

# Couture Dreams

## How To Measure For Drapery

Functional and beautiful, curtains will enhance any room in your home.

### **The Right Fit**

For the most basic hang, you simply need a curtain rod, typically installed 4” above the window frame, and two curtain panels, their length depends on the type of look you want, see below. To determine which size rod to use, measure the width of your window frame, and add at least three inches to each side to allow the drapes to expose as much light as possible when open.

### **High and Wide**

Beyond serving a practical purpose, curtains can also make windows appear wider and help ceilings look taller – placement makes all the difference.

**To give the illusion of higher ceilings:** Hang curtains more than 6 inches above the top of the window or at the ceiling’s edge.

**To make a window appear wider:** Hang a rod that will allow the curtains to frame the window when completely open. This will also mask any blank wall space around the window.

### **Tailored, Standard or Full**

Which look would you like to achieve....



**Tailored**  
For a more casual look where the drapery grazes the floor.



**Standard**  
For a contemporary look a standard puddle has just a slight spill of fabric on the floor.



**Full**  
For a more luxurious look puddle 5-12” of fabric on the floor.

### **Framing a Doorway**

Drapes have long been used in doorways to deep drafts out and heat in. Known as portieres, doorway drapes can substitute for a door or serve as a decorating tool. Whether you use one panel or two, once tied back, the gathers bring softness and texture to the hard lines of a doorframe. A portiere can be hung above, on, or within the doorframe.