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EYELET CURTAIN


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WHAT YOU'LL NEED

- Fabric of your choice
- Thread to match
- Eyelet Curtain Tape 
- Pins
- Dress making square
- Tailors Chalk or Pencil

Before heading into your Spotlight store, take a moment to look at your windows to decide the overall purpose of your curtains.

- Do you need curtains that give you privacy? Blockout, Triple Weave and Thermal fabrics will provide privacy.
- Do you need them to insulate your home and assist with savings on cooling and heating bills? Blockout and Triple Weave Fabrics will provide the most insulation.
- Do you need room-darkening curtains? Blockout and Triple Weave Curtains will darken your rooms.
- Do you need a curtain that is easy care, machine washable & mould resistant? Triple Weave Fabrics are ideal for this.



INSTRUCTIONS

Step 1. Firstly, measure the width and drop of your window. A general rule of thumb for the fullness required for Eyelet curtains is 2 x the width of your window. You will need to add at least a 20cm allowance to each drop for bottom and top hems.

Curtain Fabric Meterage Equation

- Step 1. Width of window X Required fullness =
- Step 2. ÷ Fabric width = Number of drops required
- Step 3. Drop of window + 30cm (seam allowance) =
- Step 4. X = Total fabric required
- Step 5. X Fabric Width = Curtain tape required

***You will need to make allowances for patterned fabrics not mentioned in the above equation to pattern match your fabrics.**

If you need assistance calculating the meterage you will need, provide your width and drop measurements in store and our team members will be able to calculate the quantities of fabric and curtain tape you will require.

Step 2. Lay the entire uncut piece of fabric on a flat surface. Trim the starting edge to ensure it is square. A dress making square can help you achieve this.

Step 3. Based on the measurements the team member has calculated, you can begin cutting your drops.

Note: For printed fabrics, the drops should be cut in the same place on each pattern repeat. This will give a more professional finish.

Step 4. Cut across the width of the fabric. You may wish to use a chalk line to ensure a straight edge.

Step 5. Continue measuring and cutting the remaining drops.

Step 6. Before sewing the curtains together, it is best to remove 5-10mm of the selvedge edge. Cut all the selvedge's from each drop.

Step 7.

Plain Fabrics

With right sides facing, fold back the top edge to match the pattern. Pin into place, and then sew seams where the pattern joins. Remember to remove the pins as you sew. Repeat for all drops.

Printed Fabrics

With right sides facing, fold back the top edge to match the pattern. Pin into place then sew seams where the pattern joins. Remember to remove pins as you sew. Repeat for all drops.

Note: If the curtains are to open in the centre, sew an even amount of drops together for each side. If there is an odd number of drops, one drop may need to be split in half lengthways. Sew the half width to the outside of each side for a neater finish

Step 8. Sew the side seams by turning over the sides twice 3cm. Pin and stitch in place 2mm from the inside edge, remembering to remove the pins as you sew.

Step 9. Fold back the top edge (top the curtain) of the fabric 1.5cm and press.

Step 10. Line eyelet tape up just over the pressed seam and pin across the width of the curtain to hold in place.

Step 11. Attach the tape to the back of the curtain by sewing across both edges of the tape and then sewing up the sides.

Step 12. Using a pencil or pen, draw a circle on the fabric inside the ring (this will be the back of the fabric).

Step 13. Using scissors, make a few cross cuts to the fabric inside the ring.

Step 14. Press the coloured plastic ring over the face of the fabric and lock down on to metal ring. You will know this is complete once it clicks into place. Once this is complete, trim the excess fabric off.

Step 15. Use the clear plastic joiners on the back of the tape to lock the gather into place.