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1. Prepare for measurements

Curtain sometimes we called it drape is a piece of cloth which forms different heading styles for decorate the house. Curtain is the eyes of the windows, it should match with the house furniture etc. Curtains are more and more important in the human life in the future. To get a perfect curtains to your window, you need measure the window first. This and the next page will tell you how to measure for the different windows.

1.1. Things before you measure

- a. You need to get a solid measuring tape, a pen, a piece of blank paper to write down the measurements. The measuring tape would be a wooden or metal one and you'd better avoid using a cloth measuring tape.
- b. Always remember that width is the first measuring step, and measuring the drop comes secondly.
- c. You will measure your windows one by one. Because windows may appear the same size, yet their actual sizes may differ much.

Note: If possible you can ask a friend help you with measuring by holding one end of the measuring tape.

1.2. Steps when you measure the curtains

- a. First, you need verify the style of your window. It may be French window, a recessed window or a bay window.
- b. Secondly, make a decision whether you plan to hang your curtains with a curtain rod(pole) or a curtain track(rail). Don't worry if you have no ideas at this stage, please keep reading and you'll see which fits best.

c. Thirdly, take into account of curtain heading styles (like tab top, eyelet, pinch pleat) when calculating the width and drop of your curtains.

The preparing work is done. The next step is measure your window.

There are many different kinds of windows in the life. In this article we will introduce 3 kinds of window measurements and learn by analogy.

2. How to measure French Window

French window (see the following picture) is normally big or approach cover the whole wall. You can use either curtain rods or curtain tracks to decorate your window.



2.1. Measure the Width

Always remember that width is the first measuring step, and measuring the drop comes secondly. Now we are starting measure the width.



No matter whether you have install the curtain rod or curtain track, the position of the rod or track is similar as show in the picture above.

- a. If you don't have rod or track installed, the width you need to cover is $A+E+F$. This is also the length of the curtain rod(not included finials) or curtain track you need.
- b. If you have already installed a curtain rod or curtain track, just measure the rod(not included finials) or track length.

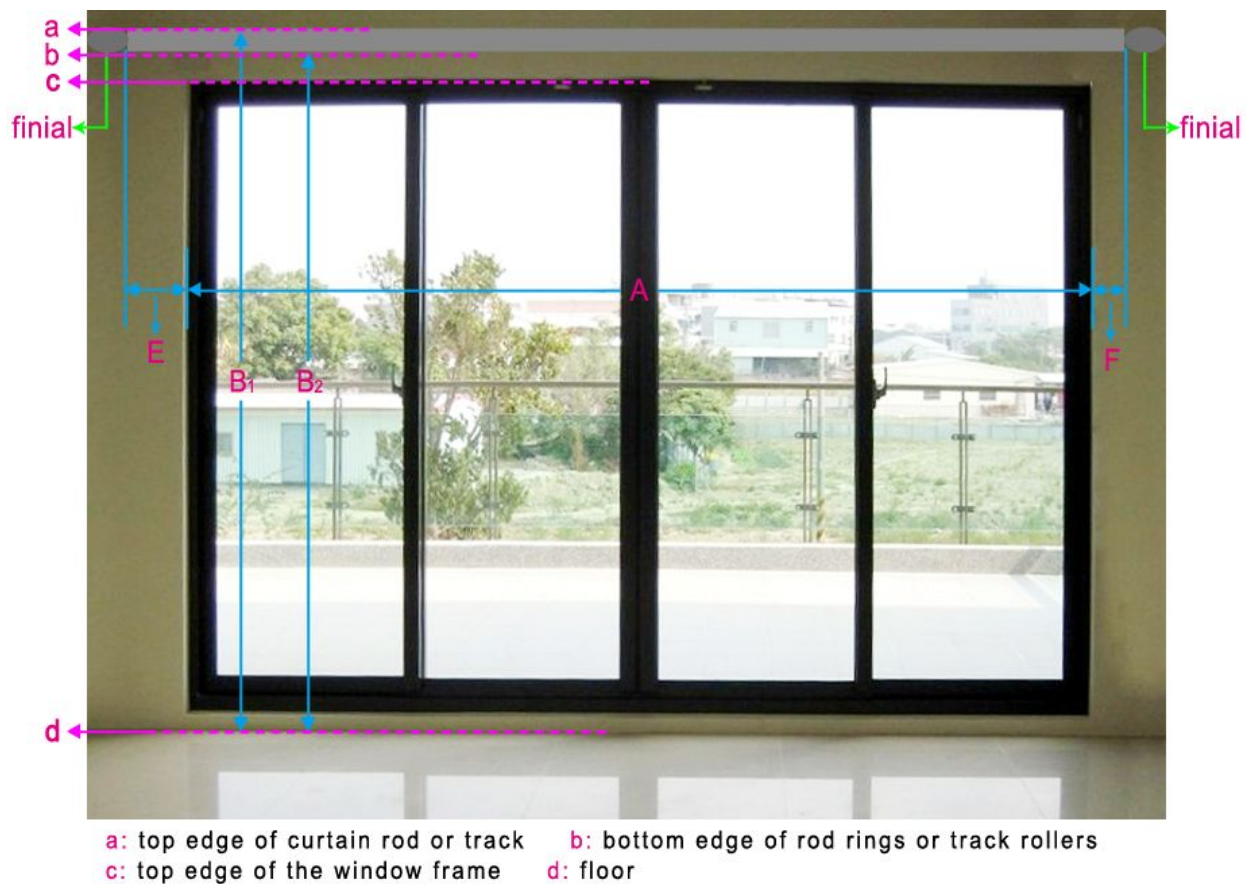
If there is not enough space, you can use rod ends (caps) instead of finials, or adjust the length of rod pole. For this larger window, you can select 2 panels to cover the window.

