

TIP OF THE MONTH OCTOBER 2010

DRAPE - DRAPER - DRAPERY

Drape - The way fabric falls or hangs

It is not correct to say: "I'm making Mrs. Smith some new drapes". It is correct to say: "This fabric will drape beautifully".

Draper - A dealer in fabric. A person that can drape fabric.

A designer might say: "Sally Jones has her own workroom and is the best draper I've ever had".

Drapery - Fabric panels, with pleats, that can be made to traverse.

Curtains are panels that do not have pleats and do not traverse. Fads come and go as to what is chic to call "curtains".

It is correct to say: "I'm making Mrs. Smith new draperies".

- M'Fay Workroom Manual Terminology