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Curtain size chart by region

Ready-made curtain widths and drops, and the headings each region expects. They are reference sizes: curtains and drapes are made to your widths and drops.

Curtains and drapes sizes: United Kingdom and Ireland

Ready-made curtains are sold in pairs and quoted as width by drop, where the width is the flat width of each curtain. Sizes are still inch based underneath, so ranges quote 182 or 183 cm and 228 or 229 cm for the same 72 and 90 inch sizes.

Ready-made widths (each curtain, sold as a pair)

WIDTH OF EACH CURTAIN	SUITS A TRACK OR POLE OF
117 cm 46 in	Up to about 122 cm (48 in)
168 cm 66 in	About 122 to 198 cm (48 to 78 in)
229 cm 90 in	About 198 to 274 cm (78 to 108 in)

Three widths are the norm. Wider curtains exist in some ranges but are not a standard step.

Ready-made drops

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DROP	TYPICAL USE
137 cm 54 in	Sill or just below the sill
183 cm 72 in	Below the sill, over a radiator
229 cm 90 in	Floor length in a standard room
274 cm 108 in	Long drop, usually only in the widest width

Common headings

HEADING	AVAILABILITY
Pencil pleat (tape top)	Ready made, the long-standing default; hangs on a track or pole rings with hooks
Eyelet	Ready made; hangs straight on a pole
Slot top, hidden tab and multiway tape	Ready made in some ranges
Pinch pleat, wave	Usually made to measure only

Curtains and drapes sizes: United States and Canada

Curtains are sold as single panels in inches and the buyer takes as many panels as the window needs. Panel width varies between 42 and 54 inches, while the lengths are much more consistent.

Panel widths (single panel)

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PANEL WIDTH	WHERE IT SITS
107 cm 42 in	Entry-price panels
122 cm 48 in	Common in design-led ranges
127 cm 50 in	The most widely quoted standard width
132 cm 52 in	Common in mass-market ranges
137 cm 54 in	Common in mass-market ranges
254 cm 100 in	Double-width panel, usually with a centre seam

Some imported ranges are sold as pairs of 57 inch (145 cm) panels.

Panel lengths

LENGTH	TYPICAL USE
160 cm 63 in	Sill or apron length
213 cm 84 in	Floor length with a standard 8 foot ceiling; the volume size
241 to 244 cm 95 to 96 in	Hung high or with a 9 foot ceiling
274 cm 108 in	Tall rooms
300 to 315 cm 118 to 124 in	Extra long; quoted as 118, 120 or 124 inches depending on the range

Common headings

HEADING	NOTES
Rod pocket (pole pocket)	Very common, often combined with back tabs
Grommet	The US name for eyelet
Back tab	Hidden tabs behind the top hem
Pinch pleat	Sold ready made at the upper end, hung on rings

Curtains and drapes sizes: Continental Europe

Ready-made curtains are widely sold, usually as single panels about 140 cm wide, with the standard drops differing by country. Made to measure by the metre remains common for sheers and for better fabrics.

Ready-made panel sizes by country

MARKET	PANEL WIDTH	STANDARD DROPS	SOLD AS
Germany and Austria	140 cm 55 in	145, 175, 225, 245 cm 57, 69, 89, 96 in	Single panels
Germany and Austria, less common	135 cm 53 in	245, 300 cm 96, 118 in	Single panels
France	140 cm 55 in	240, 250, 260 cm 94, 98, 102 in	Single panels, sometimes pairs
France, less common	135 cm 53 in	240, 250 cm 94, 98 in	Single panels

MARKET	PANEL WIDTH	STANDARD DROPS	SOLD AS
Sweden and Denmark	140 cm 55 in	240, 250, 300 cm 94, 98, 118 in	Single panels or packs of two
Pan-European flat-pack ranges	145 cm 57 in	250, 300 cm 98, 118 in	Pairs, made long to be shortened

In France 140 x 260 cm is the dominant size. In Germany the drop is measured from the top edge of the fabric.

Common headings

HEADING	LOCAL NAME
Eyelet	Ösenschal (Germany), rideau à oeillets (France)
Gathering tape	Kräuselband (Germany), multiband (Nordics)
Tab top	Schlaufenschal (Germany), rideau à passants (France)

Curtains and drapes sizes: Australia and New Zealand

Ready-made curtains are sold in centimetres, either as fixed-width panels or by the track width they cover. They are not sold to the UK ladder of widths, and drops are longer because floor-length is the norm.

