

**Sewing Tutorial – Lined Curtain Panels**  
**(Steven Bennett, March 2017)**

**Check out instructions about buckram, etc. at**

<http://www.textile-love.com/2012/01/diy-pinch-pleat-drapes-sewing-drapery.html>

<http://www.textile-love.com/2012/01/diy-pinch-pleat-drapes-pleating-and.html>

**Check out instructions about a second way to sew lined curtains at**

<http://www.drapesmadeeasy.com/how-to-sew-drapes.html>

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**Calculations**

Desired Length of Curtain (DLC) = 92"

Curtain Fabric Length (CFL) = DLC + 6" header + 8" bottom hem = 106"

Lining Fabric Length Lining (LFL) = DLC + 8" bottom hem – 1" length = 99"

**Need**

11.7 yards curtain fabric plus pattern repeat plus 1.0 yard just in case.

11.0 yards lining fabric

**Buy**

14.5 + 1.0 = 15.5 yards fabric

12 yards lining

7 yards of 3" buckram

32 pin-in drapery hooks

8 curtain weights

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**Directions**

1. Measure the height from the curtain ring to the floor.

2. Subtract ½ inch to get the **Desired Length of Curtain** ("DLC").

3. Calculate the **Curtain Fabric Length** ("CFL"), which is the DLC plus 14 inches. This allows 6 inches of fabric for a 3-inch double header hem and 8 inches of fabric for a 4-inch double lower hem.

4. Calculate the **Lining Fabric Length** ("LFL"), which is DLC plus 9 inches, to cause the lining to be 1 inch shorter than the curtain itself. This measurement allows 8 inches of fabric for a 4-inch double lower hem (the same as the curtain fabric). Nothing is added for the header hem since that isn't needed.

5. Cut the curtain fabric to the correct length. Be sure that the top of the left and right curtains are at the same point in the fabric's repeated pattern. Otherwise the left and right curtains will look mismatched when they are hung. Cut off the selvage and serge edges if desired.
6. Cut the lining fabric to the correct length. Cut off the selvage along one side. On the other side, trim the width of the lining so that it is the width of the curtain fabric – 6". This allows the lining fabric to fit inside the side hems of the curtain fabric.
7. **Curtain Bottom Hem:** Press a 4-inch double hem at bottom of the curtain fabric. To do this, with the wrong side of the fabric facing up, turn up 8 inches from the bottom and press a first fold line. Then open the fabric and turn up the lower edge of the fabric 4 inches so that it almost touches the first fold line. Refold at the first fold. Press the fabric, perhaps spraying with sizing. Insert a curtain weight at the bottom. Sew the double lower hem using a blindstitch.
8. **Lining Bottom Hem:** Press and sew a 4 inch double hem (total of 8 inches) at bottom of the lining fabric. To do this, with the wrong side of the lining fabric facing up, turn up 8 inches from the bottom and press a first fold line. Then open the fabric and turn up the lower edge of the fabric 4 inches so that it almost touches the first fold line. Refold at the first fold. Press the lining, perhaps spraying with sizing.
9. **Insert the Buckram:** Cut the 3" buckram to the width of the curtain fabric – 6". This allows the buckram to fit inside the side hems of the curtain fabric. Place the curtain fabric right side down. On the wrong side of the curtain fabric, pin the buckram at the top of the curtain fabric, inset 3" from both sides of the curtain fabric.
10. Sew the buckram to the curtain fabric by sewing approximately 1 ½" from the top (i.e., midway across the 3" buckram).
11. **Prepare the Top Hem:** Press a 3 inch double hem (total of 6 inches) on the top, encasing the buckram within the hem as you do this.
12. **Prepare Left Hem:** Press a 1 ½ inch double hem (total of 3 inches) on the left side of the curtain panel.
13. **Prepare Right Hem:** Press a 1 ½ inch double hem (total of 3 inches) on the right side of the curtain panel.
14. With the curtain fabric having the wrong side facing you, place the lining on top of it, with the right side of the lining facing you. Line up the top of the lining fabric with the curtain fabric, slipping the lining fabric into the top hem fold of the curtain fabric. Slip the sides of the lining into the left and right hem folds so that the liner is encased in the side hems. Pin the top and both sides of the lining to the curtain fabric. The bottom of the liner should be one inch shorter than the curtain fabric.

15. **Sew Left and Right Hems:** Sew the left side and then the right side, sewing through both the curtain fabric and lining fabric, preferably using a blind stitch. For each side, **START STITCHING AT THE BOTTOM OF THE BUCKRAM AND STOP STITCHING AT THE TOP OF THE HEM FOR THE LINER. YOU WILL FINISH THE TOP AND BOTTOM PORTIONS OF THE LEFT AND RIGHT SIDES LATER.**

16. **Top Hem:** Sew along the bottom of the hem (sewing through the liner, the buckram and the curtain). (Decide whether to use a straight or blind stitch to do this.) Then consider whether to sew along the top edge to further secure the buckram.

17. Using a straight stitch or blind stitch, finish the top corners and bottom corners of the curtain, mitering the edges of the side hems.

18. Insert pin hooks into the top of the curtain to hang it onto the curtain rod. Be sure to use an even number of pin hooks for each curtain so that the ends of the curtain point back toward the wall. Calculate the width between pin hooks like this:  $\text{Width\_of\_Curtain} / (\text{Number\_of\_Pin\_Hooks} - 1)$ . For one width of fabric, usually you use 8 pin hooks.