

CURTAIN INSTALLATION

Guide

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Before you start

For any curtain heading you've ordered, you should always identify the left and right side curtain before starting the hanging process. If there is a seam in the curtain it should be placed closest to the curtain track or pole end.

Hanging your curtains

It makes it easier if there are two people hanging the curtains. One person can hook the curtain onto the track or pole, and the other person can take the weight of the curtain. If you're on your own, take the weight of the curtain by placing it over your shoulder.

Follow the below steps for the curtain heading you've ordered...

PINCH PLEAT AND FRENCH PLEAT HEADING

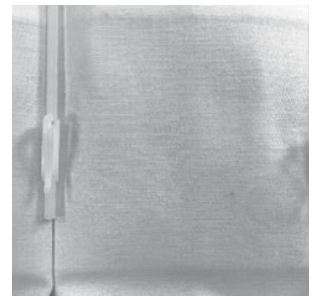
This heading type has the added benefit of having adjustable curtain hooks sewn into the curtain so they come pleated and ready for you to hang.

If you pull the hook too far, pull the hook off the bottom of the retainer and slide it back on at the top.

Positioning the Hooks

Firstly, you will need to decide where the curtain will be hung from the pole or track. If a pole is being used, we'd recommend you position the hook towards the top. If you're fitting to a track, position the hook towards the middle or the bottom.

The hooks slide down the plastic retainer to the desired position and can only move downwards.



GROMMET HEADING

Gather the curtain into a pleated bunch with the outside edges pointing backwards (towards the windows). Then simply feed the grommets over the pole.

The grommet closest to the outside edge (finial end) should be positioned between the bracket and the finial. This will hold each end of the curtain in place when the curtains are drawn closed.



3" AND 6" PENCIL PLEAT HEADING

Pencil pleat curtains arrive flat (not gathered). This helps reduce creasing in the fabric during transportaion. **Please note: Pencil pleat curtains are not supplied with curtain hooks.**



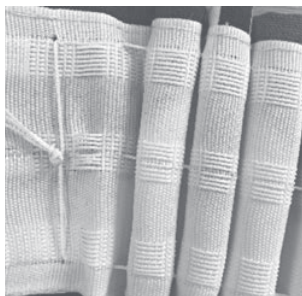
Curtain Width

We recommend measuring half the pole/track width, this will determine the finished size of each curtain (once the cords on the tape are gathered together).

For a fuller look, make each curtain a little wider than half the width.

Gathering your Curtains

Before you start to gather your curtains, all the cords on one side of the curtain tape need to be knotted together. If this end isn't knotted together the cords will pull through the tape and the gathering process will fail. We'd recommend this knotted end is on the outside edge side of the curtain.



It will take a bit of time to gather the curtains but spending the time to do it properly will make your curtains look better when hung.

Pull the untied end until each curtain is the required width, making sure the pleats are even as you go along. This end will need to be loosely tied off too. Never cut the cords, tuck the excess neatly behind the tape.

Dressing your curtains

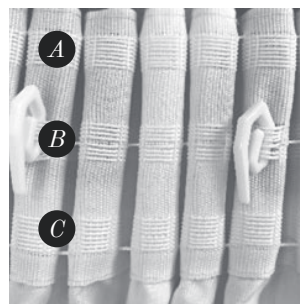
To keep your curtains looking their best for longer and for a professional finish, we recommend you dress your curtains using the guide below. If you have access to a steamer you can gently steam any creases out of the fabric. An iron on a steam setting can work just as well. Take care not to touch or over steam the fabric.

Pull the curtains back making sure the spaces between the pleats are even. The curtain fabric will naturally fall into pleats.

Inserting the Hooks

First count the number of gliders or rings that you have on your track or pole then divide by half. This is the number of hooks you need to attach to each curtain.

There are 3 pockets on the back of the curtain tape to attach the curtain hooks. If fitting to a pole use pocket A. If fitting to a track use B or C pockets. When fitting to a pole the curtain should hang below the pole and when fitting to a track the top of the curtain should sit parallel to the top of the track.



We recommend fitting the hooks 4-5 pockets apart across the width of the curtain (depending on how many hooks are required per curtain). Make sure you place a hook on each edge of the curtain.

Hanging your Curtains

Locate the curtain ring or glider and hook the curtain into place. If fitting to a pole, attach one hook to a ring positioned between the finial and the bracket. This will help to keep the curtain in place when drawn closed.

If you're happy with the width of your curtains, securely knot off the loose cords. If you would like a little more fullness on your curtains, carefully untie the knotted end and pull to the new desired width. Once happy, knot off the cords and tuck them behind the curtain tape.

This will take a bit of time and you may need to manipulate some of the pleats. Working from the top to the bottom, gently smooth each of the pleats to help them retain their form.

Using strips of fabric, a strip of the polythene packaging or tie backs, tie around the middle of the whole curtain to keep the pleats in place. The longer the curtains are kept tied back, the better the pleat form will be. We recommend at least 48 hours.