

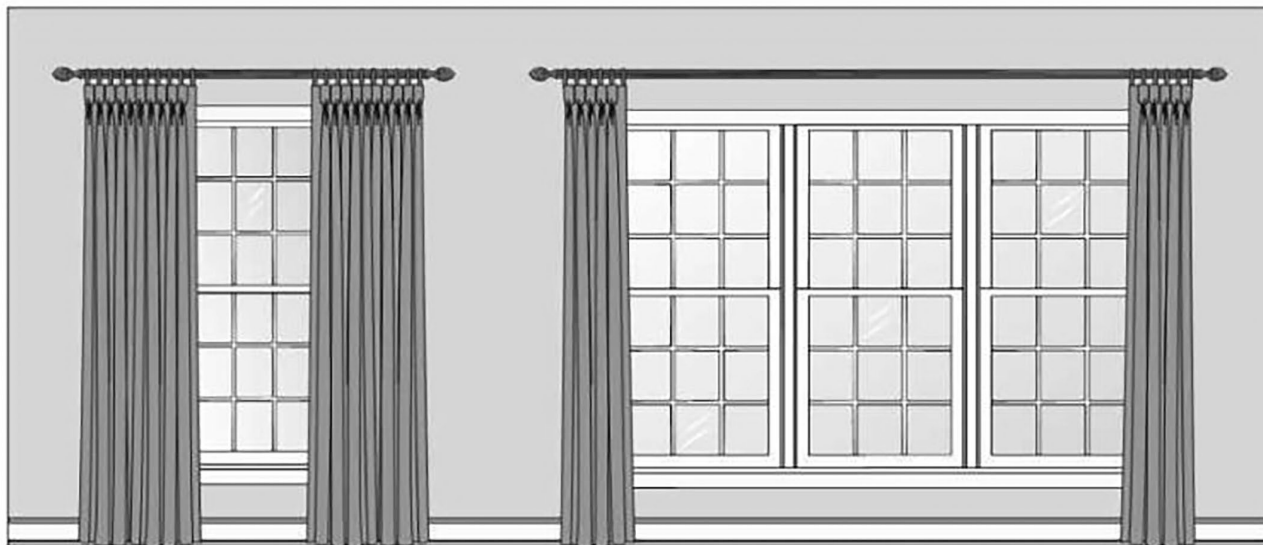


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LUXURY HOME TEXTILES | WINDOW TREATMENTS

Guide to measuring for your drapery panels.

Size matters.



Panels are too wide.

Panels are too narrow.

Some tip to ensure your window treatments are the correct size.

Gather these essential tools:

- **Metal measuring tape** (for accuracy)
- **Pen and paper** (to record measurements)
- Camera or phone to take a picture of your window.

If you have multiple windows or doors, measure each one individually, as variations may occur.

Pro Tip: Write down your measurements immediately to avoid confusion. Always record them as **width x length** (width first, then length).

Determine Curtain Function

Decide whether you need **decorative** or **functional** curtains:

- **Decorative Curtains** – If you're adding color or a design element without needing full coverage, focus mainly on the length. The width is less important.
- **Functional Curtains** – If you need your panels to be operable and close to block light or provide privacy, measure both width and length carefully.

Measure Your Window

1. **Measure the Width** – Measure the width of the window, including the outer molding.
2. **Measure the Length** – Measure from the top of the window molding to the floor.
3. Measure the space between the top of the window and the ceiling or crown molding.
4. Measure the extension of your window molding. If it extends more than 3.5" from the wall, then you will need extended brackets.

Pro Tip: It's a good idea to note how much space you have on either side of the window, we also recommend taking a picture of each window for reference.

