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Step by step guide to measuring for made to measure curtains

ROOM	POLE or TRACK	HEADER TYPE	WIDTH	DROP

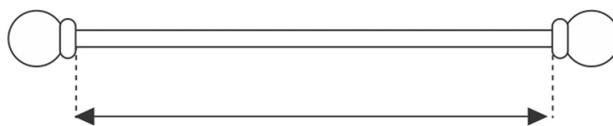
Measuring for curtains is quite an easy job and by following our step by step guide you will be able to get all the appropriate measurements correctly.

IMPORTANT THINGS TO NOTE BEFORE YOU START

- ❖ You should ideally select and fit your track or pole **before** taking any measurements for your curtains. (*You may not always be able to fit your track or pole, the exact height you would like. e.g. when trying to drill into a concrete lintel*). If you are fitting a new track or pole this should ideally extend 15cm to 20cm either side of the window to allow the curtains to be stacked either side of the window.
- ❖ When you measure for curtains, always use a steel tape to take your measurements. (*fabric or plastic type tape-measures tend to stretch over time and may give a false reading*).
- ❖ Every measurement you take, write it down in the table above.

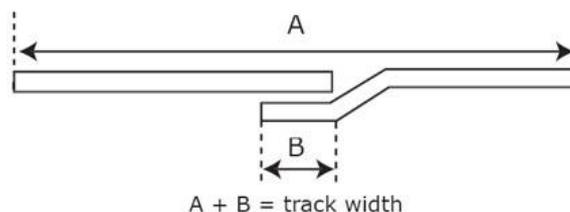
Measuring for width (*We always advise that you measure the curtain track or pole width, not the window*)

Curtain Poles



Measure the length of the pole between the finials (decorative ends).

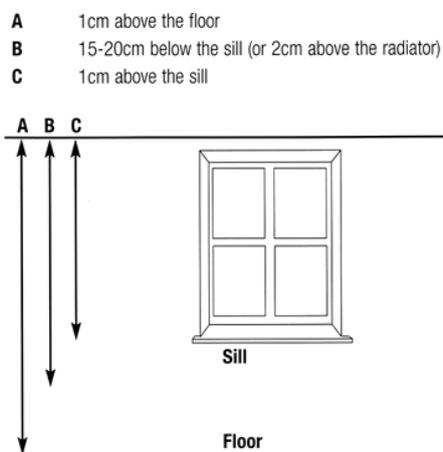
Curtain Rails.



Measure the length of the rail (A). If you have a rail with an overlap in the centre, measure the length of the rail and add the length of the overlap to this measurement (A+B).

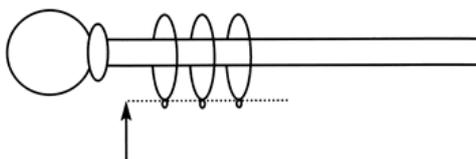
Measure for Curtains Drop / Length

Before you measure curtain length, you need to decide whether the curtains will fall to the sill, below the sill or to the floor. (If measuring to the floor, deduct 1cm to prevent dragging on the carpet)

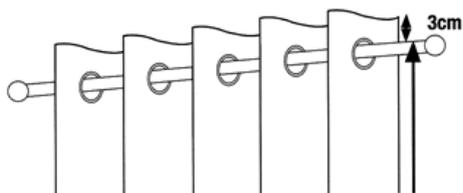


Measuring from a pole – all headings except eyelets

For all headings except eyelets, measure from the underside of the decorative ring to where you want the curtain to finish.



For eyelet heading measure from the TOP of the pole where the eyelet will rest. The curtain will stand 3cm above this.



Gather or Fullness

The actual amount of gather depends on heading styles and personal preference, but as a general rule the width of your curtains should amount to **double** the width of your track. This is referred to as 'two times gather'.

There are several factors you might like to bear in mind though:

1. Price: less gather is going to use less fabric and therefore be cheaper.
2. Fabric: if your curtains are a light-weight, fine voile then they will need a little extra gather in order to look full. If you've chosen a heavy, woven fabric then you might not want the extra bulk.
3. Heading style: Certain styles of heading require more or less gather than others. For pencil pleat curtains we would advise making your mind up following the above guidelines. For eyelet curtains our advice would be different.