) or wallmounted rod (A).
- Allow 3"-9" on either side of the window frame for the panels to rest when they are open.
- Be sure to consider the extra wall space needed for decorative finials.

#### 2. DECIDE WHETHER OR NOT TO USE DRAPERY RINGS

• Drapery that is hung from rings (B) requires the drapery rods to be installed at a height greater than the length of the drapery.

#### 3. DETERMINE ROD PLACEMENT

- Drapery rings (B) are recommended for ease of opening and closing drapery panels.
- Note that drapery rings add a few extra inches to your rod placement (see "To determine proper rod height if using drapery rings" below).
- For low light-filtration, mount the rod 6" above the trim and allow the rod width to extend at least 3" beyond either side of the window frame.
- To add visual height to a room, mount the rod closer to the ceiling.
- To determine proper rod height if not using drapery rings: Simply measure the distance between the bottom of the rod and floor, and install the rod at that height.
- To determine proper rod height if using drapery rings: With the drapery attached to the rings, measure the distance between the bottom of the rod and the top of the drapery fabric, then add this measurement to the drapery length.

- When hanging Rod Pocket drapery, there is some rod "take-up" when the material is gathered onto the pole. Typically, you will need to install smaller rods 1" lower than the finished length, while rods with a diameter of 2" or more will need to be installed approximately 2" lower (if you want the drapery to touch the floor).
- For a layered look, convert an existing single rod into a double with our conversion kit (C).

#### 4. DETERMINE BRACKET PLACEMENT

 Install brackets a maximum of 50" apart to provide the drapery rod with maximum support. A center bracket (D) is needed for larger rods.







# DRAPERY & WINDOW HARDWARE MEASUREMENTS

Use this diagram to jot down measurements. 1. DETERMINE SPACE NEEDED FOR DRAPERY ROD. MEASURE: Drapery Rod Ring • Outside window frame to outside frame (see A). • Add 2"-8" for panels to rest on either side of window frame when open. • Add the extra inches needed for decorative finials. • The total from the 3 measurements above is the amount of horizontal space needed for your drapery rod. B & C 2. DETERMINE ROD PLACEMENT • If not using drapery rings: Measure from bottom of rod to floor (see B). • If using drapery rings: With drapery attached to the rings, measure from bottom of rod to top of drapery fabric; add this measurement to your drapery length to determine rod placement. 3. DETERMINE DRAPERY LENGTH • If not using drapery rings: Measure from bottom of rod to top of floor or top of window sill, depending on desired window coverage (C). • If using drapery rings: With rings attached to rod, measure from bottom of rings to top of floor or top of window sill, depending on desired window coverage (D). • If puddling drapery on floor (see page 3 for details): Decide amount of puddling desired, and add that measurement to your panel length, this is the overall panel length needed. 4. DETERMINE PANEL WIDTH • Decide amount of fullness desired: Tailored, Standard or Full (see page 3). • Measure overall window width (see A). • Multiply window width by 1 (Tailored), 2 (Standard) or 3 (Full).

• To the number above, add another 2"-8" to reduce light gaps as desired; this is the overall panel width needed.

Ceiling Line