

How to Measure for Custom Drapery Panels

Congratulations! You've made the decision to invest in custom drapery panels for your home. Custom drapes are a great way to enhance and complete your living space. Custom curtains can immediately add warmth and softness to a room when you choose from one of our soft linen collections. Conversely, they can accessorize and make a statement to your interior decor with pops of color and patterns when using some of our bold designer fabrics.

Regardless of the style you choose, before you can proceed you need some basic questions answered. That's where we are here to help!

“But, measuring for custom drapery panels seems daunting!”

We hear this a lot from our customers! But once we deconstruct it and walk you through it, even if you have basic math skills it can easily be figured out. (And all you need is a tape measure!)

1. First and Most important Question to ask: do you need them to function?

In other words, do you need them to open and close? This question is very important, as the measurement to determine how wide your panels should be is dependent on the answer to this question. Not sure? Here are some questions to ask:

1. Is this a bedroom? Do you need room darkening? Do you need privacy in this room at night or at other times of the day? Do you need to block the sun? If the answer is YES to any of these questions there is a good chance you need your drapes to fully function!

2. If the answer is NO to these questions you probably don't need them to function and they will just flank your windows, which may require less fabric and could save you money. However, there is still a proportion element for non-functioning drapes to figure out what you need. For instance, while two one width panels(pleated to 24 inches)would look dynamite on either side of 36 inch window, they would not look good on either side of a 100 inch wide window. The word we use for that is *“skimpy”!*

Now that you know if you need functioning or non- functioning we are ready to roll! Here is a helpful chart to determine how wide your panels should be:

Determining widths for Functioning Drapery panels

Window Width	add 6-8 inches for rod	multiply x 2.5 for fullness	divide by 54	width pair should be**	divide by 2	widths per panel
36	44	110	2.03	2	1	1
48	56	140	2.59	3	1.5	1.5
72	80	200	3.7	4	2	2
94	102	255	4.77	5	2.5	2.5

** Typically we round up uneven numbers to ensure adequate fullness when calculation falls between widths.

(What is a “width”? A width is 54 inch drapery fabric that is then pleated to approximately 24.5 inches. When we make drapery panels widths are made in .5 increments i.e. 1 width, 1.5 width, 2.5 width etc)

Determining Widths for Non-functioning Drapery panels

Window Width	add 6-8 inches for the rod	multiply by 1.5 or 2 for fullness	divide by 54	width pair should be**	divide by 2	width per each panel
36	44	66	1.22	2	1	1
48	56	84	1.55	2	1	1
72	80	120	2.22	3	1.5	1.5
94	102	154	2.83	3-4	1.5 or 2	1.5 or 2

*****Typically we round up uneven numbers and never go less than a width. With larger windows you may want to round up to 2x fullness depending on budgetary factors and fullness desired.**

2. How Long should my drapes be?

Our answer for this is “the longer the better!” Kidding aside, we recommend going a minimum of 6-8 inches above the window frame if space allows. We love going all the way up to the crown molding if you’re feeling daring! But, if you are going to do that we would come down a couple of inches to make sure you have room to adjust the rod.

Finished length— the finished length of your drapery panel is the measurement from the bottom of the ring to 1/2 inch off the floor unless you want your drapes to puddle.

***Puddle Guide:**

- 1 inch - Called “trouser break” clean look**
- 2-4 inch - Most popular adequate fabric for puddling**
- 4-6 inch - most enhanced for dramatic look**

3. Now Comes the Fun Part: fabric and rod selection

The math and mechanics are finished now its all about the look you want to create!

As we mentioned in the beginning we offer a wide selection of linens, designer fabrics and prints. So, whether you are looking to soften your space, enhance it or make a bold design inspiration, we’ve got you covered. And if you have found your dream fabric at another shop, you are welcome to send it to us and we will gladly make you beautiful treatments with it!

Browse our client gallery here for more inspiration:

(link to client Gallery)

Or visit our Etsy Shop to connect with us:

(link to Etsy Shop)

Hope to see you around!