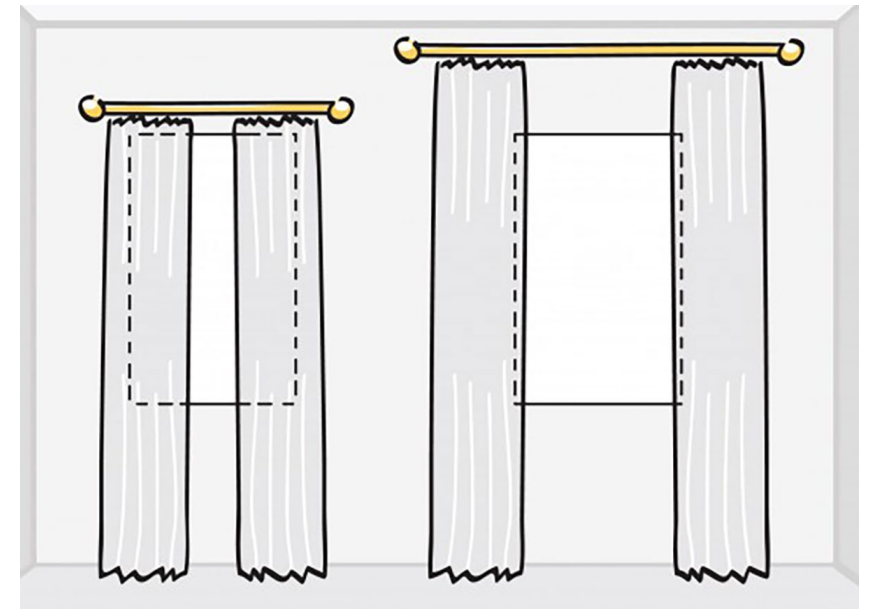
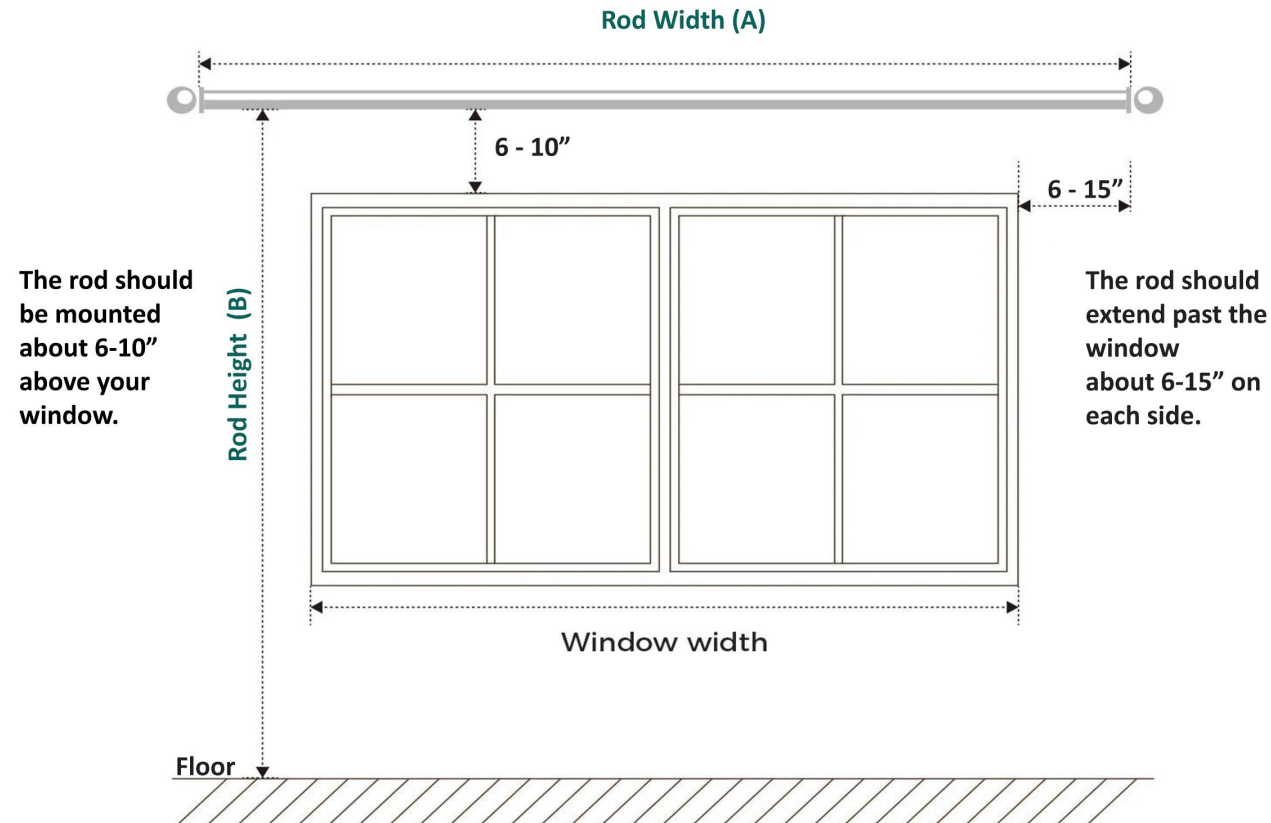
Determine the width and placement of your drapery rod.

