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Donna Babylon demonstrates a great drapery technique using grommets and shares some tips for making draperies.

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Round Up The Following:
Decorator fabric for the curtain*
Coordinating fabric for the upper cuff (only if your are making version 1)*
Lining fabric*

Thread to match decorator and lining fabrics

Decorative rod (no larger than 1 3/8-inch diameter), mounting brackets, and finials

Large grommets, 1 9/16-inch diameter (an even number for each curtain panel)

*Calculated to fit your window.

Suggested fabrics for this project include drapery-weight cotton fabric, quilt-weight cotton fabric, linen, silk, or jacquard.

Go Figure

1. Mount the rod above the window. Measure from the top edge of the curtain rod to the desired finished length. That's measurement A: ____.
2. Add 10½ inches to this measurement to get measurement B: _____. This is the cut-length measurement.
3. Measure the distance between the brackets and multiply this number by 1½ or 2 (depending on how full you want the curtain to be). That's measurement C: ____.
4. The width of your fabric is measurement D: ____.
5. Divide C by D to get measurement E: _____. Round up to the nearest whole number. This is the number of fabric widths you need to cut.
6. The fabric's repeat distance (if applicable) is measurement F: ____.
7. Divide B by F to get measurement G: _____. Round up to the nearest whole number. This is the additional amount of fabric needed (in inches) to match the repeat design.
8. Multiply F by G to get measurement H: ____.
9. Multiply H by E to get measurement I: ____.
10. Finally, divide I by 36 inches for the total yardage needed for the decorator fabric for the lower section: _____.

Lining

1. Measure from the top edge of the curtain rod to the desired finished length. Add 7½ inches to get BB: _____. This is the cut-length measurement for the lining.
2. Multiply BB by E (determined above): _____.
3. Finally, divide by 36 inches for the total yardage needed for the lining fabric: _____.

On the Cutting Edge

1. Straighten one end of the fabric. Cut one fabric width to the cut-length measurement (B).
2. Using this panel as a guide, cut additional fabric widths (E). Don't forget to match the design repeats as you cut the additional fabric widths.

Lining

1. Straighten one end of the lining fabric. Cut one fabric width to the cut-length measurement (BB).
2. Cut additional fabric widths (E).

Version 1

Divide the decorator fabrics widths to create two curtain panels according to the number of widths you cut. Then sew the widths right sides together to create separate panels; match repeats if necessary. Finish seams as desired (use a zigzag stitch or pink the raw edges). Press the seams open.

1. Stitch the lining fabric widths together as needed. Cut the lining 6 inches narrower and 1 inch shorter than each curtain panel.
2. Hem the bottom edge of each lining panel with a double 3-inch hem.
3. Hem the bottom edge of the curtain panel with a double 4-inch hem.
4. Center the lining over the curtain panel, right sides together. The curtain panel should extend 3 inches beyond each side edge of the lining. Pin, making sure the top edges of the decorator and lining fabrics are even and the bottom edge of the lining is 1 inch shorter than the curtain panel. Stitch the fabrics together along the

top edge.

5. Bring the lining over to the wrong side of the decorator fabric. Press the top edge smooth, including the remaining 1/2-inch top seam allowance that extends on each side of the lining. Stitch close to the top edge through all layers to prevent the lining from showing on the right side.
6. Hem the side edges of each curtain panel with a double 1 1/2-inch hem, encasing the lining into the hem. Optional: Diagonally fold the bottom edge of the side hem to form a mitered corner. Hand stitch in place.

The Finish Line

1. On the lining, draw a line across the width of the curtain 2 1/2 inches from the top finished edge.
2. Plan the placement of the grommets. The centers of the first and last grommet should be 2 inches from each side edge. Divide the remaining area evenly for the number of grommets you are using. Always use an even number of grommets.
3. Position the grommet template (included in the grommet package), on the drawn line and trace the slots at each grommet mark. Pin around the mark so the fabric does not shift. Cut out the grommet circle. Follow the package directions to insert the grommets.
4. Insert the rod through the grommets.
5. Attach the rod to the brackets.
6. With your hands, arrange your curtains into attractive folds.

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