

## Measuring Guides Curtain Accessories

### How To Measure For Made To Measure Valances

Advice on how to purchase the correct size valance

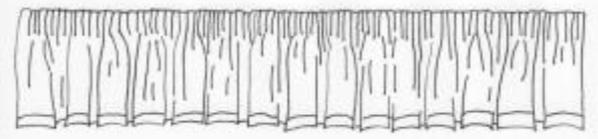
A valance is a key purchase when ordering made-to-measure curtains. It can match, co-ordinate or contrast the material of the curtain. Therefore it is important to know the different styles and designs available to enable you to choose a valance best suited to your requirements.

#### Style Of Valances

The style and impact of a valance will be determined by several factors.

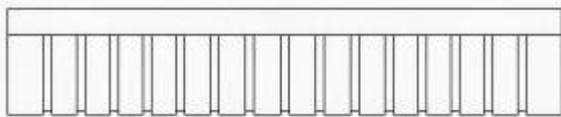
#### Straight

Constructed with Pencil pleat heading or Pinch pleat heading.



**Pencil heading** - Traditional 3" pencil pleated heading suitable for track or pole

**Pinch Pleat heading** - Stylish & traditional heading sewn to a fixed rail width. Made to exact track measurement with 13cm (5") buckram sewn into each pleat.



**Box pleated valances** Valances are made with a 10cm flat top panel, stiffened with buckram and piped. From this panel hang the box-pleats. This is fully lined and attaches to a pelmet board or valance rail by means of Velcro.

#### Shaped

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### Valance Width

Please ensure that you measure the valance rail or pelmet board and not the curtain track. The valance rail is normally 30cm (approx 12 inches) wider than the curtain rail it is fitted to.

For Pinch pleat and Box pleat valances, we would recommend you fit these to a pelmet board

When measuring for your valance, you must include the total width required taking into account the following :

- The face length
- The returns either side

See image below



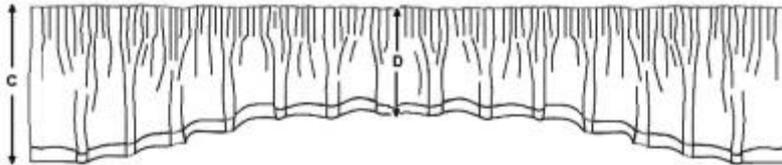
### Valance Drop

#### Straight Valance

The finished drop of a valance is down to personal preference however for a Pinch Pleat valance we would recommend a minimum drop of 8" and for a Pencil Pleat valance a minimum drop of 6".

#### Shaped Valance

Measure maximum outside finished drop (C) and minimum inside finished drop (D)



### Recommended Drops For Valances

Curtain Drop	Straight Valance Drop	Shaped Valance Drop
Up to 183cm (72")	30cm (12")	25cm (10") - 38cm (15")
184cm – 228cm (72"-90")	38cm (15")	30cm (12") – 45cm (18")
229cm (90") & over	45cm (18")	35cm (14") – 53cm (21")

### Finishing Touches

**Buttons** Decorative buttons can be sewn to each pleaton pinch pleat valances to enhance the look of the product.

**Border** You can have your valance finished with a 2.5cm (1inch) border on the bottom of the valance. This can be in the same fabric or a contrast fabric (if available) or the valance can be left plain without a border.

**Lining** Valances can be lined in a choice of fabrics such as ivory or white poly/cotton lining, blackout or thermal linings.