To make a window look larger, you should hang your curtains as high as possible.

If space allows, we recommend going out a minimum of 6" above the window and a minimum of 6" past either side of the window.

Key points to remember:

- **General rule:** Hang the curtain rod roughly halfway between the top of your window trim and the ceiling.
- **Small rooms:** For rooms with low ceilings, consider hanging the curtain rod as close to the ceiling as possible.
- **Window size impact:** Mounting the rod high above the window makes the window appear larger.
- **Avoid too low:** Hanging the curtain rod too low can make the window look smaller



Due to placement, the panels on the right give the appearance of a larger window even though it's the same size window in both examples..

Center Draw vs. One Way Draw

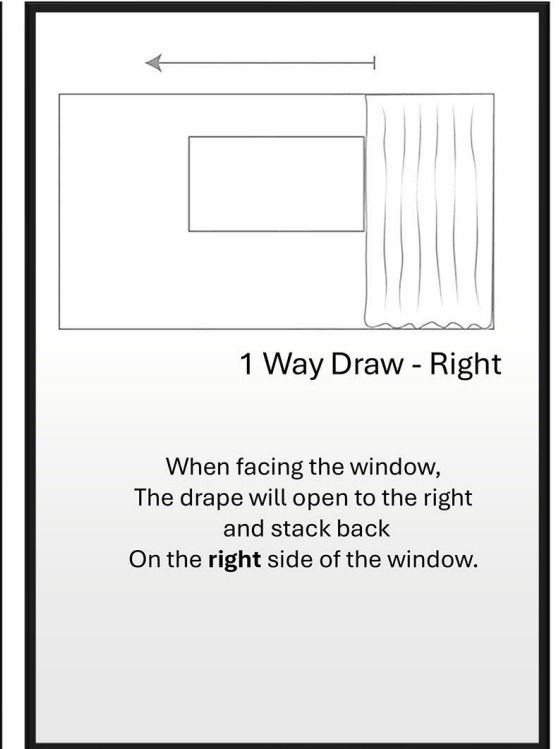
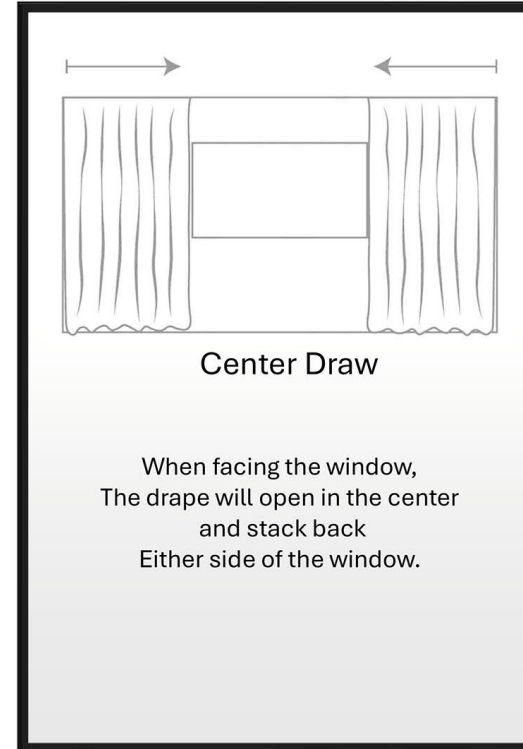
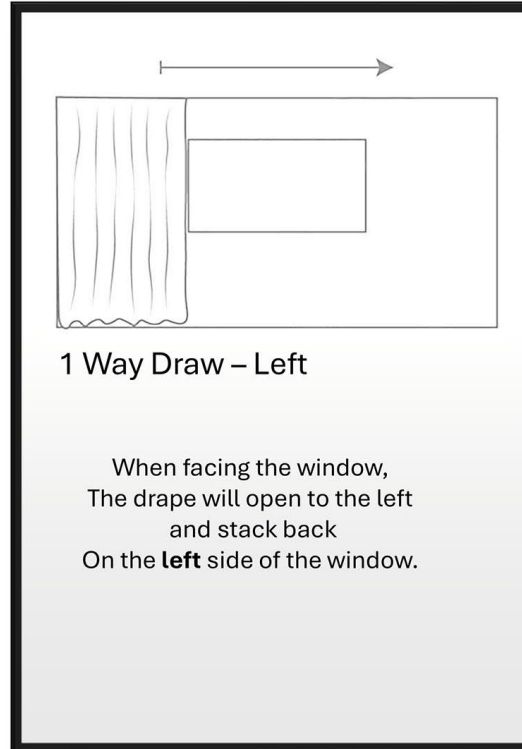
When choosing your curtain style, it's important to consider how they will open and close. There are two main options:

