

# Measuring your curtains

If you don't already have your track or pole in place our advice would be to fit it before you measure. To fit correctly measure the width of the window plus 30/40cm (12-16"), this will ensure your curtains will comfortably cover your window. Fit your track or pole approximately 15cm (6") above your window recess and centre ensuring you have 15-20cm (6-8") either side of the window.

## Measuring width:

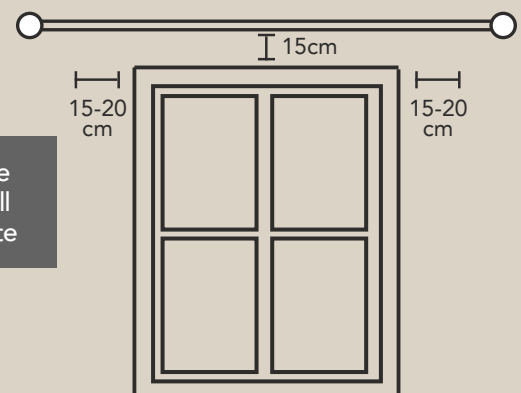
Measure the width of your track or pole excluding finials on poles. DO NOT measure the window.

To create a soft gathered look when the curtains are closed, allow the following per curtain:

- For Pencil Pleat – the width of the track or pole
- For Eyelet – 2 x the width of the track or pole
- For Tab Top – 1.5 x the width of the track or pole

**TOP TIP**

Use a metal tape measure as it will be more accurate



**HANDY HINT**

Add an extra 2.5cm (1") to your track or pole measurement to allow your curtains to overlap in the middle when closed, this will help keep out light and draughts

## Measuring length (also known as drop)

Decide how long you want your curtains to be and measure as follows:

- **Sill length** – curtains should finish 1.25cm (1/2") above the sill to prevent wear to hems
- **Below sill** – curtains should finish 15cm (6") below the sill to block out light and draughts
- **Floor length** – curtains should finish 1.25cm (1/2") above the floor to prevent wear to hems

If there is a radiator below your window we recommend that your curtain sits 3cm (1 1/2") above the top of it so heat can escape into your room and not rise up behind your curtains.

- For Pencil Pleat – if you have a track measure from the top of the track and if you have a pole measure from the eye of the curtain hook as sits on your pole
- For Tab Top – measure from the top of your pole
- For Eyelet – measure from the top of your pole. If you are making your own curtains, add 2.5cm (1") to account for the fabric that will sit above the eyelet of the curtain. If you would like your curtains to drape on the floor or sill for a fuller, more relaxed feel, add a bit extra to the length.

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## Notes

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