



## Measuring for Curtain Rods

1. DETERMINE THE AMOUNT OF SPACE NEEDED FOR THE DRAPERY ROD • Measure the width of your window, taking into account whether you'd like a trim-mounted (ie, rod placed directly on window trim) or wall mounted rod.
  - Allow 3"-9" on either side of the window frame for the panels to rest when they are open.
  - Be sure to consider the extra wall space needed for decorative finials.
  
2. DECIDE WHETHER OR NOT TO USE DRAPERY RINGS
  - Drapery rings are recommended for ease of opening and closing drapery panels • Drapery that is hung from rings requires the drapery rods to be installed at a height greater than the length of the drapery.
  
3. DETERMINE ROD PLACEMENT
  - For low light-filtration, mount the rod 6" above the trim and allow the rod width to extend at least 3" beyond either side of the window frame.
  - To add visual height to a room, mount the rod closer to the ceiling.
  - To determine proper rod height if not using drapery rings: Simply measure the distance between the bottom of the rod and floor, and install the rod at that height. • To determine proper rod height if using drapery rings: With the drapery attached to the rings, measure the distance between the bottom of the rod and the top of the drapery fabric, then add this measurement to the drapery length.
  - When hanging Rod Pocket drapery, there is some rod "take-up" when the material is gathered onto the pole. Typically, you will need to install smaller rods 1" lower than the finished length, while rods with a diameter of 2" will need to be installed approximately 2" lower (if you want the drapery to touch the floor).

#### MEASURING TIPS

- Precise measurements are key.
- Use a steel tape measure, measuring to the nearest  $\frac{1}{8}$ ".
- Measure each window and doorway individually (often, windows and doors that appear to be the same size are not).