

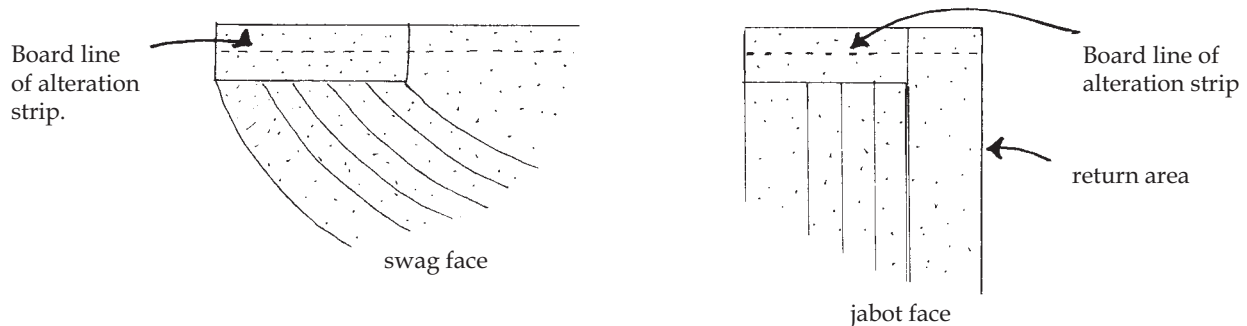
TIP OF THE MONTH FEBRUARY 2007

ELIMINATE BULK FROM PLEATED SWAGS AND JABOTS

Tip of the Month, January 2007, shows how to eliminate some of the bulk in pleated swags and jabots. When board mounted swags and jabots overlap and stack additional steps can be taken to eliminate bulk. Determine which pleated end of the swag or jabot will be underneath. This procedure should be done only to the end of the swag or jabot that will be underneath and the area you will alter can only be as wide as the swag overlap size or the jabot width. Sew the interlining to the lining 1 1/2" below the board line, trim away the interlining. Sew the lining to the face fabric 1" below the board line. Trim away the lining close to the stitching. Pin in the pleats and machine stitch to secure them, 1" below the board line.

Cut a strip of the face fabric and a strip of lining 2" wider than the alteration area and about 4" deep. Place the right side of the face fabric strip against the right side of the swag pleats. Place the right side of the lining strip against the right side of the lining side of the swag pleats. Stitch these strips to the swag 1" below the board line. Trim away all the fabrics in the alteration area, close to the stitching.

Tuck in the raw edges of the strips and press them up, stitch or glue to close. Stitch across the top to indicate the "board line". Trim away any excess fabric at the top, if desired.



The flat strips of fabric will now be all that is attached to the top of the board. There is no bulk to interfere with the swag or jabot that will need to stack over it. The bulk has also been eliminated from the thickness of the board edge, allowing the overlapped swag or jabot to hang straighter. More information for avoiding mounting problems for swags and jabots is given on page 5A-9 of our Workroom Manual Collection.

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