

HOW TO MEASURE FOR CURTAINS GUIDE



Curtains add privacy and style to a room, but before you buy, you'll need to know which size is right. You'll find that curtains usually come in lengths of 63 inches, 84 inches, 96 inches, 108 inches, and 120 inches. On our site you can also get curtains custom made to your desired length and width. The length you choose will depend on the look that you want as well as the placement of your curtain rod.

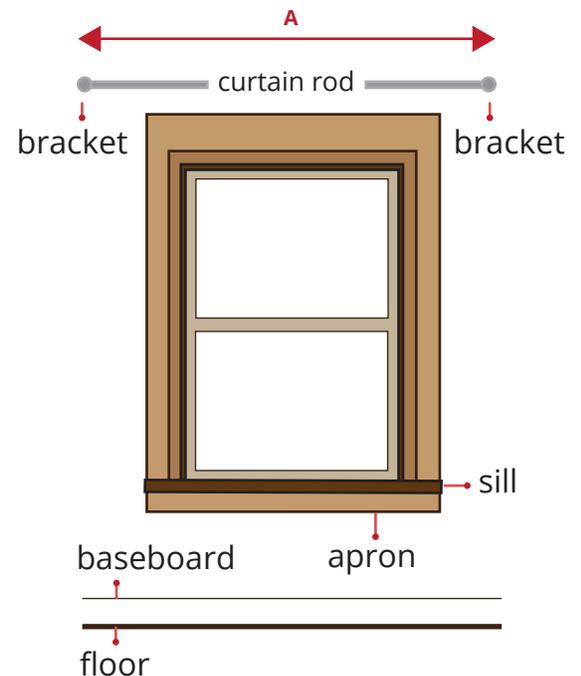
Measuring for Curtain Width

Measure the width you wish to cover: **For proper fullness, order curtain widths that are approximately one and a half times to double the width of the window area you would like to cover.*

This method is same when measuring for Valances, swags, sheers and door panels.

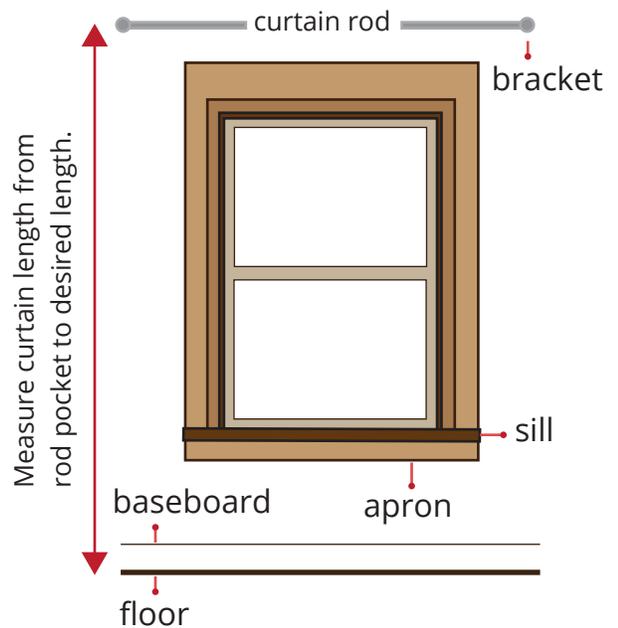
***** Tip: When you measure for curtains, be sure to use a metal tape measure. Fabric tape measures can stretch and bend, so the measurement may not be as accurate.

A Measure Curtain Width from Bracket to Bracket



Measuring for Curtain Length

- Curtain length is typically measured from the top of the rod pocket/Tab Top to the bottom edge of the curtain.
- If the curtain has a header (the part above the rod pocket), this is not included in the length of the curtain. If the header is included in the length of the curtain, it will be specified in the description of the curtain.
- If you have selected tiers (kitchen tiers/café curtains), measure from where you'd like the bottom tier to begin (typically the middle of the window or slightly higher) to the desired length (usually the sill).
- Tab Top curtain lengths include the tabs in the length. For example If you order a 84 Inch Tab Top curtain, it will have a 4 Inch Tab Top and a 80 inches drop below that.



Measuring for Panels

Typically, panels hang from the rod to the window sill, the apron, or the floor

To Window Sill: Record your measurement: ____ inches to the nearest ½ inch.

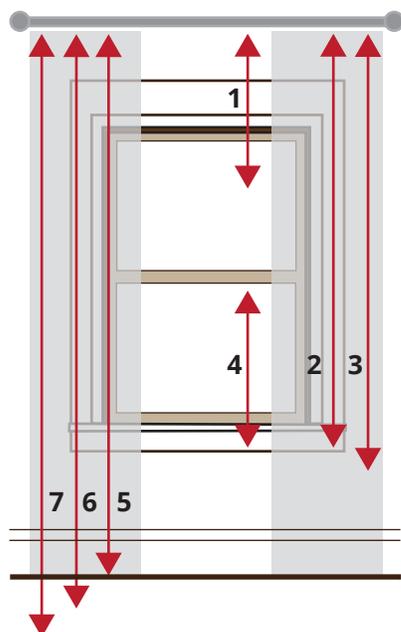
Subtract ½ inch from this number = ____ Order this length.
(Subtracted for clearance, so the panel won't brush the window sill)

To Apron: Record your measurement: ____ inches to the nearest ½ inch.
Order this length.

To Floor: Record your measurement: ____ inches to the nearest ½ inch.

Subtract ½ inch from this number = ____ Order this length.
(Subtracted for clearance, so the panel won't brush the floor)

* Overall curtain length is a matter of personal preference and need not be exact. If you have not yet installed your rod, you can adjust the placement of your rod, a little higher or lower, to get the bottom of the curtain to fall where you want at your window.



Height Suggestions for Curtains, Panels & Draperies

- 1. VALANCE** – For panel styles that will be used as a top treatment or valance, we recommend approximately 15-20 inches for length.
- 2. SILL LENGTH** – A great choice for a window in a recess or above furniture, or for one that is opened frequently.
- 3. APRON LENGTH** – For ideal proportions, this look should fall 4 inches below the sill.
- 4. CAFÉ LENGTH** – Panels usually measure 1/2 of the window length. These styles are especially useful for kitchens, allowing both natural light and privacy.
- 5. FLOOR LENGTH** – Treatments that will be opened and closed regularly should fall about ½ inch above the floor or carpeting so they skim that surface.
- 6. SLIGHT BREAK** – Add 1-6 inches of length for a thoughtfully-finished, designer look.
- 7. EXTRA LONG PUDDLE LENGTH** – Add another 6-10 inches of length, which is to be arranged in poufs on the floor (not recommended for windows in high traffic areas).