

## TIP OF THE MONTH SEPTEMBER 2004

### WHAT IS ITALIAN STRINGING?

Italian Stringing (also called Reefing) is a technique used in curtains that have stationary tops, but allow the bottom and middle to open and spread. Any number of design choices can be created. This is the same technique that is often used in theatre curtains. Italian Stringing can only be done on curtains with stationary tops. It cannot be done with draperies that need to traverse.

It requires a row of rings sewn to the back of the curtain. These rings form a track for which a cord can travel up to well-planned screw eyes that will enable the cords to pull up and down. When pulled up a tied back effect develops in the curtain. The effect depends on the placement of the rings. When the cords are let down, the curtain can once again give privacy. In many cases it is not desired to operate the cords, but to simply install the pulled effect to a permanent position.

For more information see M'Fay Workroom Manual, Supplement 4.

Example:

