

Measuring for Custom Draperies

Custom draperies are unique works of window treatment art. The fabrics are cut to your exact measurements. Here are some tips for how to measure to get the perfect style for your room.

Step 1: Determine hardware placement

The length and style of your drapery will be affected by where you want the drapery rod to hang.

Outside Mount: This means your draperies will hang above and around the windows. To make your window appear larger when the drapes are closed, and to show more of the window when the drapes are open, we recommend:

- Hanging the rod 8" above the window (if space allows)
- Extending the rod 12" on each side of the window (total of 24")

Inside Mount: This means your drapery will hang inside the window frame. Plan to hang your hardware as close to the window frame as possible. Keep in mind:

- Draperies will not be able to extend past your window with inside mount
- Measurements for draperies will start from the top of your rod, be sure to refer to rod instructions when measuring for full length inside mount draperies.

Step 2: Choosing a Width

Custom Draperies are sold with appropriate fullness built in. When placing your order, select the exact width you want your panel to cover.

The number of panels you should purchase depends on whether you want decorative side panels or are looking for full coverage.

Side Panels: A side panel is used primarily for decoration, and provides less privacy. Drapes in this style are not meant to close all the way, and hang at the sides of the window.

To measure for side panel width, just measure out the width you need the panels to cover, and order for that width. For example, if you want your panels to cover up to but no more than 24", order a 24" panel. Side panels can also be collapsed to cover less space when desired.

Full Coverage Draperies: If you want full coverage, you will need enough panels to cover your entire window.

What to do:

- Measure the width of the window opening.
- Add 12" to each side (24" total).
- Take the total number (width plus the number you added to each side), and then divide it by the number of panels you want to order.
- Order custom panels that cover the size of the final number (total width divided by number of panels).

Example: *If you want to completely cover a 56" window with two panels in a split draw, you would add 24" to 56" (window width) and divide by 2 (number of panels) to get 40". The two panels ordered each need to be 40" wide or more.*

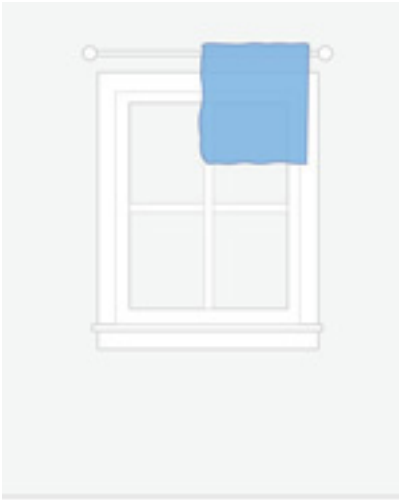
Step 3: Choosing a Length

Now that you have determined where your hardware will be installed (step one), you need to determine your Rod to Floor Height.

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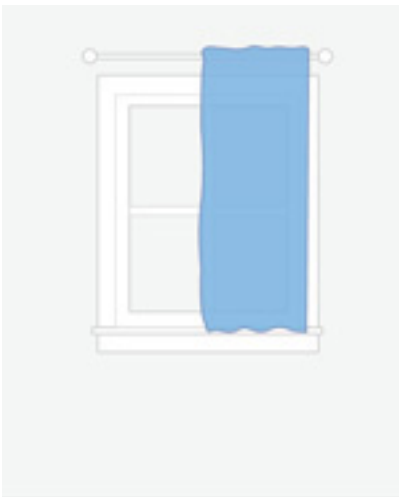
- Use either your finger or a small, light pencil to mark the position you would like to hang the drapery rod.
- Measure down to where you want the drapery to hang (usually the floor or the window's end)
- Write down the total number, which is your Rod to Floor Height.
- If you are hanging your drapery with decorative rings, deduct the height of the ring from your drapery measurement.
- Rod to Floor Height will be used to order draperies. However, do not hang hardware until drapery arrives.

Next you will need to determine your style. The following styles are recommended for Custom Draperies:



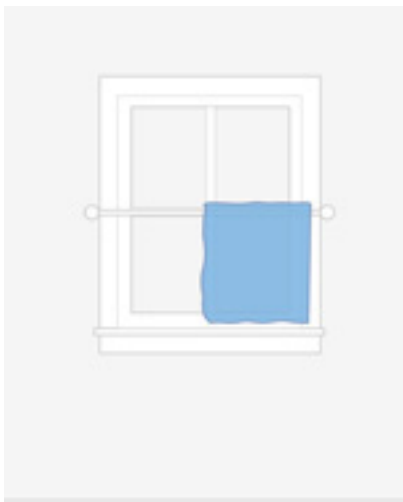
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- Choose length from 10-30".
- This style can be used to add height to a window.
- This is recommended for outside mount.



