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General Drapery Information

There are many different types of window treatments, but one of the most practical and well known is the “pinch-pleated drapery”.

There are also many other different headings for draperies (French pleat, inverted pleat, flat panel, etc) but pinch pleats are the ones that most people think of when they hear the word “drapery”.

These styles are generally hung from some type of traverse rod or pole; that allows the drapery panels to open and close (either by hand or traverse by pulling a cord) across the opening.

The five basic rod styles are:

Two-way draw traverse

One-way draw traverse (opening to the left)

One-way draw traverse (opening to the right)

Decorative traverse rod (there are many different styles of this type of rod, so shop around for a style and size that complements the room)

Wood pole with rings (these are open and shut by hand)

Because your draperies can last for years with proper care, we recommend that you do not scrimp on your drapery hardware. With the advent of high impact, self-lubricating plastics, and fiberglass core drapery cords, good traverse rods can last for the life of the draperies (and in some cases, even longer). Make sure that when you purchase your hardware, that the installation instructions for that rod are included.

Decorative rods come in all styles, shapes and sizes. You can buy complete sets, or “mix & match” poles (or rods), finials, brackets, and rings for a unique look. While high end decorative rods used to be available only through designers, now you can get a quality look for a less expensive price from the major chain stores, and home improvement outlets.

Have the proper tools to finish the job; this will enable you to hang your draperies easily. If you are not comfortable with tackling a job like that, look in the yellow pages under “window treatments” or “drapery installation” for a reputable installer in your area who can do the job professionally.

To finish...Draperies can be unlined or lined; for extra durability and energy savings, they can also be “inner-lined” (usually a piece of flannel between the face fabric and the regular lining). Draperies can also be made from sheer (very lightweight) material, lace, and other types of fabrics. Be sure to pick a fabric that is practical for the window you are covering, but that you are happy with as well. An informed salesperson at your local fabric store can help you make these choices.