2.1. Measure the Drop

Before we measure the drops, we want to declare some points. No matter you use curtain rod or curtain track to hang your curtains, it's 2 kinds of ways to hang the curtains:

- a. Hang the curtains with curtain pole, it means that use pole without rod rings. Eyelet, tab top, concealed tab top, rod pocket headings fit this situation.
- b. Hang the curtains curtain hooks or curtain track rollers(someone called it runners), it means that the curtains are gathered by hooks and the hooks hang the curtains into the rod rings or track rollers. Pleat curtains fit this situation.

Now let's measure the curtain drop. See the picture below.



If you plan to use a curtain rod to hang your curtains, the drop is

- a. You select one of the eyelet, tab top, concealed tab top, rod pocket heading style, the drop is $B1 - 2\text{cm}$. That means from the top edge of curtain rod to the floor and minus 2cm.
- b. You select the pleat heading style, the drop is $B2 - 2\text{cm}$. That means from the bottom edge of curtain rod rings to the floor and minus 2cm.

If you plan to use a curtain track to hang your curtains, you must select the pleat heading style, and the drop is $B2 - 2\text{cm}$. That means from the bottom edge of track rollers to the floor and minus 2cm.

3. How to measure Recessed Window

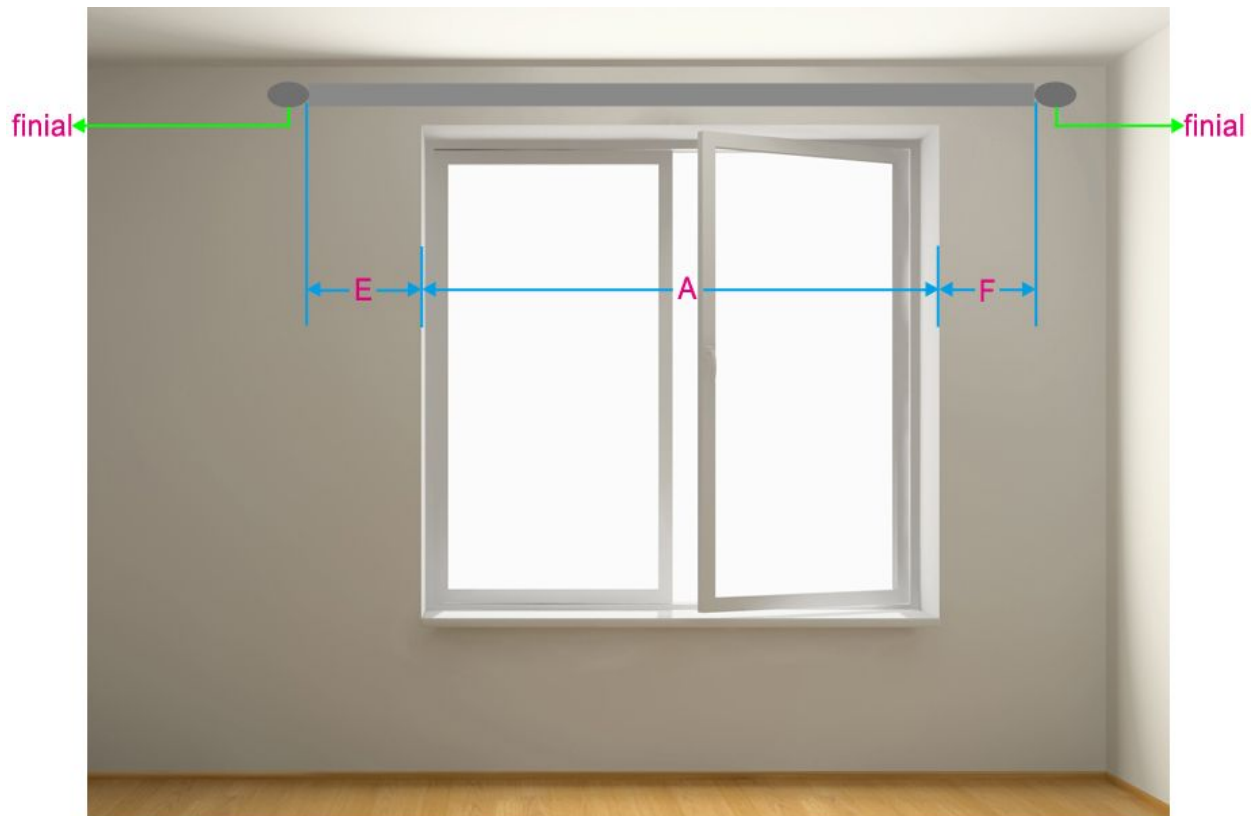
There are many different kinds of windows in the life. In this article we will introduce the recessed window measurements and learn by analogy.