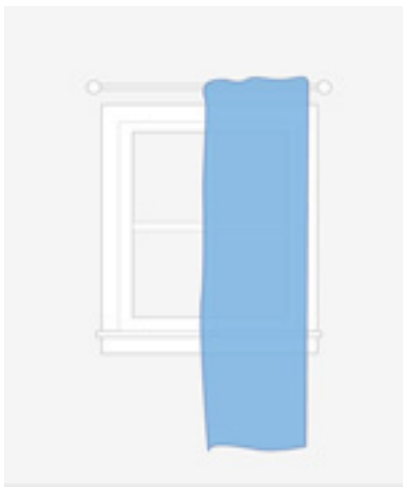
Sill

- Choose length that will fall 3/8" above window sill.
- This is recommended for windows with protruding sills and inside mounts.



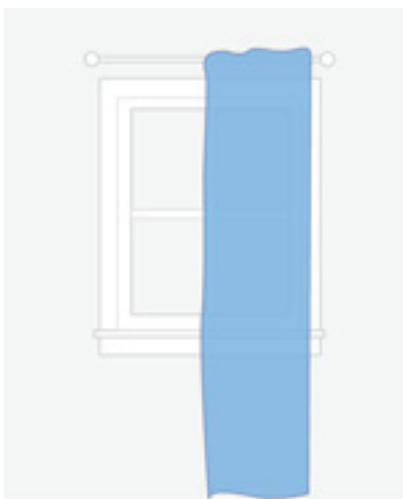
Cafe

- Choose length that will fall either 3/8" above sill or allow the drapery to drape below the sill by up to 6".
- This is recommended for inside mount or outside mount and is common in kitchens.
- When determining your hardware placement for a cafe style, mid window is best.



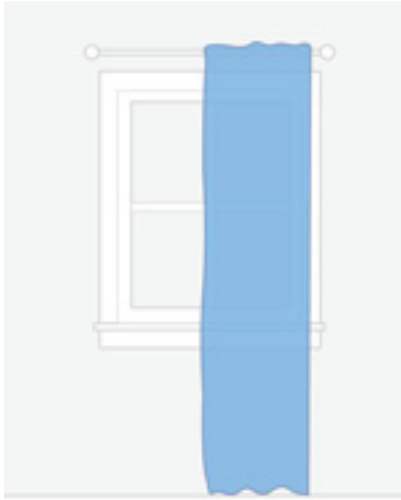
Apron

- Choose length that will fall 4-6" below sill.
- This is recommended for outside mount.

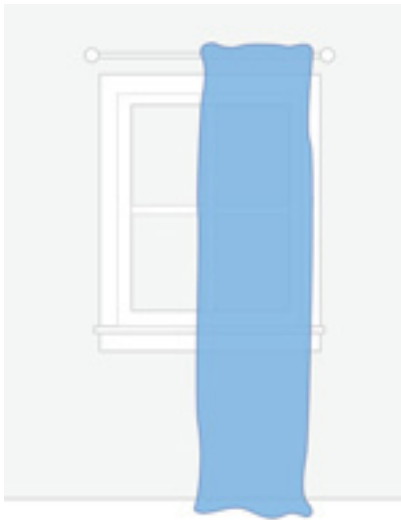


Floor

- Choose length that will fall 3/8" above floor.
- This is recommended for drapery that will be opened and closed frequently.
- This is recommended for outside mount.

**Sweep, Brushing or Cuff Length**

- Choose length 1-3" longer than your Rod to Floor height.
- This style is ideal to provide extra tolerance for precise mounting situations, such as a ceiling mount.
- This is recommended for outside mount.

**Pooling or Puddling**

- Choose length 6-12" longer than your Rod to Floor height, recommended for stationary panels only.
- A small "puddle" or "break" often enhances the finished look. It is also a great way to disguise uneven floors.
- This is recommended for outside mount.

Step 4: Choose a Rod

When determining your rod width, keep in mind the width does not include the finials and brackets. Keep in mind:

- The finial and bracket will add width to each side. Please see the finial of your choice to find these exact measurements.
- Draperies will not traverse over brackets on a decorative drapery rod unless C-Rings are used.

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