Custom Drape Measurement Cheat Sheet

Perfectly sized, professionally tailored curtains for your living room.

Transform your space and elevate your room's architecture with perfectly proportioned window treatments. These precise calculations ensure your panels hang with custom-level precision.



Key Architectural Dimensions

12 in
Extend rod 12" wide per side

1.5-2 in
Subtract ring drop based on hardware

2.5x
2.5x fabric fullness for heavy linen

1/2 in
1/2" floor clearance over hard floors

3.5-6 in
French return rod clearance over trim

8 in
Extra width for return and overlap

Steam Before Judging Hem

Freshly unpacked linen carries deep creases that temporarily shorten the fabric. Thoroughly steam your newly hung drapes before making final judgments about your clearance.

Choose Your Pleat Spacing

Find your row: **Your desired look**

Your desired look	Your pick	Why
Structured modern	4-5 inches apart	Creates deep, uniform folds
Traditional ruffled	Tighter spacing	Yields a softer appearance

Calculate Your Dimensions

1. **Find Rod Height** Measure from the floor up to just below your ceiling to draw the eye upward.
2. **Clear Crown Molding** If present, drop your measurement exactly one inch below the bottom edge of the trim.
3. **Calculate Panel Length** Take your total rod height, subtract your specific ring drop, and deduct the floor clearance.
4. **Determine Flat Width** Add your total side extensions to the window width, then multiply by your fullness ratio.

Check Before You Order

- [ ] Measure trim depth to ensure the return rod clears the molding.
- [ ] Measure floor-to-ceiling height on both sides to catch uneven floors.
- [ ] Check hardware packaging for toggle bolt ratings to support heavy linen.
- [ ] Purchase rings first and measure their exact drop before ordering panels.
- [ ] Account for thick carpet pads when measuring above any area rugs.

Room Measurements

Enjoy your beautifully tailored space with perfectly hovering hems and elevated architectural height.