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Custom window treatments for less

Things To Remember

- Always use a steel tape for accuracy
- Round each measurement to the nearest 1/8"
- Measure all windows, even those that appear to be the same width and height

Step 1: Determine Drapery Type

A Pair of Draperies has two panels that meet at the center of the rod. Draperies need to have a Return to cover the mounting brackets, providing privacy and light control. Draperies also require an Overlap Allowance so that the panels will fully close at the center of the rod.

A Single Panel of Drapery is made to travel from one end of the rod to the other. It might be used on a sliding glass door where you only have room on one side of the door for the drapery to stack. A single panel will only have one Return and 2" Overlap Allowance.

Fullness All draperies are handcrafted with an approximate 2 1/2 to 1 fullness. This creates deep folds that enhance the hanging charactersitics.

Step 2: Determine the Bracket to Bracket Width

Pair of Draperies

Determine where the drapery hardware brackets are to be mounted. We recommend that you add at least 4" beyond the outside edge of the window frame and 4" above the top of the frame. If you want to expose more glass when the draperies are opened, extend the brackets farther from the side frame.
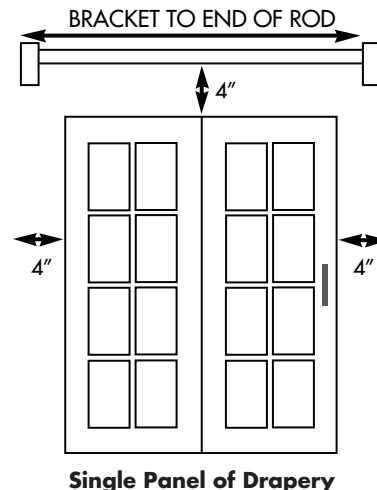
When you determine the measurement from the outside edge of one bracket to the outside edge of the other you will have the Bracket to Bracket width. You must then add additions to this width to allow Overlap Allowance and returns.
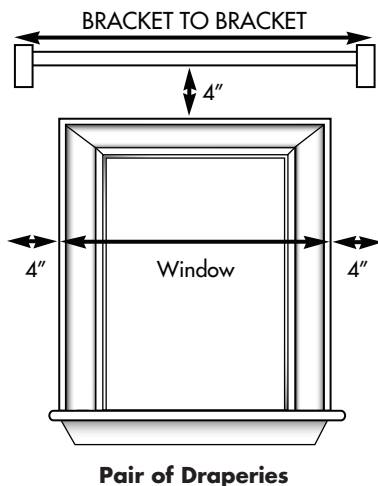
Single Panel of Drapery

For regular traverse rods, measure from the outside of the bracket to the end of the rod. For decorative rods with rings, measure from the outside of the bracket to the inside of the bracket at the other end. Use this measurement as the Bracket to Bracket width on the order form.

When you determine the measurement from the outside edge of one bracket to the inside edge of the other you will have the Bracket to Bracket width. You must then add additions to this width to allow Overlap Awllowance and returns.

BRACKET TO BRACKET

4"

4"   Window   4"

Pair of Draperies

BRACKET TO END OF ROD

4"

4"   4"

Single Panel of Drapery

Step 3: Determine Return Size

This is the distance that the brackets will extend the rod from the wall.

Note: You will also indicate the size of returns that you would like when ordering; however, be sure to still add this amount to your ordered width. Returns are available in 4″, 5″ or 6″ widths only.
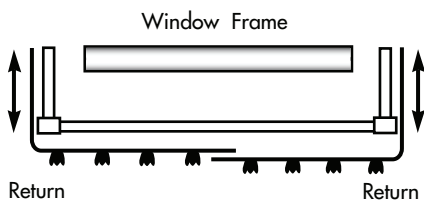
Pair of Draperies
Measure this distance if you already have the rods. Or, look in your hardware catalog for this information. This is the Return Size that will go on the order form. Remember, you will have a Return on each end of the rod.
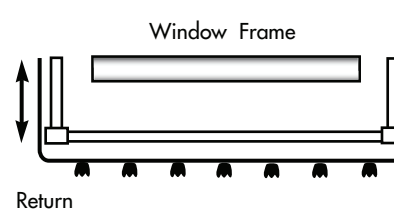
Single Panel of Drapery
There can only be one Return on a single panel. This is the distance that the bracket will extend the rod from the wall.

You can order either a right panel with a return on the right or a left panel with a return on the left.

