Pleated-to-Pattern Panels & Bead Chain Tiebacks

Follow along as we fabricate four drapery panels that are pleated-to-pattern with inverted box pleats and a double header. Also, we've created unique tiebacks from AriA™ Antiquities hardware and metal bead chain that seamlessly fit into our stylishly curated living room space.

Materials & Supplies

Rowley Products	SKU
Bias Tape Folder	WWT25
Fusible Bias Tape Maker	WWT24
Sealah No-Sew Adhesive Tape	SLT50/
Glass Head Straight Pins	TP49
Cambridge Napped Sateen Lining	LNW48/
Lead Drapery Weights, Square	LW45
#10 Metal Bead Chain – Nickel	BCH10
AriA™ Antiquities Fixed Pole	FM138206/PN
AriA™ Antiquities Saxon End Cap	FM138190/PN
R-TEX Silicone Release Paper for Adhesive Webbing	FW31/
John James Hand Sewing Needles	TP118
A&E Upholstery Thread	TU6K/
Gutermann Polyester Thread	TG1M/
Crimp Stop for Metal Bead Chain – Silver	BCC20

Other Materials Used:

Barge Glue
Q-Tips
Wire Cutters / Needle Nose Pliers
Jewelry Wire
¼" Drill Bit for Metal

Pleated-to-Pattern Panels & Bead Chain Tiebacks: Step-By-Step Instructions

Our drapery panels finished at 18" W x 102" L with returns on both sides and matching patterns across all four panels.

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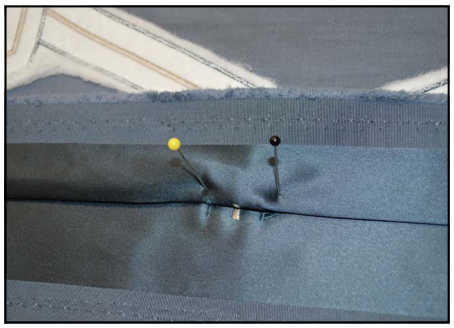
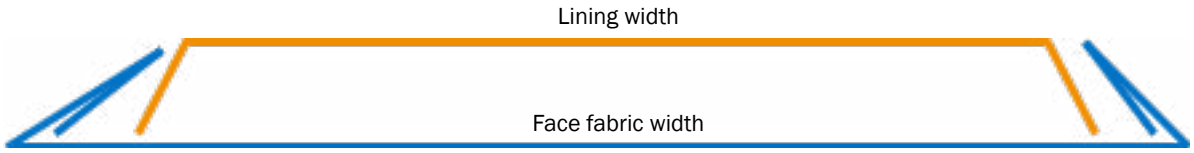
Making the Panels:

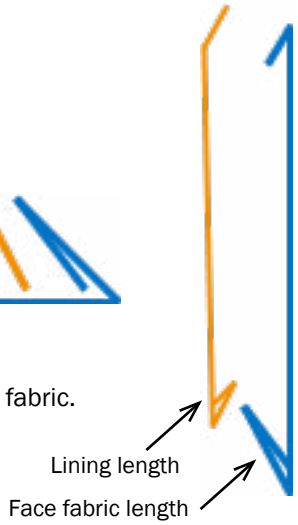
Preparing the Pieces:

1. Cut face fabric to Finished Length (FL) plus 2" (lo-bulk header) plus 8" (standard bottom hem).
2. Cut and join widths to get to width needed, matching patterns.



3. Cut lining to FL minus 1" plus 2" (header) plus 6" (standard bottom hem).
4. Cut and join lining widths to get to flat measurement of panel needed prior to pleating.

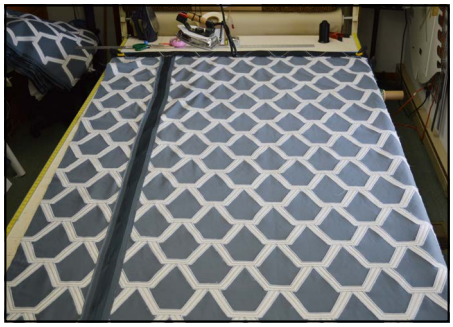




5. At the top of the lining, fold over 2 ½" and press. This will finish ½" shorter than the top header fabric.
6. Fold in and press a double 3" bottom hem.
7. Close hem on lining using your preferred method.
8. Press all join seams open.

