

How to figure the number of widths needed for draperies

To calculate the number of widths:

1. you take the width of your rod (R), and add 12" (ex. 48" +12)
2. multiply that figure by 2.5 (this is the amount of fullness and can be varied)
3. then divide by 54.

So it would look like this

$$[(R + 12) \times 2.5] \div 54.$$

For a window with a rod width of 48" you would have

1. $48+12=60$
2. $60 \times 2.5= 150$
3. $(150) / 54= 2.77$ widths

so you would round "up to" three widths or 1 1/2 widths each side if it is a two way draw rod; or a single three width panel if it is a one-way draw.

Accuracy is key!

If you are starting a window treatment project, always write your measurements down immediately - don't rely on memory.

Do not measure with your tape upside down. As funny as this might seem, it is an easy way to transpose numbers.

The industry standard for window treatments is WIDTH first, then HEIGHT

And as always:

Remember to use a steel tape measure!