

StayFold Drapery Fold Control Devices STF5 & STF6 Installation Instructions

Please read all instructions before starting

INTRODUCTION:

Instructions for pleated or Shirred on lined panels that have one width of material between 48" - 60".

NOTE: For unlined panels, the adhesive pocket tape is optional.

INSTRUCTIONS:

Step 1. Determine whether you will need the 5 Fold or the 6 Fold StayFold. Instructions are the same for each.

A. 5 Fold:

One width of material naturally wants to form 5 pleats, therefore forming 5 Folds. Sometimes the width of fabric chosen is wider and wants to form 6 pleats. Therefore, use the 6 Fold.

B. 6 Fold:

Shirred on rod pocket type drapery generally wants to form several folds. Therefore, a 6 Fold would be more accommodating for that natural look. Usually, this will be the case for normal weight fabrics. If you have heavier weight fabric, you may only form 5 Folds even on the Shirred drapery.

If there is a preference of either 5 or 6 Folds, it is suggested to specify the amount of pleats desired upon ordering your panels with the fabricator.

For panels with one and one half widths of material, the StayFolds can be overlapped to accommodate the panel. Simply cut one end return off of two StayFolds. Remember, you only need a return on each end of the device, not in the center. Because the StayFolds rest into either the hem or the pocket tape attached to the panel, there is no need to fasten the StayFolds together.

Step 2. Lay drapery panel face down on a flat surface, lining side up. Ensure that the lining and face fabric are laying flat and line up evenly at the bottom to avoid any possible wrinkling.

Step 3. Remove self-adhesive pocket tape from bag and determine which side of the tape would allow the legs of the StayFold to enter.

Step 4. Peel back 4" or so of the paper liner of tape to reveal the adhesive strip.

Step 5. Approximately 1/4" from the left end of the panel, begin applying the pocket tape so that the tape is covering both the end of the lining and face fabric equally. Remember, we do not want to see the pocket tape from the front of the panel.

Step 6. Continue to peel off the paper liner of the adhesive tape and firmly press the pocket tape onto lining and face fabric. Cut off any excess pocket tape that would extend over 1/4" to right end of panel.

Step 7. Hang drapery panel as normal.

Step 8. Place StayFold behind the panel. Starting at the top of the panel, use the StayFold to accentuate the natural folds of the panel.

On pleated drapery panels, these folds are predetermined during fabrication. Shirred on panels have less predominant folds and encouragement will help to form the desired look.

Step 9. With one hand, hold the StayFold horizontally with the legs directed downward. With the other hand, press the fabric of the panel against the body of the StayFold, conforming the desired folds.

Continue to hold this desired configuration and move the StayFold downward until the prongs reach the pocket tape. Turn the panel 180 degrees to view the back of the panel.

You will then see where the prongs of the StayFold line up with the pockets of the tape. The pockets are conveniently spaced about 3/8" apart to allow flexibility to ensure uniformity of the folds. Insert the center prongs first and adjust the fabric accordingly to have equal and natural looking folds. Always apply the prongs on the returns last.