Recessed window (see the picture below) usually small with a window frame in the wall. You should use curtain track if you want to hang up curtains inside the window frame and you can use both curtain rod and track if you want curtains to cover the whole window plus the frame and maybe the whole wall.



3.1. Measure the Width

No matter whether you have install the curtain rod or curtain track, we assume that the position of the rod or track installed outside the window frame as show in the picture below.

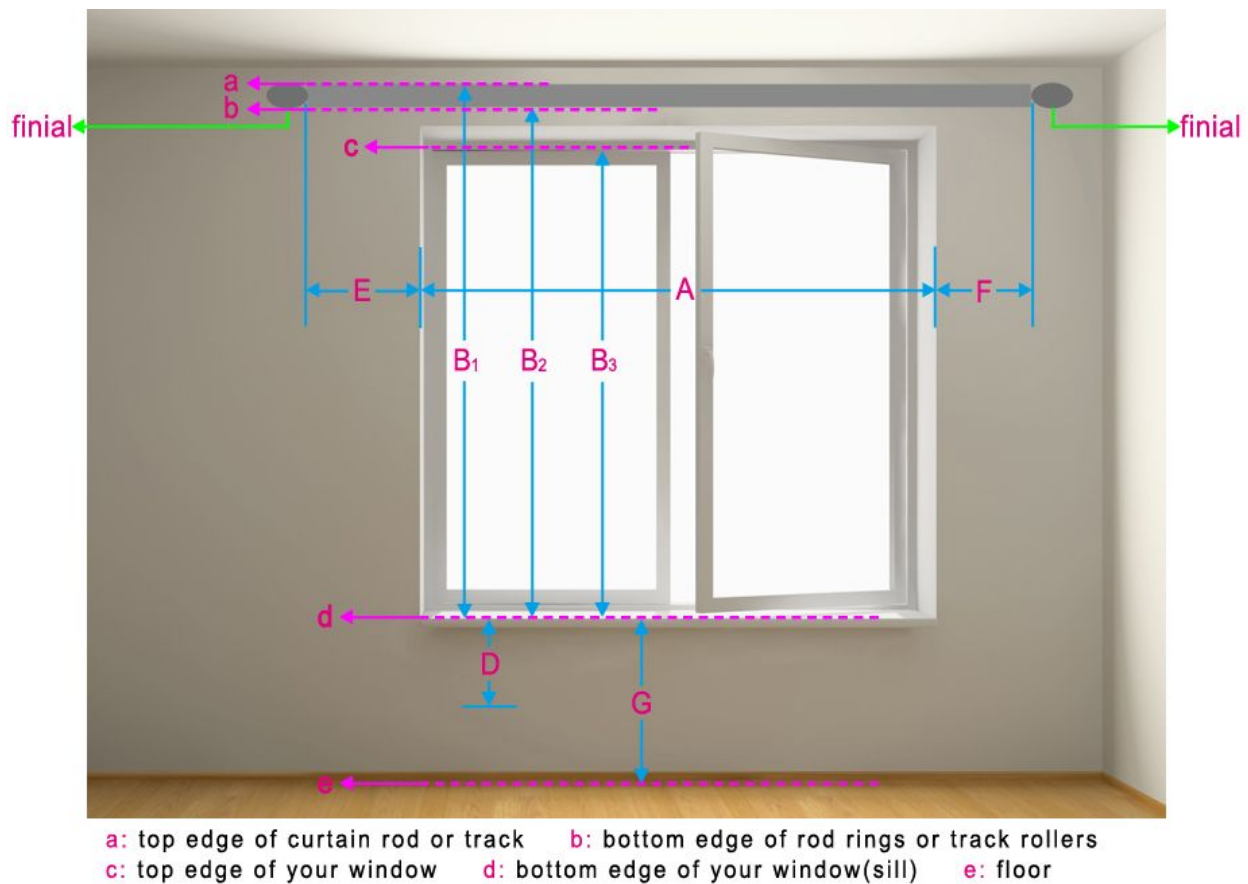


A: width of the window E: 15 cm is suggested F: 15 cm is suggested

- a. If you plan to hang up curtains outside the window frame, you can use either curtain rod or track. Length of curtain rod (not included finial) or track is $A + E + F$. E and F are suggested 15cm.
- b. If you want to hang up curtains inside the window frame, you can only use curtain track (ceiling mount) and the length of curtain track is the same as the width of the inner side of your window in the picture mark as A. At this time the curtain track should install inside the window frame.

3.2. Measure the Drop

Now let's measure the curtain drop. See the picture below.



If you plan to hang up curtains outside the window frame and select one of the eyelet, tab top, concealed tab top, rod pocket heading style, the drop is adjustable.

a. Drop 1: $B_1 + D$. That means from the top edge of curtain rod or curtain track to the below of the window sill, and D is normally 15cm ~ 20cm.

b. Drop 2: $B_1 + G - 2\text{cm}$. That means from the top edge of curtain rod or curtain track to the floor and minus 2cm.

If you plan to hang up curtains outside the window frame and select pleat curtain heading style, the drop is also adjustable.

a. Drop 1: $B_2 + D$. That means from the bottom edge of curtain rod rings or curtain track rollers to the below of the window sill, and D is normally 15cm ~ 20cm.

b. Drop 2: $B_2 + G - 2\text{cm}$. That means from the bottom edge of curtain rod rings or curtain track rollers to the floor and minus 2cm.

If you plan to hang up curtains inside the window frame, you have only one choice that is use the curtain track hang up your curtains and select pleat heading style for your curtains. The drop is $B_3 - 2\text{cm}$. That means from the bottom edge of track rollers to the above of the window sill and minus 2cm.

4. How to measure Bay window

A bay window (see the picture below) is a window space projecting outward from the main walls of a building and forming a bay in a room. The most common inside angles are 90, 135 and 150

degrees.



You could use a bendable curtain track if you want to hang up curtains inside the window, go along with bay window edge.

You can use both curtain rod and track if you want to hang up curtains above the window like french window.

4.1. Measure the Width

Remember that length of rod finials is not included when you measure the length of curtain rod.



