How to measure for curtains

Measuring for curtain width

Always measure the curtain track or pole width, not the window. If fitting a new track or pole, this should extend 15cm to 30cm either side of the window (to allow the curtains to be stacked back off the window) and 12cm to 15cm above the window recess.

**Curtain tracks**

Measure from end to end - A

If you have a rail with a centre overlap, measure the rail as above then measure the overlap and add the two measurements together.

A + B = Total track width

**Curtain poles**

Measure between the decorative ends-C

Measuring for curtain drop

Curtains are best hung either to the floor, to a sill or below the sill. We recommend that curtains finish either -

- A. 1cm above the floor
- B. 15-20cm below the sill (or 2cm above the radiator)
- C. 1cm above the sill
Always measure in at least 3 positions across the track or pole as floors and sills are rarely level. To avoid curtains dragging across the floor or sill we recommend you use the shortest of these 3 measurements.

**Pencil Pleat & Pinch Pleat headings**
When using a curtain track, measure from the top of the track to where the curtain is to finish. When using a curtain pole, measure from the underside of the decorative ring to where you want the curtain to finish.

**Tab Top heading**
Tab Top headings have 10cm long tabs (included in the curtain drop) and are suitable for poles up to 45mm in diameter. Measure from the top of the pole to where you want the curtains to finish.

**Eyelet heading**
The eyelet will fit poles up to 30mm in diameter. The inner edge of the eyelet is set down 3cm from the top of the curtain. Measure from the top of the pole to where you want the curtains to finish and add 3cm.

**Valances**
Please measure the valance rail width (not the curtain track width). This is normally 30cm wider than the curtain rail it is fitted to, due to the returns on either end.
Valance rail width = A + B + C

Standard sizes for ready-made curtains are as follows:-

46” x 54” / 122cm x 137cm
46” x 72” / 122cm x 183cm
46” x 90” / 122cm x 223cm
66” x 54” / 168cm x 137cm
66” x 72” / 168cm x 183cm
66” x 90” / 168cm x 223cm
90” x 54” / 223cm x 137cm
90” x 72” / 223cm x 183cm
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Some designs also come in 108” / 274cm drops

**Remember that we can customise all ready-made curtains to fit your window size, including making them wider!**