Center Draw

Features **two panels** that pull toward the center of the window, one from the left and one from the right. This is the **most common** style for standard windows.

One Way Draw

Features a **single panel** that moves in **one direction** (either left or right) across the entire window. Most commonly used for **sliding glass doors** or if you have limited space on one side of the window.



It's important to note that "**drapery draw**" refers to the **location/direction** of the drape when it's stacked; whereas "**drapery stack back**" refers to the **amount of fabric** that is going to be covering the space the drape takes up it's stacked (open).

Determine the width of your panels: Functional / Operable

Pleated Curtains

Pleated curtains should match the **rod width** for proper coverage. If your **rod is 50 inches long**, you need at least **50 inches of curtain width**.

You can choose:

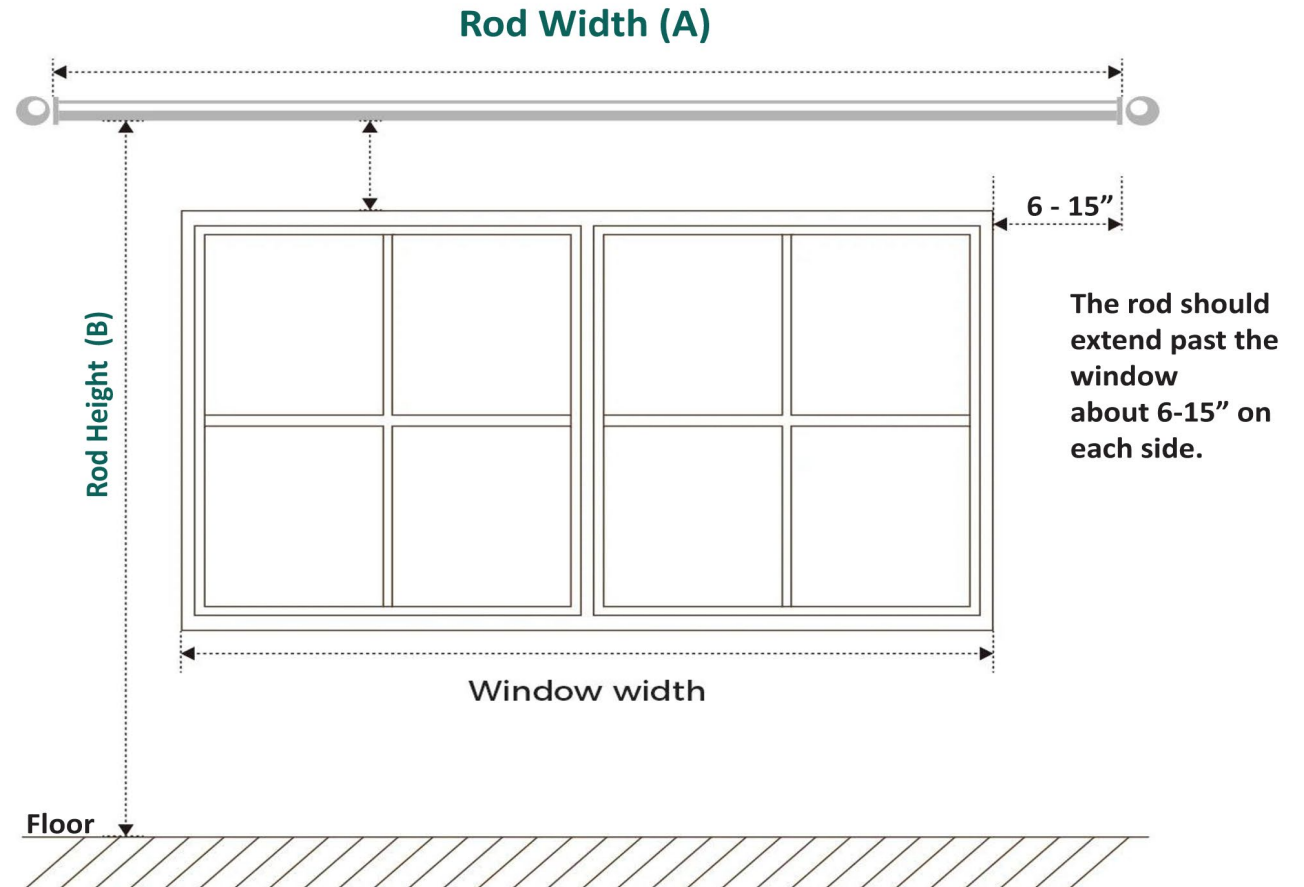
- Two 25-inch panels for a center draw**
- One 50-inch panel for a one-way draw**

Flat Curtains

Flat (non-pleated) curtains should be at least **twice the width of the rod** to create fullness. If your **rod is 50 inches long**, you need at least **100 inches of curtain width**.

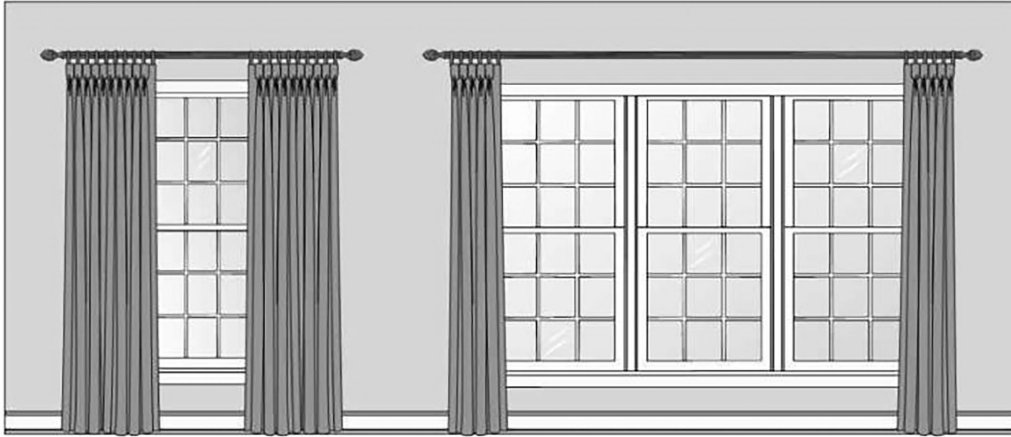
You can choose:

