

Shower Curtain with Inverted Box Pleat

Materials and Supplies:

- Face Fabric
- Lining Fabric
- Draperies pin hooks - #DPHD or DPRD
- Vinyl Covered Lead Free Drapery Weight - #SW37
- Decorative pole rod with inside mount brackets and 12 rings
- Standard width shower curtain liner
- General sewing tools and supplies



** This custom shower curtain has tailored style inverted box pleats and fits within a standard tub/shower opening.

Step-by-Step:

1. Measure for finished length. Figure for two cuts (widths) of 54" wide or wider material allowing for 18" extra for bottom hem and heading. Pre-plan seam placement based on the pleats and spaces detailed below. You may use one seam near the center or split one width and place seams to each side of one width. Try to place the seam or seams within pleats and not in spaces. Note: this is an inside mount; there are no overlaps and returns.
 - a. Standard tub opening = 59" + add 1 ½" allowance for ease = 60 ½" finished width after pleating.
 - b. Shower curtain will have 11 spaces @ 5 ½" and 10 pleats at approximately 4" each, beginning and ending with a space.
 - c. After the fabric and lining pieces are seamed together, trim away any excess material off each side to allow for preferred seam placement. Fold in a 4" doubled hem at the bottom of the face fabric and a 3" doubled hem to the lining fabric. Use vinyl covered weights for seams. Finish hems by blind hemming or hand sewing. Place face fabric on work table face down and top with lining fabric, face up and 1" shorter than the face fabric at the bottom. Smooth lining over face fabric and trim away excess on side edges (Photo 1).

2. Fold in side 1 ½" doubled side hems along each side. Pin in place. Measure length from the bottom to the top, folding over fabric and lining at the finished length. Press with an iron to create a crease at the finished length. Measure 8" and trim away any excess material. Fold over to create a 4" doubled heading and secure with pins or fabric staples. Note: No buckram is used. Finish side hems by blind hemming or hand sewing. Mark for pleats by pinning together and sew from the top to the bottom of the heading with the fullness facing to the back side (Photo 2).



Photo 1



Photo 2

3. After the pleats are sewn-in, flatten the fullness of the pleat equally on each side of the seam and sew within the seam from the front using a matching thread (aka “stitch-in-the-ditch”) (Photo 3).



Photo 3

4. Place a drapery pin hook at the back of each pleat in the seam-line and at the distance from the top needed for the eyelet in the rings being used (Photo 4).



Photo 4

5. Slip the grommets of the shower curtain liner over the pin hooks (Photo 5). Install pole rod with rings in brackets and install shower curtain.
6. For ease of operation, apply Silicone Spray to the top of the rod by spraying on a paper towel and wiping it along the top of the rod. Caution: Do not spray near or on floors or tub creating a slipping hazard.



Photo 5

7. Dress the shower curtain by folding the spaces to the front of the rod (Photos 6 & 7).

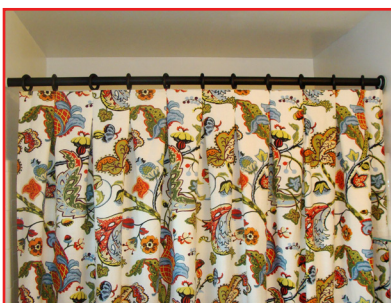


Photo 6



Photo 7