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# Measuring For Curtains

Measuring for curtains does not have to be intimidating. Here are a few guidelines to get you **measuring like a pro**.

## Before We Begin, Gather Your Tools

1. We recommend that you use a metal measuring tape for accuracy.
2. Also, a pencil and paper is a good idea so you can write down your measurements.

## STEP 1

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### Decorative

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If you are just trying to add some color or a design element, chances are you are looking for decorative panels.



### Functional

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If you need to solve a problem like too much light, a lack of privacy or drafty windows, chances are you are looking for functional panels. (This does not mean they can't be beautiful too.)

For Decorative Panels Once you determined the length you are essentially done.

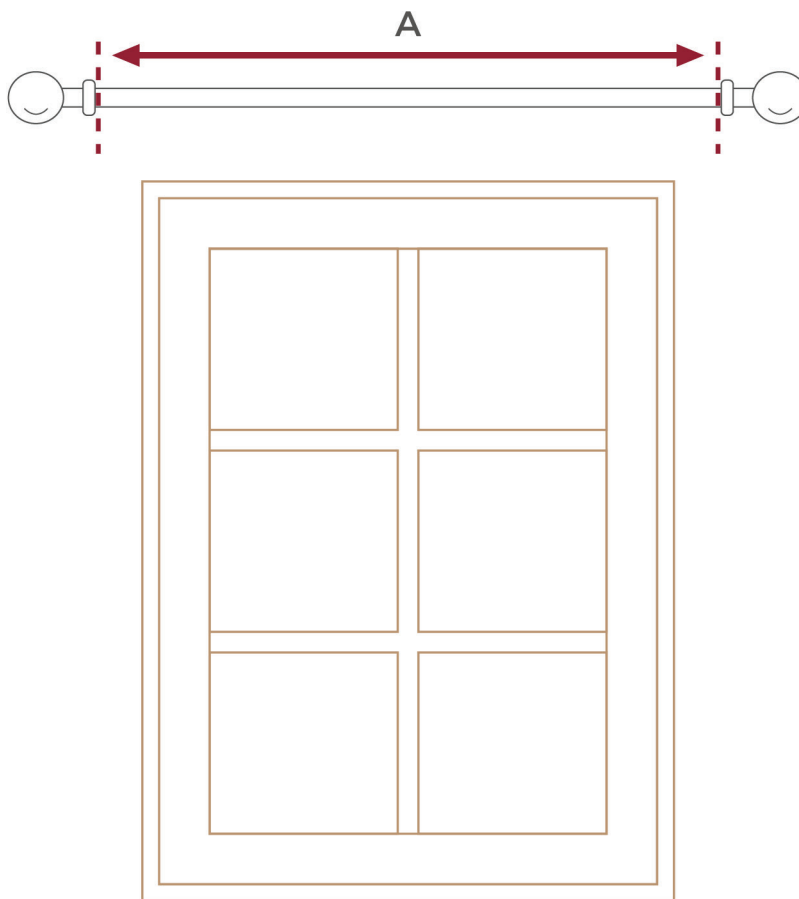
For functional panels, you will need to determine both the length and the width.

STEP 2

# Let's Get Measuring!

## 2.a - Basic Width

Find Your Basic Width



Record Measurement (A)

With your rod in place, measure the length of the rod, not including the finials (end pieces) (Measurement A).

