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# MEASURING GUIDE PENCIL PLEAT CURTAINS



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When ordering made to measure curtains we need two measurements: 1) the pole or track width and 2) the finished length (which is the length of the curtain from top to bottom also known as the curtain drop).

If you already have a curtain pole or track installed, your pole or track width is the length of the pole or track (excluding any finials).

If you haven't installed a curtain pole or track measure the width of the window and then add onto this how far you would like the curtains to run past each side of the window reveal. This is your pole or track width. Please see table for guidance. Please note this is only a guide and the heading style, fabric thickness, curtain fullness and lining will affect the width of the stack back when the curtains are open.

Curtain with a standard heading (add the same amount on either side)		
Width of Window	Guidance to the extra length to add onto either side of the window	Finished pole or track length for a pair of curtains
100cm	15cm	130cm
180cm	20cm	220cm
240cm	25cm	290cm
360cm	35cm	430cm
480cm	45cm	570cm
600cm	50cm	700cm

# **MEASURING THE FINISHED LENGTH (CURTAIN DROP):**

The finished length (curtain drop) is the measurement from the very top of the curtain to the bottom. The diagrams show suggested lengths for window sill, below sill, above radiator and floor length curtains.

We recommend you take a left, centre and right measurement to calculate the finished curtain length (drop). Where the measurements vary, choose the length that best suits your requirements.

We recommed the top of your curtains touch the bottom of the curtain ring on a curtain pole and sit underslung on a curtain track (so the top of the curtain sits just underneath the track profile). This is recommended so that the curtain heading sits straight, and visually this looks better.



PLEASE MEASURE FROM THE BOTTOM OF THE RING NOT THE BOTTOM OF THE HOOK ON THE RING



## FINISH AT THE SILL

Measure from the bottom of the track, or bottom of the curtain ring on a curtain pole, to the window sill. Deduct 1cm if you would like your curtains to sit just above the window sill.

## FINISH BELOW THE SILL

Measure from the bottom of the track, or bottom of the curtain ring on a curtain pole, to your required length past the window sill (we recommend adding on 10-15cm below the window sill but this is down to personal preference and the window size, ceiling height and room proportions).

#### FINISH ABOVE THE RADIATOR

Measure from the bottom of the track, or bottom of the curtain ring on a curtain pole, to your required length above the radiator (we recommend the curtains finish 3cm above the radiator. This is however down to personal preference).

#### **FINISH AT THE FLOOR**

Measure from the bottom of the track, or bottom of the curtain ring on a curtain pole, to the floor. Make any deductions for floor clearance (we recommend deducting 1-1.5cm if you would like your curtains to sit just above the floor) or add on any length required if you would like your curtains to puddle on the floor.

If you haven't installed your curtain pole or track and are wall fixing you will need to decide the positioning at which your pole will be fixed. For a typical window without architraves, we recommend poles are fixed at least 10cm above the top of the window. This is however down to personal preference and proportion of the window.

#### **CEILING FIXING A CURTAIN POLE**

If you haven't installed a curtain pole and are ceiling fixing you will need to take into account the height of the bracket and how far below the ceiling the pole will be fitted. The bracket dimensions can be found in the gallery images on the curtain pole product pages.

#### **CEILING FIXING A CURTAIN TRACK**

If you haven't installed your track yet measure from the ceiling to where you would like your curtains to finish and deduct the depth of the track profile (this measurement can be found in the gallery images on the curtain track product pages). Then make any deductions for floor or window sill clearance to give you your finished length (curtain drop).

If you are fitting your curtains onto a corded or motorised curtain pole or track we recommend your curtains sit just off the floor so they don't put any tension on the cords or motors. For hand drawn tracks we recommend curtains touch or sit just above the floor. Curtain puddling on a hand drawn curtain track is only recommended for lightweight fabrics.

Please double check you have your pole/track width and finished length (curtain drop) the right way around when ordering.

#### **CURTAIN HOOK INFORMATION:**

For double pinch pleat, triple pinch pleat and goblet pleat curtains we will position the curtain hook 0.5cm from the top of the curtain, when hanging the curtains on a curtain track, and 1cm from the top for curtains being hung on a curtain pole. This will ensure the curtains sit correctly.

For pencil pleat and gathered headings we recommend you position the curtain hooks in the top pocket of the heading tape on a curtain track and the second row of pockets on a curtain pole.