Preparing the Panel:

1. Lay the joined panel face down on the table.
2. Press in a 2" header
3. Fold up and press in a double 4" bottom hem. Close hem.



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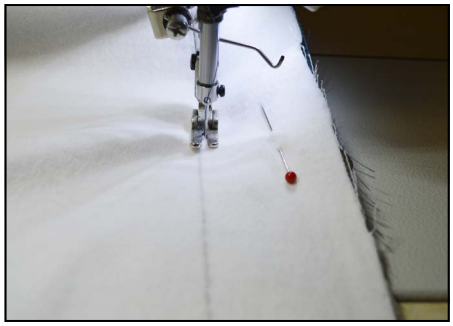
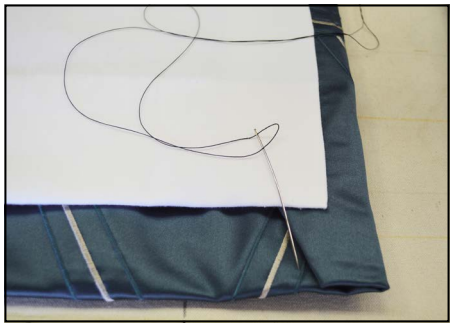
4. Lay the lining on the face fabric, right sides together, so the lining hem is 1" up from the bottom of the panel and so that one long side is even with a long side of the face fabric.
    - **A.** You will have more face fabric than lining fabric.
5. On the lining, measure over 1 ½" on both long sides and draw stitch line.
6. Pin lining to face fabric so both sides are even.
7. Sew on both stitch lines to join lining to face fabric.
8. Turn right sides out, fold seam allowance out toward outside of panel and press.

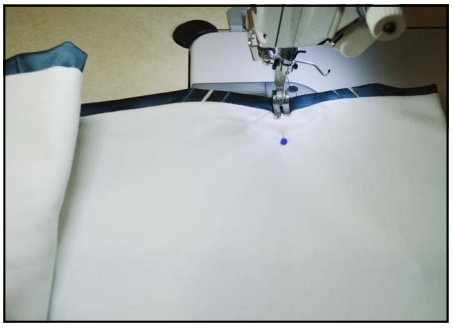


9. At the bottom, turn under face fabric, add drapery weights and hand close.
10. At the top of the lining, add a row of Sealah tape between the lining and the face fabric.
11. Pressure fit together then iron to set in permanent.



Finishing the Panel:

1. Mark for return, pleat, space, etc, return on each panel, marking for the bulk to go to the back.
2. At the machine, sew in pleats.
3. Flatten pleats to the back for an inverted box pleat and tack.



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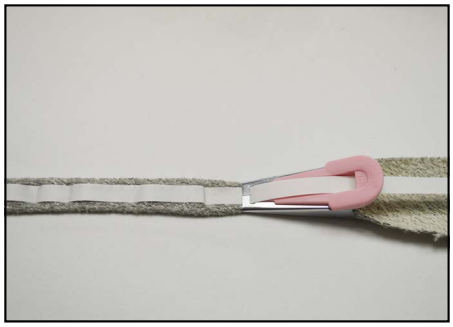
Adding the Banding Detail:

1. Choose the appropriate Bias Tape maker for your look.

2. Cut strips wide enough to fold 3x and long enough to cover the FW of the panel plus 4".

3. Make bias tape, adding fusible tape on the back.



4. Place bias tape on the panel.

5. Remove the back paper and iron to set.

6. At the machine, follow the geometric pattern of the fabric and top stitch.

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Making the Metal Bead Chain Tiebacks:

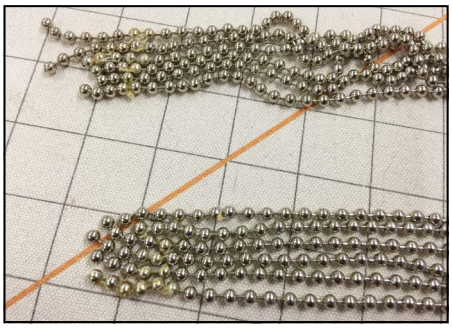
Preparing the Pieces:

1. Cut hardware rod to 4".
2. File both ends until smooth.
3. Mark the center of an End Cap and drill a ¼" hole through the top.

