

# Measuring for Window Curtains

## CHOOSE YOUR WIDTH

- Valance
  - Order enough to cover the window, rod and stack backs of the curtain beneath.
    - Stack backs are the space occupied by a curtain when fully open.
- Tier or Panel
  - 2-2 ½ times the width of the window.
    - Sheers should be 3 times the width of the window.
    - Allow for up to 12 inches stack back on each side of the window. This makes the room look larger, and allows more light in when the curtains are open.

## CHOOSE YOUR LENGTH

- Valance
  - Length varies depending on the style and preference.
- Tier or Panel
  - Measure from the rod to base of the window, then add another 4-6 inches so the hem will not be seen from outside.

## CHOOSE YOUR ROD

- Valance
  - Return rod or classic rod
- Tier
  - Classic rod or Return rod
- Panel
  - Classic rod, return rod, track rod or tension rod.

## **INSTALLING THE ROD**

- Valance
  - 2-4 inches above the window frame with enough length at the bottom to cover the top of the window frame.
- Tier
  - Slightly above the middle of the window, covering where the window panes meet.
- Panel
  - Anywhere from 4 inches above the window header to 6 inches from the ceiling.

## **INSTALLING ROD BRACKETS**

- Valance or Panel
  - Mark your bracket height on both sides of the window with a pencil. For windows over 5ft wide, repeat the process in the center of the window to add a center bracket. Check the lines with a level. Set a bracket on each line and mark the holes. Use your drill to secure the brackets into the wall.
- Tier
  - Mark 2 inches above the middle of the frame on one side with a pencil. Use a level to mark the other side at the same height. Set the rod the height of the marks.

## **HANGING YOUR CURTAIN**

- Insert rod through the rod pocket, grommet or tabs until treatment is spaced evenly on the rod.

## **HEMMING YOUR CURTAIN**

- Tier or Panel
  - Bottom 4-6 inches. The hem should sit below the bottom of the sill when seen from the outside. For curtains hanging to the floor, a ½ inch clearance allows for more movement and ease in cleaning the floor, while an extra foot of fabric provides a more luxurious look, but will require more maintenance.
    - For extra weight, fold the fabric twice when creating the hem.