

U P T O W N

D R A P E S

How to Measure for Custom Drapes

Supplies You'll Need:

Measuring Tape

Pencil or Pen

Sketch paper

Step 1. Make a simple sketch of your windows and rods to help make the measuring process easier.

Step 2. Find the inside width of your window or windows by using the measuring tape and measuring from the very left to the right of the window. Write this number down on your sketch paper. You can use your sketch to keep track of each measurement you take.

Step 3. Figure out how far you want your rod to stick out from your window. This measurement will be the same on the left and the right side of your window/windows and is called the rod space measurement. If you do not know how far you want your rod to stick out, we have some recommendations depending on the width of your window:
If your window is 44 inches or less, the rod should stick out 6-10 inches on each side
If your window is 45-96 inches, the rod should stick out 11-15 inches on each side
If your window is 97 inches or more, the rod should stick out 16-20 inches on each side

Once you find out the measurement that works best for your windows, write down that measurement on the left and right side of your sketch.

Step 4. Add up the inside width measurement and the left and right rod space measurements. These three measurements will be your final rod width. Write this number on your sketch paper because you will be using this number when placing your order for your rod.

Step 5. Find the length of your drapes. Visualize how high you would like to place your rod. We suggest placing it 10-12 inches above your window, but if you want a more dramatic look, you could go beyond that recommendation. To get this measurement, you will take your measuring tape and start from the floor all the way up to where you think the middle of the rod would be above your window. This is called your midrod measurement, and you can now write it down on your sketch pad. *If you are ordering a Grommet style drape, make sure the midrod is not too high because the fabric will come up 2 inches from the rod, and we don't want it to rub on the ceiling. Make sure the rod comes at least 2.5 inches below the ceiling to ensure the fabric doesn't rub on the ceiling.

Step 6. Now you need to consider where your drapes will be placed on the rod. Our rods have a diameter of 1-1 1/2 inches. Our rings have a diameter of 2 inches. Take the midrod measurement and subtract 2 inches to get the finished length of your drapes. Write this down on your sketch paper as you will be using this measurement while ordering your drapes. *Grommet Style Drape* Finding the length of your drapes will be a bit different. Just like before, take your normal midrod measurement, but this time ADD 2 inches to the measurement. This will give you the finished length of your drapes. Write it down on the sketch paper so you can enter this number in for the length while ordering your drapes.

Existing Rod Measurements

Step 1. Using your measuring tape, start from the floor and measure all the way up to the bottom of your rings. Subtract about a half an inch from this measurement so your drapes don't rub on the ground. Write down this measurement as it will be your finished length measurement.

Step 2. *Grommet Style Drape* Finding the length of your drapes with an existing rod will be a bit different if you are ordering grommet style drapes. Using your measuring tape, measure from the floor up to the middle of your rod, then add 1.5 inches to that measurement. This will be your finished length measurement that you will use when ordering your drapes. *If you want to get a kiss the floor look or even a puddled look for your drapes, we recommend that you add a few extra inches to your finished length measurement.*