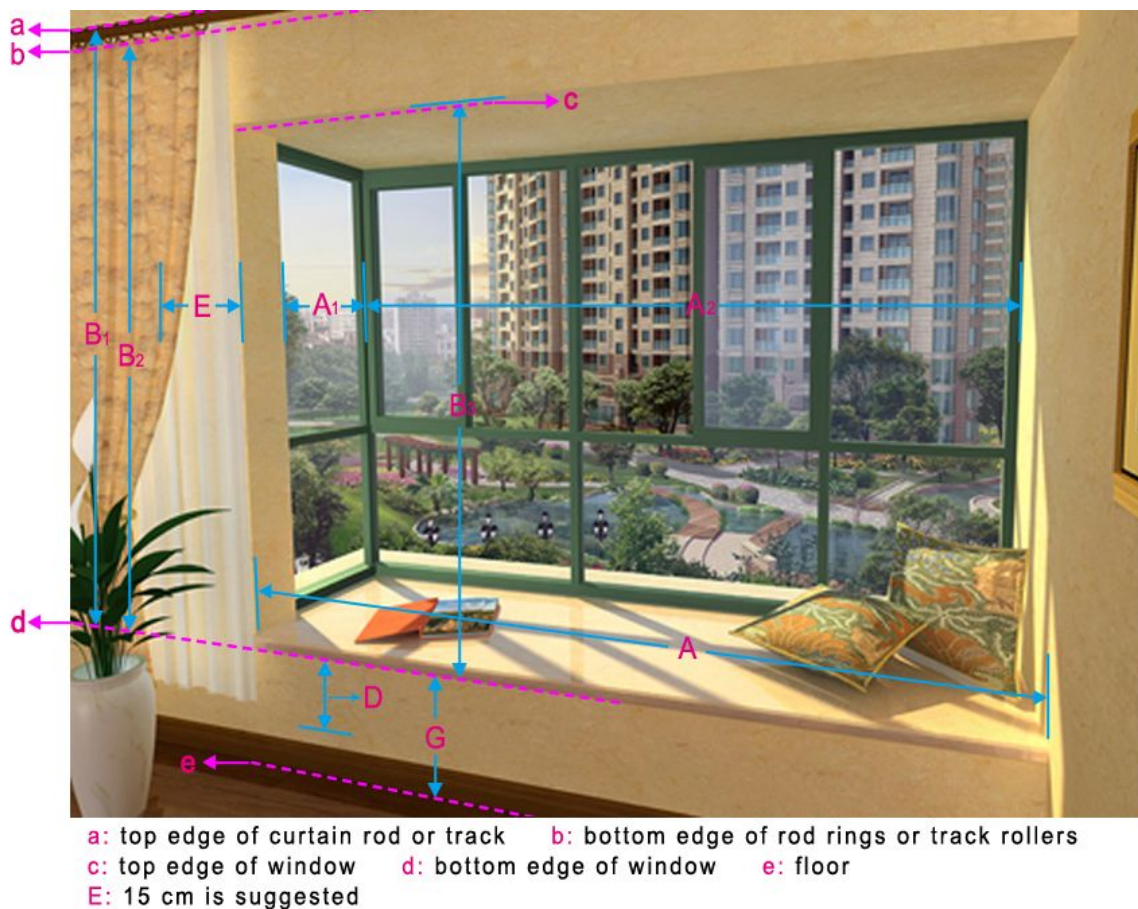
A: width of the window E: 15 cm is suggested
L: width along the top curved window frame

- a. If you want to hang up curtains inside the window along with the bay window edge, you can only use bendable curtain track with ceiling mount and the length of curtain track is the sum of the width of each window side (L: equal $A_1 + A_2$) minus 3m~6cm depending on the curve. Equal to $A_1 + A_2$
- b. If you want to hang up curtains above the window like french window, you can use curtain rod and curtain track. The length is $A + E$, plus another 15cm if there is enough space at the right side.

Note: Allow for additional 10cm to install each of the finial. If there is not enough space, you can use rod ends (caps) instead of finials, or adjust the length of rod pole.

4.2. Measure the Drop

Now let's measure the curtain drop. See the picture below.



If you plan to hang up curtains inside the window frame, you have only one choice that is use the bendable curtain track hang up your curtains and select pleat heading style for your curtains.

The drop is $B_3 - 2\text{cm} \sim 4\text{cm}$. That means from the top edge of track rollers to the bottom of window and minus $2\text{cm} \sim 4\text{cm}$.

If you plan to hang up curtains outside the window frame and select one of the eyelet, tab top, concealed tab top, rod pocket heading style, you must use curtain rod to hang the curtains, the drop is adjustable.

- a. Drop 1: $B1 + D$. That means from the top edge of curtain rod to the bottom edge of the window, and D is normally 15cm ~ 20cm.
- b. Drop 2: $B1 + G - 2\text{cm}$. That means from the top edge of curtain rod to the floor and minus 2cm. That means like the french window.

If you plan to hang up curtains outside the window frame and select pleat curtain heading style, the drop is also adjustable. You can use curtain rod and track.

- a. Drop 1: $B2 + D$. That means from the bottom edge of curtain rod rings or curtain track rollers to the below of the window, and D is normally 15cm ~ 20cm.
- b. Drop 2: $B2 + G - 2\text{cm}$. That means from the bottom edge of curtain rod rings or curtain track rollers to the floor and minus 2cm.

5. what size of curtains should you order

- a. First, you need to decide the curtain heading style
- b. Secondly, choose a proper fullness for that heading style (we have suggested the most proper fullness for every heading style for your reference).

Curtain fullness is the word to describe the density of fold (pleat or gathering) of curtains being hung up. It is the result of the total width of flat curtain panels divided by the width of area you'd like to cover (normally is the width of curtain rod or track).

If you still not sure how to measure your window, send us a photo of your window, we could marked the measurements for you.