



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



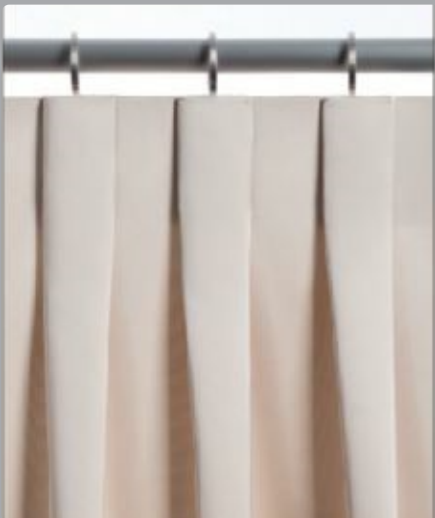
RIPPLE FOLD



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?**



REMINDERS

**Standard hem allowance = 10 inches
Standard stack back = $\frac{1}{3}$ drapery width**

STEP 4: SPECIFY HARDWARE

HAND DRAWN

- Tracks open or close without a cord - typically uses fiberglass baton instead; **generally not recommended for draperies more than 10 ft wide**

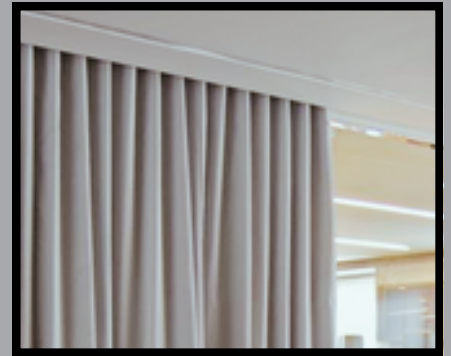


CORD DRAWN

- Tracks open and close using a cord - the cord is built into the track and on a continuous loop

MOTORIZED

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



HIDDEN TRACK

- Track is hidden behind a cornice/fascia or track is recessed in a pocket, typically in a drywall ceiling



EXPOSED TRACK

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



***** Motorized drapery is recommended for openings wider than 20 ft. *****



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