

# Uplifting Custom Shades

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**Y**ou have never seen such a hub of activity as I have recently. In preparation for the International Window Coverings EXPO, Susan Schurz, Laurie Medford and Amy Johnson teamed up to create many beautiful items, including drapery panels, cornices, headboards, and this beautiful, functional and extremely unique Roman shade. It combines Finestra® Decorative Hardware with the EZ-Rig™ shade system from Rowley Company.

To achieve this unique look, the Finestra team routed out a 2-inch square pole to accommodate the EZ-Rig headrail. The shade was sewn from a luxurious, copper-red and gold fabric from Greenhouse Fabrics and attached to the front of the headrail, which was then mounted to the customized square pole. A hand-applied paint finish on the square rod highlights the copper in the fabric. To give the shade added dimensionality, a cut-out banner was added, using ContourFlex for body. The finishing touches included beautiful trim and copper-painted Finestra tassels.

The team selected the EZ-Rig shade system because the headrail has such a low profile and fits nicely in the routed-out portion of the pole; and the system could be assembled in a snap. Workrooms that have tried the EZ-Rig love it due to the ease of use and simplicity.

I have to say, it was so much fun watching their creativity come to life with this project! You can create projects like this, too. Rowley Company offers customization of Finestra Decorative Hardware and, through our Custom Solutions program, shade systems like the EZ-Rig. We have more innovative Custom Solutions coming out soon. To obtain a quote on your custom project, just contact Rowley Company's customer service department.

We also have the EZ-Rig shade system webinar recorded and available for viewing anytime on our website. We hope this project will inspire your creativity! With Custom Solutions from Rowley Company and Finestra Decorative Hardware, the possibilities are endless. ✨

