



DRAPERY DESIGN GUIDE



When it comes to custom draperies, there are many options available. AEC has the expertise to guide you through the decision-making process.

Reach out so we can help you choose the best options for your project.



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STYLE ● FULLNESS ● FABRIC TYPE ● OPERATION ● HARDWARE

STEP 1: CHOOSE YOUR STYLE



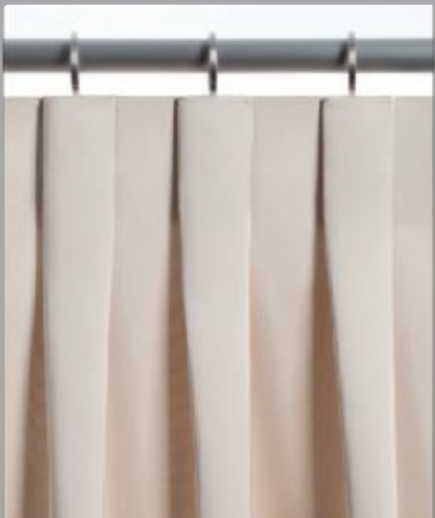
RIPPLE FOLD



TAILORED PLEAT



PINCH PLEAT



BOX PLEAT



GROMMET



GOBLET

STEP 2: CHOOSE THE FULLNESS

RIPPLE FOLD



60% (1.5x)



80% (2x)



100% (2.5x)



120% (3x)

PINCH PLEATS



180% (1.8x)



200% (2x)



225% (2.25x)



250% (2.5x)

BOX PLEATS



50%



75%



100%



200%

STEP 3: SELECT YOUR FABRIC

- Sheer, Opaque, Blackout options available
- Lined or Unlined drapery options
- Options to make fabric stain resistant, flame retardant, and/or water repellent
- FYI: Material choice (cotton, linen, velvet, polyester, silk, etc.) may affect fullness and/or hem possibilities

**When choosing a fabric, consider the pattern.
Will it be railroaded? Will more fabric be required
so the pattern lines up properly at a seam?**



STEP 4: SPECIFY HARDWARE

HAND DRAWN

- Tracks that can be opened or closed without a cord - typically uses fiberglass baton instead; generally not recommended for draperies more than 10 ft wide

CORD DRAW

- Tracks opened and closed using a cord - the cord is built into the track and on a continuous loop

MOTOR DRAWN

- Tracks are opened and close using power or motor controls; recommended for large and/or heavy draperies

ROD AND RING

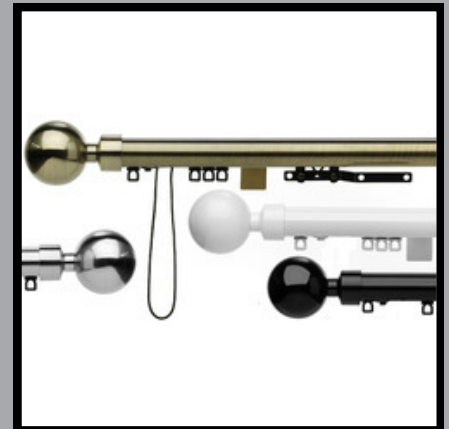
- Drapery is attached to rings which are looped onto the rod

EXPOSED TRACK

- This track does not conceal hardware; it can be straight or bent to fit a curved wall

HIDDEN TRACK

- The track is hidden behind a cornice so hardware is not visible





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