

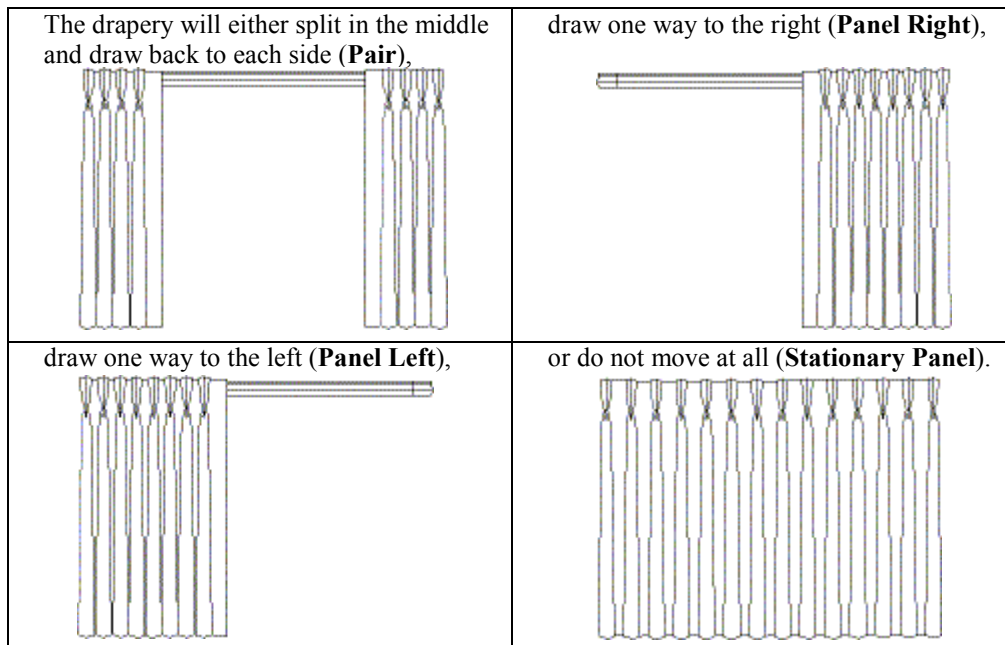


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How to Measure for Draperies

In order for a drapery to be manufactured properly you will need to supply the following information for each drapery ordered: **Type, Width, Return, and Length**

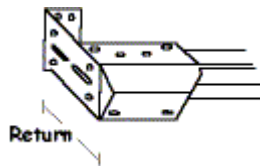
Type- Pair, Panel Left, Panel Right or Stationary Panel – Indicate which is the case.



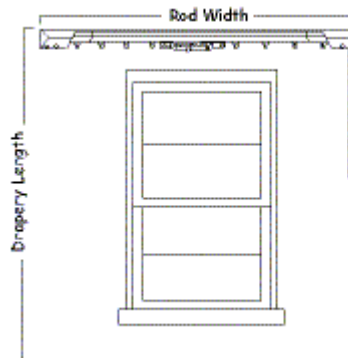
Rod With –The total width of rod measured from one end bracket to the other, expressed in inches.



Return – The projection of the rod from the wall. Measure from the front of the rod back to the wall.



Length – The distance from the top of the rod to the point below the window where the drapery will end. If the drapery is to go to the floor, measure from the top of the drapery to 1/2" off the floor. Also expressed in inches.



Measuring for Draperies Without an Existing Rod

When measuring for a drapery without an existing rod, you will need to determine where the rod will be mounted on the wall and the proper **rod width**.

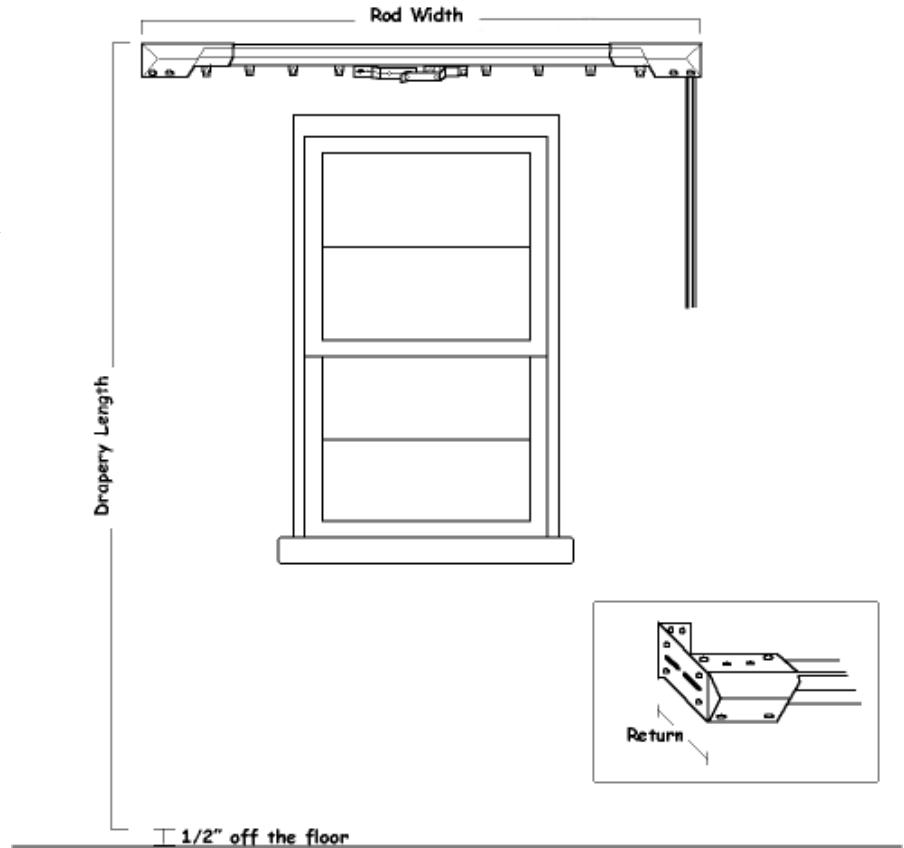
Rods are typically wider than the window to allow space for the drapery to stack off to the side this is called **stack space**. See chart below to determine proper rod width with stack space.

When determining the **length** of the drapery, measure from 4" above the window to approximately 4" below the window. If the drapery is to go to the floor, measure from where the top of the rod will be installed to 1" off the floor.

Drapery measurements are expressed in the following formula:

Number of draperies, Type, Rod Width x Length, Return

For example: 2 pair 48 x 60, 3" ret (or)
1 panel left 36 x 54, 6 " ret



Drapery Stack Space Chart
(Based on average pleating and medium weight fabric)

Window opening	Stack Space	Rod Width	Window opening	Stack Space	Rod Width
24"	21"	45"	78"	36"	114"
30"	23"	53"	84"	37"	121"
36"	25"	61"	90"	38"	128"
42"	26"	68"	96"	39"	135"
48"	29"	77"	102"	42"	144"
54"	30"	84"	108"	44"	152"
60"	31"	91"	114"	45"	159"
66"	32"	98"	120"	48"	168"
72"	34"	106"	.	.	.

For instructions on how to install draperies and rods see our articles "[How to Install a Drapery Rod](#)" and "[How to hang a Drapery](#)" located on this web site.