- Two 50-inch panels for a center draw**
- One 100-inch panel for a one-way draw**



Determine the width of your panels: Stationary

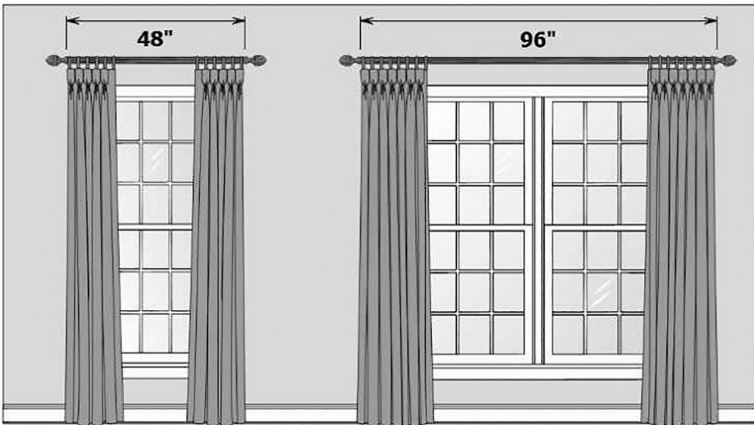
The width of drapery panels should be proportionate to the window. Panels that are too wide can overwhelm the window, while those that are too narrow may look out of place. Proper proportions create a polished, well-balanced look.



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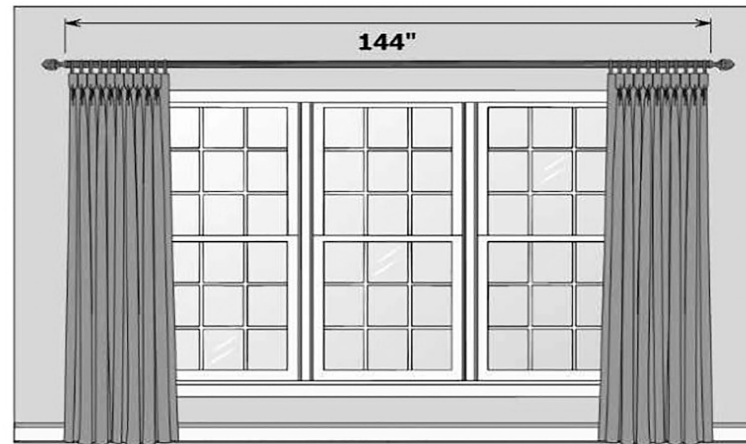
Panels are too narrow.

A good rule of thumb is **1 Width** (per side) for up to a 48" wide window, **1.5 width** for windows 47" to 96" wide and **2 Widths** for windows over 96" wide. Of course, if the drapery panels are operable, the total width should be equal to the width of your rod.



1 Width per Side
up to 48" Rod

1.5 Width per side
49 - 96" Rod



2 Widths Per side - over 97" Rod

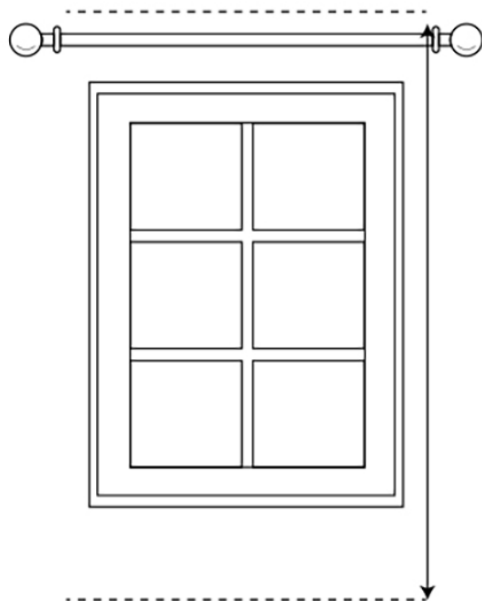
Step 5: Determining the length of your panels.

