

**Curtain & Drapes** is a piece of cloth intended to block or obscure light. Commonly used to add style, beauty, attain privacy & enhances the overall look of a home or office. Although the words curtain and drape are commonly used interchangeably, drapes distinguish themselves by containing lining sewn onto the reverse side of the fabric. The purpose of the lining is to protect drapes and interior spaces from damaging due to ultraviolet rays, the rotting of silks, adverse light conditions (dim-out and blackout lining and fading colored dyes). Linings also provide an immediate aesthetic purpose by adding to the drapeability of the fabric; added weight helps to anchor the drape and creates a more full and luxurious window treatment. Unlike windows with drapes, windows with curtains lack the added benefit of light control and will exhibit a striping effect during daylight hours. Striping is a term that describes a visible striped effect caused by uneven light distribution between the areas of the curtain where it rests in front of the window juxtaposed with where it rests in front of the wall.

Curtains hung over a doorway are known as portières. Curtains are often hung on the inside of a building's windows to block the passage of light, at night to aid sleeping, or to stop people outside from being able to see inside & also for privacy reasons. In this application, they are also known as "draperies". Curtains come in a variety of shapes, materials, sizes, colors and patterns. Curtains vary according to cleanability, ultraviolet light deterioration, oil and dust retention, noise absorption, fire resistance, and life span. Curtains may be moved by hand, with cords, by press-button pads or remote-controlled computers. Curtains are a form of window treatment, and complete the overall appearance of the house. Window treatment helps control the ambiance and flow of natural light into the room. The effect of drapery or curtains is best seen in daylight, and with proper indoor light positioning, can look attractive even at night.

Curtains can be made from varying thicknesses of fabric, each with a differing degree of light absorption and heat insulating qualities. Curtains may be held back with tie-backs, a loop of cloth, cord, etc., placed around a curtain to hold it open to one side; typically passed through a ring on a hook attached to the wall, and fastened with a knot, button, or velcro; often adorned with tassels or may be closed and opened with sticks called draw-pulls or curtain rods which are attached either to the runner or to the first hook. On some curtain rails poles, there is a pulley system for opening and closing called a "corded curtain track". The knobs at the end of these cords are called cord pulls or "acorns". A roll-down or drop-down curtain has its fabric rolled around the curtain rod and is lowered down from above by a separate device. A curtain hook stopper is a device used to stop the curtain from falling off the end of the curtain rail.

Curtains are among the first details which add a dramatic focal point when you enter a room, there are many different styles of curtains and draperies which can be used in window treatment. Flat panel curtains are the easiest and the versatile curtains, where just pieces of fabric are boarded on all four edges and hung from the decorating curtains poles with a clip-on rings. The look is strongly influenced by the fullness of the curtains being used. Tab Top curtains were made with narrow straps, that loop or tie at the top edge, which are threaded through poles for curtains. This curtain style is often designed as two stationary panels at the sides of a window. Grommet Curtains are the type of curtains where the rings are inserted into a hole hem which hangs from the curtain poles. These curtains can be made with small grommet as well as large grommets. Sash curtains are mostly sheer fabric material used to cover the lower sash of the windows. Rod Pocket are the stylish and easy to sew curtains, where stitched pocket at the top of the curtain is shirred onto a curtain rod. Thermal or Blackout curtains use very tightly woven fabric, usually in multiple layer. They not only block the lights, but also serves as an acoustic controller.