4. Cut 5 lengths of #10 bead chain to 40".
5. Cut 24 lengths of #10 bead chain to 20", then divide into groups of 6.
6. Cut a length of craft wire about 20".
7. Cut one length of chain that is twice the width of the finished drapery plus about 10".

Making the sections of chain:

1. Lay each group of 6 chains flat so sides touch each other.
2. Run a row of glue across the top 1" to connect all 6 lengths.
3. Let dry overnight.



4. Take 2 of the longer chains and find the center.
5. Wrap the craft wire around the two to connect.
6. Manipulate the wire so it sits perpendicular to the two bead strands.

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7. Add the three strands and connect with a wire twist.

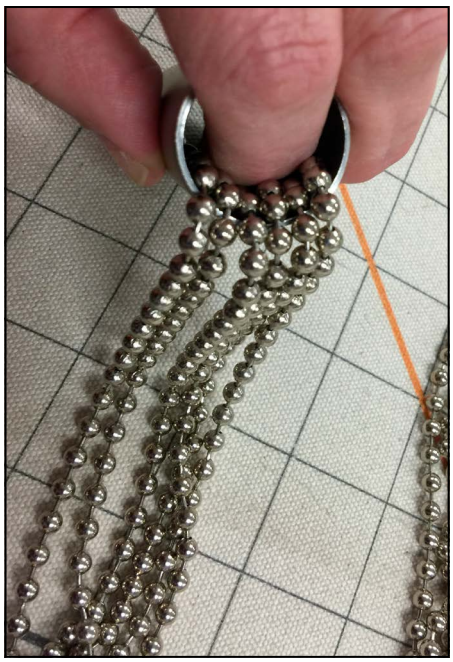
8. Set this aside for now.

Putting the Tieback Together:

1. Dab a small amount of glue inside the tube where your first section of glued chain will sit.

2. Add the first section and let dry overnight.

3. Keep adding sections and letting dry until the inside of the tube is covered.



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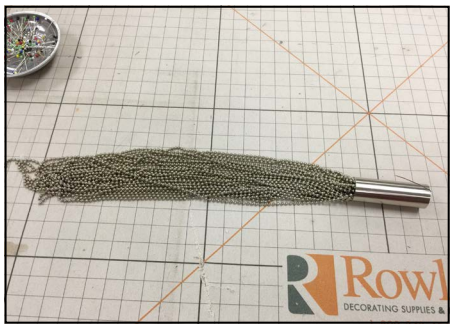
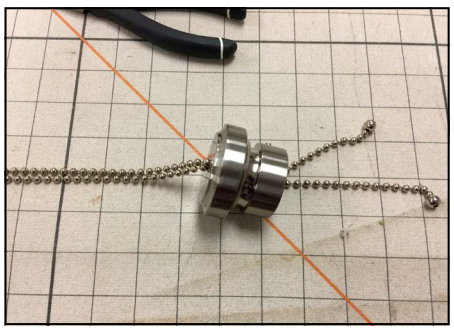
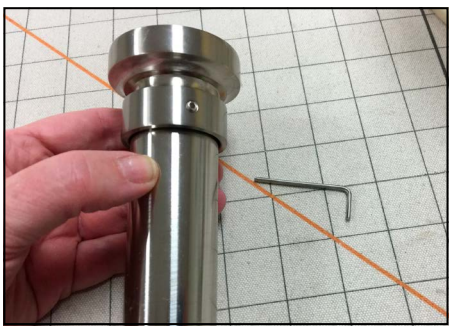
4. Using the prepared center piece, pull it up through the center from the bottom until 2" sticks above the top.
5. Run a row of glue around the fattest part of this section and drop it back into the tube.
6. Bend the wire to sit over the top of the tube to hold things in place.
7. Let dry overnight.



Finishing the Tieback:

1. Load the last length of bead chin into the drilled top one leg at a time so the legs end inside.
2. Crimp on a crimp stop on both legs.
3. With pliers, pull the chain through so just the crimp stops rest at the top of the end cap.
4. Cut the craft wire and tuck ends into tube.
5. Place end cap on top of tube and tighten with an Allen wrench.





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