- If your rod is already in place (recommended) , measure from the rod down to where you want the panels to hit the floor. **
- If your rod is **not** already in place, determine at what height you will mount the rod – we recommend about 6-10” above the window. Then measure from that point to where you want the panels to hit the floor.

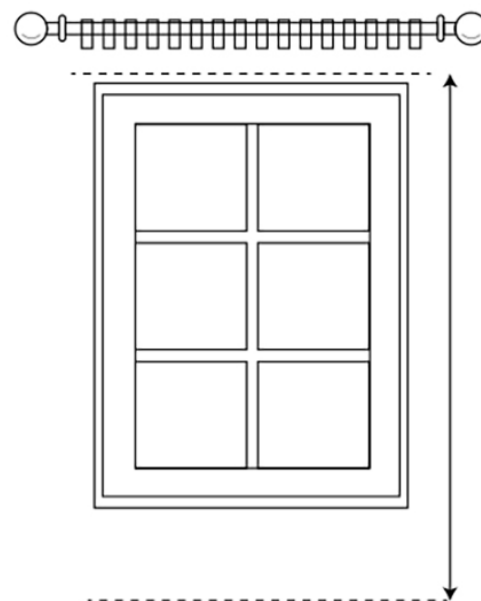
**Important:

If you are using back tab or grommet panels, you will measure the length from the top of the rod, however if you have a rod with rings or a traverse rod with carriers, then you will need to measure from the eyelet at the bottom of the ring or carrier.

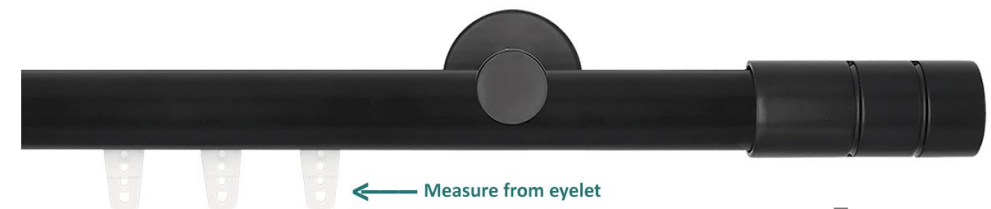
Please also add any inches if you want the panels to puddle, or deduct ½” if you don’t want the panels to drag on the floor when opening and closing.



No Rings Or A Traverse Rod
With Carriers?



Rings Or A Traverse Rod
With Carriers?



To puddle or not to puddle?

Where should my panels hit the floor? It really depends on the type of fabric or style of the room. See the various options below to determine which is right for your space.

Floating

Drapes should hover just above the floor—ideally $\frac{3}{8}$ to $\frac{1}{2}$ inch. Anything higher risks a "high-water" look. **This style is perfect for functional drapes**, preventing floor-sweeping and allowing heat circulation from vents.

Grazing

The drapes fall perfectly to the floor without any break in the hemline, creating a custom, polished look. Achieving this requires precise measurements from the rod and rings to the floor. If you prefer this style, it is highly recommended to use a professional installer

Breaking

The drapes extend 1 to 2 inches onto the floor, creating a subtle "break" in the hemline, much like the look of men's trousers. This designer-favorite style exudes a relaxed elegance, making it perfect for casual spaces like family rooms. If you prefer a forgiving option that doesn't require exact measurements, this is a great choice.

Puddling

The drapes spill about 6 inches onto the floor, creating a luxurious "puddle" of fabric. Evoking Old World European charm, this romantic style is best suited for bedrooms or formal dining rooms. However, it requires more upkeep, as the drapes will need adjusting when vacuuming or sweeping.

