



5 Steps to Make Drapery Buying Easy

Buying custom draperies often seems like a daunting task. The diversity of styles, fabrics, rods, linings and mounting options can be overwhelming. In this article, we will make it much easier and understandable.

First, determine why you want custom draperies. Do you want to control the light and energy entering your home, or do you want to add style and personality, or both? Our interior designers can design a drapery that will fit your needs.

Second, find a style of drapery that you like. Look in magazines, on TV shows, in your friend's homes, books, or anywhere else you may see draperies. If you find something you like make a sketch or copy the picture to show to the designer. List the colors you like and the colors you already have in your home. If you like a certain pattern like paisley or flowers, let us know. All of these things are clues to what you like. We will use this information to make the perfect drapery for you.

Third, choose a fabric that you like. Fabrics come in infinite colors, patterns, materials, textures, opacities, weights, and finishes. You don't need to be a fabric expert, you just think about what you like and what you think is ideal. Our designers will come to your house and show you fabric samples. As you look at and comment on fabrics, we listen and further define your likes and dislikes. Believe me we have access to enough samples that we will find the perfect fabric for you.

Fourth, pick a trim and lining that compliments the drapery. Linings help to make the fabric last longer, hang straighter, and show its color better. They also can provide a contrasting color if desired or they can match colors and not even be noticed. It is your choice. Trims can be fringe, tassels, ribbons, tapes, a combination of all of the above, or more. You may decide that you do not want any trim. The important thing to remember is, "It is your choice". The drapery is custom made for you.

Fifth, pick a drapery rod. The rod holds the drapery on the wall and can be very elaborate and ornate or very simple. Rods can be small or large, with finials or without, or the drapery treatment can be board mounted. Our interior designer will help you determine the proper way to hang the drapes.

These steps may seem difficult, but with the designers from Beyond Blinds, Inc. they are very easy. Please contact us today.