

Curtain Hanging Guide

Hanging curtains can help you define the style of a room, as well as offer privacy. Here are some tips for doing it right.

Step 1

Measure windows to choose your curtains

First, measure your window, so you know what size curtains to buy. It's a good idea to get curtain panels twice the width of your window or even larger, so you get luxurious folds when they're hanging and full coverage when they're closed.

The length you choose depends on how high you'll hang your curtain rod and how close to the floor you prefer your curtains to be. Hang them 4 to 6 inches above the window frame for a clean and casual look, or up to 12 inches above the frame if you want a taller, more luxurious feel.

Step 2

Choose a rod

Rods should be 6 to 12 inches wider than your window to avoid covering any of your views when open. Single rods allow you to hang just a curtain or sheer panels, and double rods will enable you to hang both a curtain and sheer panels.

Step 3

Create a right-angle template

To ensure that your curtain rods are installed correctly, use a cardboard template to mark the spot for each bracket. The brackets should be 4 to 6 inches above the window frame and 3 to 6 inches outside the frame on each side. Save time by using the same template throughout your home, so all your curtains will be hung at the same height.

Step 4

Mark your spots of brackets

Using a pencil and your right-angle template, mark your bracket spot on each side.

Step 5

Installing the brackets

Following your rod instructions, attach the brackets to the wall. If your rod is longer than four feet, add a third bracket in the center to avoid having your rod bending in the middle.

Step 6

Test the rod with a level tool

Make sure the rod is even and balanced by placing a level across the top.

Step 7

Hang curtains

Hang curtains on your rod. Center the rod, then tighten the set screws on the brackets to hold it in place.