Pair of Draperies (Overhead View)

Window Frame

Return   Return

Single Panel of Drapery (Overhead View)

Window Frame

Return

Step 4: Determine Overlap Allowance

Draperies also require an Overlap Allowance so that the panels will fully close at the center of the rod.

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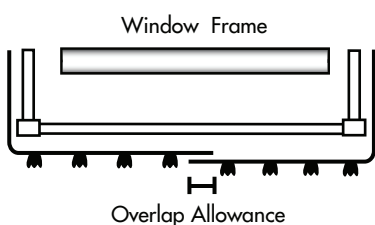
Pair of Draperies
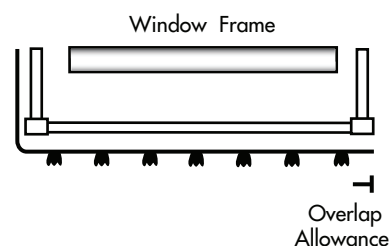Add 4″ for the Overlap Allowance.

Single Panel of Drapery
Add 2″ for the Overlap Allowance.

Pair of Draperies (Overhead View)

Window Frame

Overlap Allowance

Single Panel of Drapery (Overhead View)

Window Frame

Overlap Allowance

Step 5 - Determine the Finished Length of Drapery

Add Steps 1 - 4 to determine the Finished Width.

Pair of Draperies:
Add the following:

Step 1	Bracket to Bracket Width	_____ "	
+Step 2	The Returns	_____ x2 +	_____ "
+Step 3	Overlap Allowance	+	_____ "
= Equals the Finished Width		=	_____ "

Single Panel of Draperies:
Add the following:

Step 1	Bracket to Bracket Width	_____ "
+Step 2	The Return	+ _____ "
+Step 3	Overlap Allowance	+ _____ "
= Equals the Finished Width		= _____ "

Example:
The rod is 48″ from the outside of one bracket to the other.
Your return sized is 4″.

Bracket to Bracket		48 "	
+ The Returns	4″ x2	+ 8 "	
+ Overlap Allowance		+ 4 "	
= Equals the Finished Width		= 60 "	

Step 6 - Length of Drapery

For draperies using standard white traverse rods
Measure from the top of the bracket of rod to the finished point that the draperies will hang. If the drapery is going to the floor, deduct 1/2″ for floor clearance. This is the Finished Length.

For draperies using decorative hardware
For Hardware Using Metal or Wood Rings - Measure from the top of the rod to the finished point that the draperies will hang. Deduct the outside diameter of the ring. If the drapery is going to the floor, deduct 1/2″ for floor clearance. This is the Finished Length.

For rod pocket draperies
Measure from the top of the rod to the finished point. If you want a heading, add this to the length. Headings are available in 2″, 3″ or 4″ sizes only. Add the allowance for take-up from the chart below. If the drapery is going to the floor, deduct 1/2″ for the floor clearance. This is the Finished Length.

Standard Rod	Take-Up
1″ Sash Rod	1/2″
1 3/8″ Wood Pole	1″
2″ Wood Pole	1 1/4″
2 1/4″ Wood Pole	1 1/2″

Puddled Draperies
If you want the bottom of the drapery to rest on the floor, there are two options:
- To create a "break" at the hem, add 2″ to 3″

- For a "puddle" effect, add 8″ to 18″, depending upon the amount of puddle desired.

Window #: _____

Type of Drapery: .... = _____   Room: _____

Width: (measure from left to right)   Product: _____

    Bracket to Bracket.................................. + _____   Color: _____

    Return(s) .... + _____

    Overlap Allowance .... + _____

    Finished Width: .... = _____

Length: (measure from top to bottom)

    Floor Length hang.............................. - _____

    Ring Diameter................................... - _____

    Heading (optional)............................. - _____

    Take Up Allowance (rod pocket only). + _____

    Puddled Drapery Effect (optional)..... + _____

    Total Length: .... = _____

Window #: _____

Type of Drapery: .... = _____   Room: _____

Width: (measure from left to right)   Product: _____

    Bracket to Bracket.................................. + _____   Color: _____

    Return(s) .... + _____

    Overlap Allowance .... + _____

    Finished Width: .... = _____

Length: (measure from top to bottom)

    Floor Length hang.............................. - _____

    Ring Diameter................................... - _____

    Heading (optional)............................. - _____

    Take Up Allowance (rod pocket only). + _____

    Puddled Drapery Effect (optional)..... + _____

    Total Length: .... = _____

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