

Curtain Measuring Guide

Inside Mounted Curtain

STEP 1 – MEASURE THE LENGTH

For curtains to be made with a casement, tabs or ties: measure from the **top** of the existing or proposed rod down to the window seal.

For curtains to be hung by ring chips: measure from the bottom of the clip down to the desired length of the curtain or seal.

For curtains to be hung with hidden rings: measure from the top of the existing or proposed rod down to the window seal.

Note: The measurement for the length recorded in the order form for an inside mounted curtain represents finished curtain length. We will calculate additional fabric required for seam allowances, hems and casements (pockets) and headers if any.

If you currently don't have ring clips or curtain rods in place, assume that the curtains will hang 1 to 1.5-inches below the bottom of the rod if you plan to purchase rings with a one to 1 ¼ inch diameter. Ring clips with diameters of 2 inches will extend approximately two inches below the bottom of the rod.

STEP 2 – TOP TREATMENT

Check the appropriate box for the top treatment option you desire. If top treatment will be constructed with a casement (pocket), indicate rod diameter (i.e., ½- inch, one inch, etc.).

STEP 3 – HEM OPTIONS AND DECORATIVE FINISHING

Check the box with the desired hem width (e.g., one, two or three inch), and hem construction (i.e., single or double folded hem), and any decorative hand finishing (hand drawn hemstitch, French knot, etc.).

STEP 4 – MEASURE THE WIDTH

Measure from one side of the window to the other and enter this measurement on the order form.

Next select the desired fullness. Generally medium and heavy weight fabrics are made 2 to 2.5 times the window width. Curtains made of semi-sheer linen for sidelight windows and door panels can be made 3 to 4 times the window width. An example of when a curtain

would be made 4 times the window width is when the fabric is lightweight, rods are located on the top and bottom of the window, and direct sunlight is a factor.

Next indicate the number of panels (i.e., one panel, or two panels to allow curtains to open in the center).

STEP 5 – FABRIC SELECTION AND MOTIFS

Included on this website are both fabric descriptions and photos of fabric swatches. It may be helpful to request larger swatches and taped them to the window to review texture, color and opaqueness. Motifs offered on pillows and runners, can be stenciled or embroidered on curtains. Custom motifs can also be created. Prices for creating a custom motif begin at \$30.00.

Outside Mounted Curtain

STEP 1 – MEASURE THE LENGTH

Generally for curtains that are mounted on the outside of the window frame, the rod is located three inches above, and three inches out from the edge of the window. Similarly, the curtain length generally hangs two to three inches below the window seal, but this is not necessarily the case for windows with decorative wood trim. Measuring example: if the length from the top of the rod to the window seal measures 63 inches, and a three-inch drop beyond the seal is desired, then the finished length of the curtain would be 66 inches. For an outside mounted café curtain, the length of curtain can either touch the window seal or hang two to three inches past the window seal.

For curtains to be made with a casement, tabs or ties: measure from the **top** of the existing or proposed rod down to either the window seal or desired finished length.

For curtains to be hung by ring chips: measure from the clip of the rod down to the desired length for the curtain.

For curtains to be hung with hidden rings: measure from the top of the existing or proposed rod down to the desired length.

Note: The measurement for the length recorded in the order form represents the finished curtain length. We will calculate additional fabric required for seam allowances, hems, pockets and/or headers.

If you are uncertain how to measure for future rod location, simply measure the inside width of the window, and the length of the window plus any additional length that you would like the curtain to extend past the window seal.

If you have not purchased the ring clips or a curtain rod, assume that the curtain will hang one-inch to 1.5 inches below the bottom of the rod if you plan to purchase rings with a one to 1 ¼ inch diameter. Ring clips with diameters of 2 inches will extend two inches below the bottom of the rod.

STEP 2 – TOP TREATMENT

Check the appropriate box for the top treatment option you desire. If top treatment will be a pocket, indicate rod diameter (i.e., ½- inch, one inch, etc.).

STEP 3 – HEM OPTIONS AND DECORATIVE FINISHING

Check the box with the desired hem width (e.g., one, two or three inch), and hem construction (i.e., single or double folded hem), and any decorative hand finishing (hand drawn hemstitch, French knots).

STEP 4 – MEASURE THE WIDTH

Measure from one side of the window to the other and enter this measurement on the order form. Next select the desired fullness. Generally medium and heavy weight fabrics are made 2 to 2.5 times the window width. Curtains made of semi-sheer linen for sidelight windows and door panels can be made 3 to 4 times the window width. An example of when a curtain would be made 4 times the window width is when the fabric is lightweight, rods are located on the top and bottom of the window, and direct sunlight is a factor. Finally indicate the number of panels (i.e., one panel for no opening, or two panels to allow curtains to open in the center).