

TIP OF THE MONTH NOVEMBER 2006

MAKING A PLEATED DRAPERY

Deciding on how much fabric to put into a pleated drapery is a confusing decision for a lot of people. A great misconception is that doubling the window size with the fabric will give double fullness. This is not true. 10" of this fabric will be used up for the side hems in a pair of draperies, and 11" will be added to the window size for returns and overlaps. When this 11" is doubled for fullness it creates a 22" shortage of fabric being double full, 32" counting the side hems. This would make a very skimpy pleated drapery. At the least, add 20" to the rod size before doubling for fullness. Thin, lightweight fabric can use triple fullness for best results.

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