

U P T O W N

D R A P E S

Tips and Tricks to make your Drapes look Picture Perfect

Shaping the Buckram

The buckram is the 4 inch stiffener that is sewn into the drape. Take the buckram and squeeze the back side of the pleated drape so the fold fall right where you want them to. This will ensure that the extra fabric stays towards the wall and can also help so the drapery pin hanging on the rod won't be exposed.

Spacing Drapery Rings

If you have just hung a stationary drape, the best way to make your drape look professional is to space each ring exactly the same width apart. This helps the drape look really clean and organized.

Treating Wrinkles

Although our fabricators do a really great job packaging your drapes and folding them nicely, wrinkles are still bound to happen. We love to use Downy Wrinkle Releaser for any wrinkles that our drapes might have. You can find this at Walmart or Target in the laundry section.

Test a small portion of fabric first by spraying some Downy Wrinkle Releaser at the bottom of your drapes. We do this to make sure it won't leave any marks or ruin the fabric in any way.

After testing it and making sure it's safe, you can now spray it on the obvious wrinkles. Stay away from the intended creases in your drapes so you don't ruin the shape of your drapes. You can use your hands to try and straighten out the wrinkles after you have sprayed them.

After the drapes have dried you may notice some wrinkles still. If that is the case, you can spray them again.

If you have an extra stubborn wrinkle, you can spray it once again with Downy Wrinkle Releaser and pin the folds together so your drapes can straighten out in the correct shape. We recommend leaving the pins in the drapes for two or three days. This will also help the folds in your drape form and fall naturally.

Using a Steamer

We rarely use steamers on drapes because they can actually stretch the fabric and ruin the look. Because of this, be really careful using a steamer. We recommend only using a steamer on those super stubborn wrinkles if you think it is necessary. If you choose to use a steamer, only use it on the stubborn wrinkles, trying not to steam any extra fabric. You can also test a steamer on the back side of your drape to see how it cooperates.

Stretched Fabric

If your drapes happen to stretch due to the natural fibers in the fabric, a good way to lift them up is to take your drapes off of the rings, and on the back side of the drapes, move the pins down a bit so that when you hang them back up, it will lift your drapes up a bit.

If this happens to you with your Grommet style drape, there is not much you can do except for raising the rod. Just be careful during the install and make sure that you get it right!

Flaring Drapes

If you notice that the bottom of your drapes are starting to flare, you can pin the folds together just like we did when removing the wrinkles. You can also spray some of the Wrinkle Releaser while pinning the fabric together. Leave it there for a couple of days to help the fabric learn its shape.

Washing Drapes

Never wash your own drapes! We recommend that you take them to a dry cleaner and have it done professionally. If you must, you can try to spot clean your drapes with a damp rag but be very gentle and very careful!

Another good way to keep your drapes clean is to take a vacuum with a bristle brush end and gently vacuum the panels of your drapes. This will help remove the dirt and dust from the drapes.