

Rod Placement Cheat Sheet

Master your living room curtain math for perfect custom proportions.

Elevate your space and make your walls feel instantly taller. Use this guide to measure, mount, and hang your drapery beautifully.

● Key Placement Measurements

Ceiling mount

Bracket placement for 8-foot walls

10 inches

Extend rod wide past the casing

Hidden pins

Hook into sturdy back tabs

1/2 inch

Floor clearance above thick area rugs

3 to 5 days

Tie fabric to set memory folds

1.5 inches

Brass pole diameter for room scale

2 inches

Inner diameter for solid brass rings

4 to 5 inches

Spacing between rings along the header

Allow For Fabric Shrinkage

Hang natural fiber panels for a full week before making permanent hem alterations to allow for natural vertical stretching.



● Installation Sequence

- 1 **Mount The Hardware** Secure brackets into structural ceiling joists to support the combined weight of rod and heavy drapery.
- 2 **Measure Hem Drop** Measure from the installed ring bottom down to the floor, then subtract your clearance.
- 3 **Steam The Fabric** Run a high-powered handheld steamer vertically down each newly formed pleat to relax packaging wrinkles.
- 4 **Train The Folds** Fold vertical pleats by hand from top rings to hem, and tie loosely with wide ribbon.

● Calculate Your Panel Width

Find your row: **Window Width**

Window Width	Your pick	Why
40 inches	80 to 100 inches	Ensures a lush, expensive appearance
60 inches	120 to 150 inches	Prevents a flat stretched look
80 inches	160 to 200 inches	Guarantees curtains look rich when closed

● Pre-Installation Checklist

- Locate structural ceiling joists for secure bracket mounting.
- Use a laser level to ensure the hardware aligns perfectly.
- Check for wall obstructions requiring an asymmetrical rod setup.
- Verify medium-weight linen blends suit your room scale.

● Room Measurements & Notes

Enjoy your beautifully tailored, instantly taller living room retreat!