Fixed-width panels

PANEL WIDTH	SOLD AS
120 cm 47 in	Single panel, or two to a pack
140 cm 55 in	Single panel

PANEL WIDTH	SOLD AS
180 cm 71 in	Single panel
240 cm 94 in	Single wide panel, or a pair

Curtains sold by track width

COVERS A TRACK OF	NOTES
80 to 140 cm 31 to 55 in	Smallest band
140 to 220 cm 55 to 87 in	Most common band
220 to 270 cm 87 to 106 in	Wide windows
270 to 340 cm 106 to 134 in	Sliding doors

Bands differ a little between ranges, for example 120 to 180 cm, or 150 to 230 cm and 230 to 330 cm in New Zealand.

Ready-made drops

DROP	WHERE SOLD
213 cm 84 in	Australia, entry-price panels
221 to 223 cm 87 to 88 in	Australia, the usual standard drop
230 cm 91 in	Australia, online ranges

DROP	WHERE SOLD
250 cm 98 in	Australia, full-height windows
270 cm 106 in	Australia, extra-long drop
160 cm 63 in	New Zealand, short drop
205 cm 81 in	New Zealand, standard drop

Common headings

HEADING	NOTES
Eyelet	The most common ready-made heading
Pencil pleat	Standard for curtains sold by track width
S-fold (wave)	Sold ready made as well as made to measure
Pinch pleat	Sold ready made in some ranges

Curtains and drapes sizes: UAE and the Gulf

Ready-made curtains follow continental European metric sizing: panels 135 or 140 cm wide, with a 240 cm drop as standard and 300 cm for tall rooms. They are sold both as single panels and as two-piece sets, and eyelet headings dominate.

Ready-made panel sizes

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PANEL SIZE (WIDTH X DROP)	SOLD AS
135 x 240 cm 53 x 94 in	Single panel or two-piece set
140 x 240 cm 55 x 94 in	Single panel or two-piece set; the most common size
135 x 300 cm 53 x 118 in	Two-piece set
140 x 300 cm 55 x 118 in	Two-piece set

Sheers are sold in the same sizes as main curtains.

Common headings

HEADING	NOTES
Eyelet	Standard on almost all ready-made curtains

Curtains and drapes sizes: India

Curtains are sold by length in feet, named for the opening they cover: window, door and long door. Panels are about 4 feet wide and sold singly or in sets of two; imported flat-pack ranges are sold in centimetres.

Lengths

NAME	LENGTH	TYPICAL USE
Window, 5 ft	152 cm 60 in	Small and half-height windows

NAME	LENGTH	TYPICAL USE
Door, 7 ft	213 cm 84 in	Standard doors and balcony doors; the most common length
Long door, 9 ft	274 cm 108 in	Floor to ceiling and high ceilings

Panel widths

PANEL WIDTH	NOTES
122 cm 48 in	About 4 ft, the usual width for eyelet panels
132 cm 52 in	Used by some sellers
91 to 107 cm 36 to 42 in	Handloom and block-printed curtains, 3 to 3.5 ft, sold as single pieces
145 cm 57 in	Imported flat-pack pairs, with a 250 cm (98 in) drop

Common headings

HEADING	NOTES
Eyelet	The most popular heading
Rod pocket	Slides onto a slim rod
Tab top (loops)	Common on cotton and handloom curtains
Pinch pleat	Formal, hung with hooks on a track

Reference sizes that retailers in each region sell, not a universal standard. Everything we make is made to order,

so send the sizes in your own range and we confirm them before sampling.

How to measure curtains and drapes

1. Measure the track or pole, not the window, and multiply by the fullness the heading needs: about 1.5 to 2 times for eyelet, rod pocket and tab top, 2 to 2.5 times for pencil pleat and pinch pleat.
2. Check whether a quoted width is one curtain, one panel or the pair. UK pairs quote the width of each curtain; US, European and Indian sizes are usually one panel.
3. Measure the drop from where the heading hangs: the top of the pole for eyelets, the track or the ring eye for pencil pleat and pinch pleat.
4. Decide the hem finish first (sill, below sill, floor, or pooled), then choose the nearest ready-made drop above it, since a curtain can be shortened but not lengthened.
5. Treat ready-made drops as approximate and allow a tolerance of about 2 cm (1 in), plus shrinkage on natural fibres.