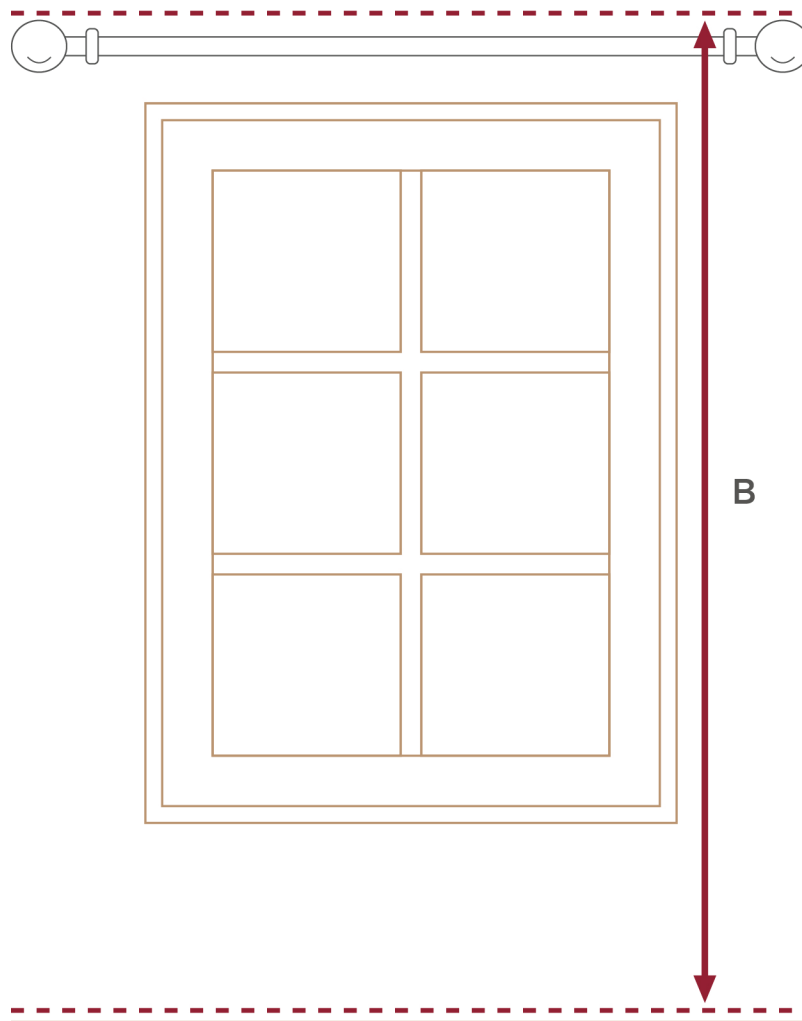
**This is your width.**

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## 2.b - Basic Length

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### Find Your Basic Length



Record Measurement (B)

Next, measure from the top of the rod to the floor, (Measurement B).

**This is your length.**

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## 2.c - Record Basic Measurements

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### Record Your Measurements

Record your Measurements  
(Measurement A x Measurement B)

Record these measurements carefully,  
always recording the width first and the  
length second.

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So, if you have a 50 inch rod 84 inches off of the  
floor, you record them like this:

50 x 84.

### STEP 3

## What's Your Style, Pleated or Flat?

This will determine how many panels to order

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Let's figure out how many panels to order.



Pleated

Pleated panels are classic and timeless. They are an elegant addition to any room.



Flat

Flat panels, like the ones featured in most of our pictures, can be a less formal choice.

Our current **Pleated Drapery** options includes:



Inverted Pleat



Parasian Pleat



Goblet Pleat



French Pleat

If you have decided that Pleated panels are more your style here is something else to keep in mind.

**Pleated panels need to be fitted to the rod.** You don't have to worry about adding anything for fullness because a **pleated panel has the fullness sewn into it.**

So, for a rod that is 50 inches you need two 25 inch pleated panels.

Our current **Flat Drapery** options includes:



Grommet



Pole Pocket



Pole Pocket w/Hook Belt



Pole Pocket w/Hook Belt & Back Tabs



Pole Pocket w/Back Tabs



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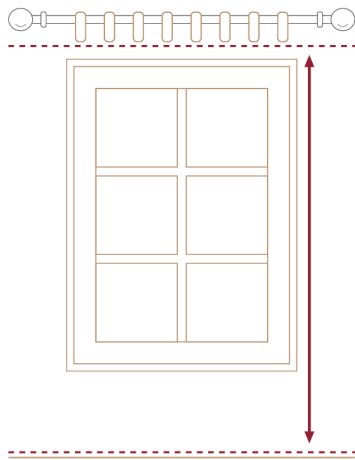
If you have decided that Flat panels are for you here is something to keep in mind. Flat panels are just that, flat, there is **no fullness built into the panel.** If you want your treatment to look full when you pull it closed **you will need to double or triple your rod measurement.**

So, for a rod that is 50 inches you need a minimum of two 50 inch panels for proper fullness.

STEP 4

# Find Your Final Length.

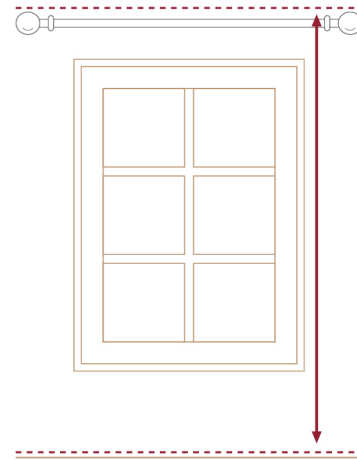
We're almost there...  
let's figure out what length to order.



## Rings or a Traverse Rod with Carriers?

When you are using rings or a traverse rod with carriers, the measurement from the bottom of the rings or carriers to the floor is the final length.

Order this measurement, minus a half inch or so, if you wish to have the curtain hang just to the floor.



## No Rings or a Traverse Rod with Carriers?

When no rings or carriers are being used, the measurement from the top of the rod to the floor is your final length.

Order this measurement, minus a half inch or so, if you wish to have the curtain hang just to the floor.

If you want to create a different look, like a break or a puddle, click [here](#) for our tips and terms for more information about lengths.

**DONE FINISHED!**

You have all the steps you need to measure for your curtains, need more help, or confused?

Contact us at

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