

curtains

how to measure

Step 1: Measuring the Width

If you have a pole, measure the pole width excluding the end finials. If you have a track measure the total width.

For our curtain service, this is all we need. We add all the allowances! If however you require your curtains to return to the wall, please call us.



Measuring your own curtains

If you are measuring for fabric quantities to make your own curtains, you can make some further refinements:

- Add an extra 6cm-8cm per curtain for a comfortable overlap at the centre where curtains meet;
- You may want the outside edges of the curtains to turn back (Return) from the pole/track to the wall at each side. This provides a neat finish and avoids light spilling through. In this case, measure the distance from the eyes of the rings/gliders back to the wall on both sides and add these dimensions to the width. For a single curtain, note down the measurement and whether the curtain is to hang on the right or left.

Note: if you have planned for returns to the wall then the curtain top must be lower than the bottom of the pole, or the pole will be in the way!

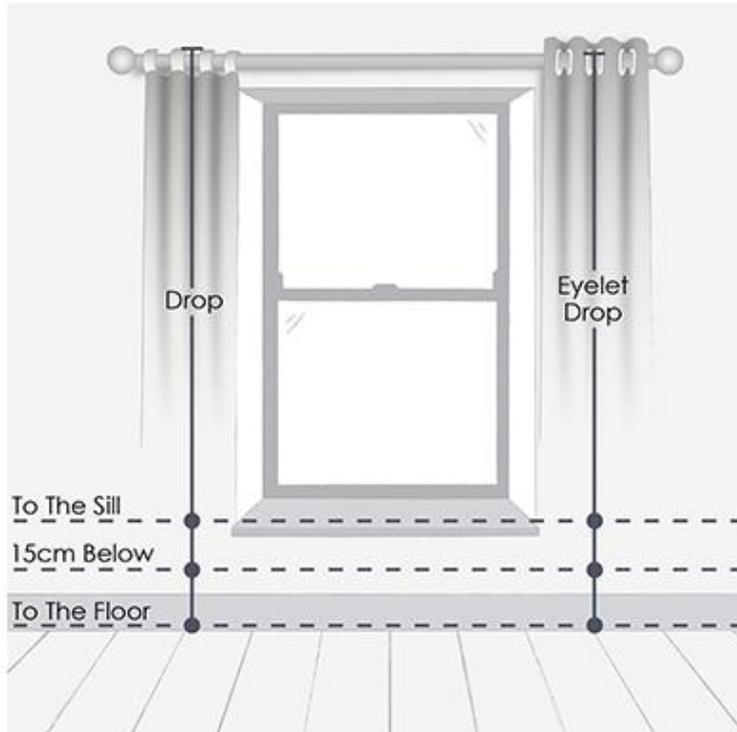
Step 2: Measuring the Finished Length

The finished length is the measurement from the very top of the curtain to the bottom hem.

Firstly, decide on where you would like your curtains to fall, this is your bottom hem position. The diagrams show suggested lengths for both sill, and floor length curtains.

Always measure the length to the left, right and centre of your pole/track. Where the measurements vary, choose the length that suits best.





For tab top headings

Firstly, measure from the top of the pole to your required bottom hem position, this is the drop. Now measure the diameter of the pole and add this to your drop measurement, this gives your finished length. (This is due to some length being lost when threading tabs onto the pole).

For eyelet headings

Firstly, measure from the top of the pole to your required bottom hem position, this is the eyelet drop*. Now add to this 3.5cm (1 3/8") (this is the amount of curtain above the eyelet hole), this gives your finished length.



For our 'Gathered' heading

The top of our Gathered curtain is fixed at a height of 3.5cm above the hook position. Measure from the eyes of the rings/gliders to your required bottom hem position, this is the hook drop. Now add to this 3.5cm (1 3/8"), this gives your finished length.

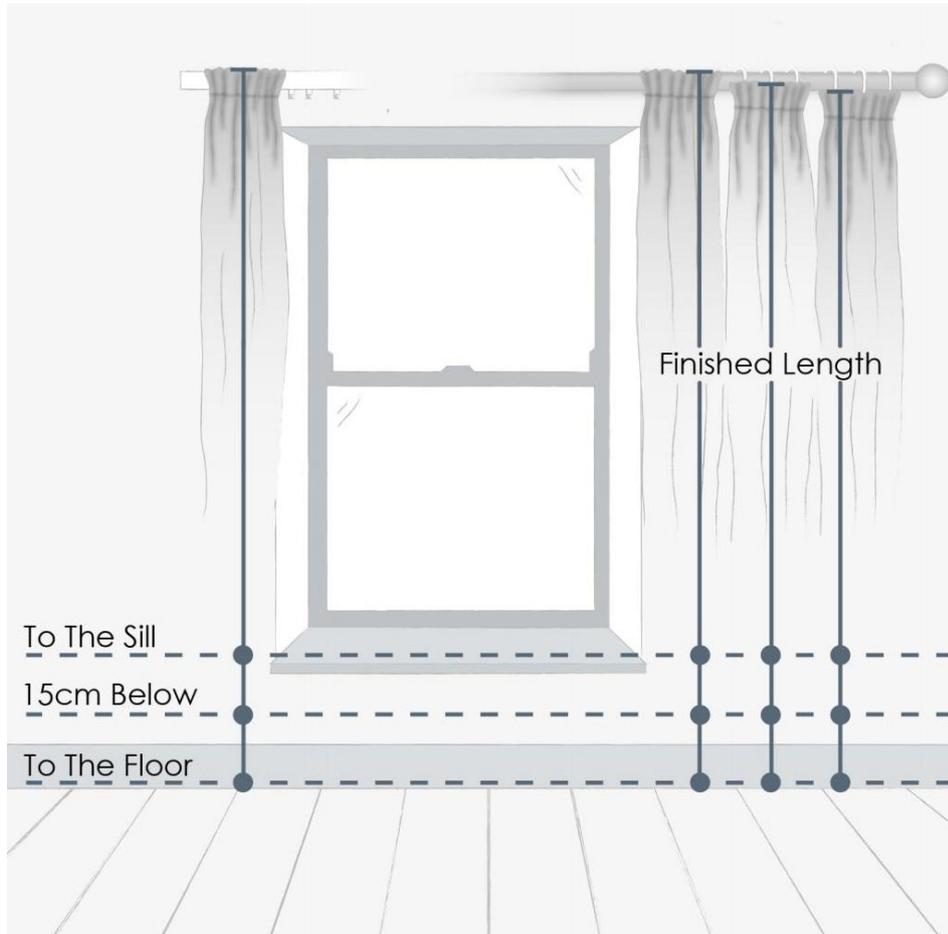
For all other headings

Firstly, decide on the height that you would like the top of the curtains to finish.

For tracks, we suggest aligning the top of the curtain with the top of the track. For poles, the curtain could be level with the top, centre, or bottom of the pole.

Measure from the required curtain top position to your required bottom hem position, this is your finished length





Not have a Pole or Track fitted?

We offer a full fitting service. Unless you are a professional Curtain Fitter, we always recommend that you have a pole/track in place before measuring for curtains, but if not, here's what to do.

Firstly, you will need to have an idea of the type of pole or track you are going to use. Now decide the positioning at which it will be fixed. For a typical window without architraves, we recommend poles and tracks overhang the width of the window by not less than 15cm (6") each side, and the bottom of the pole/track typically fixed not less than 8cm (3") above the top of the window soffit.



The measuring process follows the same principle as steps 1 and 2 above. To do this more easily, you may find it helpful to make small pencil marks to check that you are happy with the top and hem positions.

