

TIP OF THE MONTH AUGUST 2007

DRESSING BALLOON SHADES

As they are pulled up, all types of balloon shades will have pouffy, imprecise, fluffy folds. If you wish these folds to lay in a more controlled, stacked manner, they will need to be placed by hand, every time they are pulled.

The same advice given for all other treatments also applies to balloon shades. You have to place the fabric to it's intended position, and sometimes you have to force it by using pins, tacking, or a tag gun. Steaming will also help.

Make sure the lining is tucked against the fabric. Make sure the pleats are stacked or that the gathers flow smoothly. Sometimes the fabrics want to "bunch" to the back, because there is so much fullness. Pull the fabric forward when needed.

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M'Fay Workroom Manual.