

Curtains Up

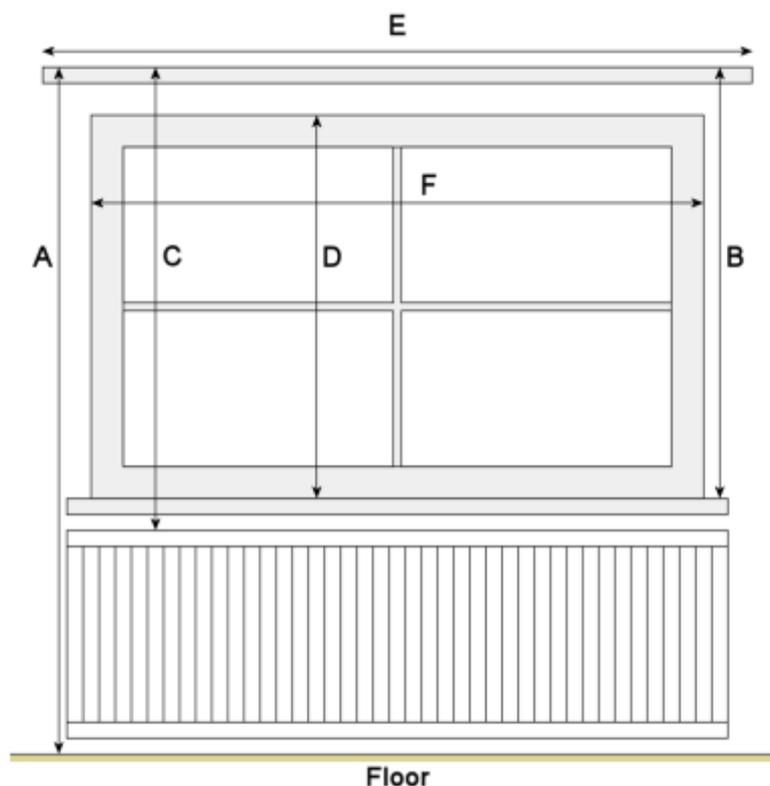
Measuring for your own curtains

Measuring for curtains is very easy, but there are a few things you can do to make sure the measurements are reliable;

- Always use a steel tape when measuring as cloth or plastic measures may have stretched with use
- Take all your drop measurements after you have fixed your rail or pole to the wall
- When measuring the drop from the rail to your floor, measure at several points along the length of the rail. Floors can be uneven and sometimes rails are not quite level
- Measure in metres, centimetres or millimetres and be sure to measure twice as mistakes can be difficult and expensive to rectify!

Measuring the curtain drop

Curtains can be hung either to the floor, to your window-sill, or to the top of a radiator – dimension A, B or C in the diagram below.



Measure the drop in at least 3 places along the rail or pole – the shortest of these measurements is generally used to avoid the curtains dragging across the floor.

When measuring from a curtain rail or track, take the measurement from the top of the track to the point where you want the curtain to finish. If you are using a curtain pole, take the drop measurements from the underside of the curtain rings.

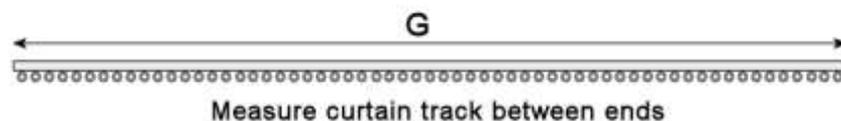
For the best effect, curtains should finish;

- 1 cm above the floor
- 0.5 cm above the window-sill
- 2 cm above a radiator
- About 15 cm below the window-sill if you want an overhang

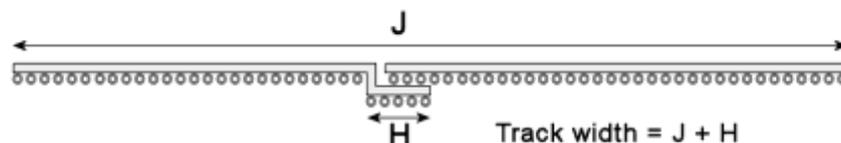
Measuring the curtain width

If your curtains are to extend beyond the window recess, measure the length G of the curtain track or rail rather than the window. Ideally the curtain rail should extend 15 to 20 cm beyond each side of the window recess to allow the curtains to be parked when open, and to ensure light-tightness when closed. Rails should be fixed approximately 10 to 15 cm above the top of the window recess.

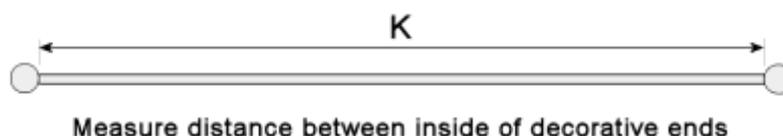
If the curtains are to be hung within the recess, measure the dimensions D and F in the diagram above.



For rails with a central overlap, measure the distances J and H and add them together.



If you are using a curtain pole take the width measurement K between the insides of the decorative ends.



General points

Remember that the style of your curtains will influence the final measurements and therefore the amount of material needed to make them;

- Depending on the fullness required, the width of the curtain may need to be between 1½ to 2½ times its track length
- Extra material will be needed to allow for the gathering at the top of the curtain if it is to hide the rail
- Curtains with big patterns usually require substantially more material than those with smaller ones to allow for pattern matching
- It might be possible to use any surplus material to trim your bedding or to make matching tie-backs and cushions.

If you have any questions, or need help when taking your measurements, please telephone me on **01823 421184** or by filling in your details in the form on the [Contact](#) page of the [Curtains Up](#) website. If you live in the Taunton area, I can provide in-home advice or assistance with measuring and styling.

Made-to-measure curtains and co-ordinating accessories provide a unique finishing touch to your home so why not take the first step by contacting me today.