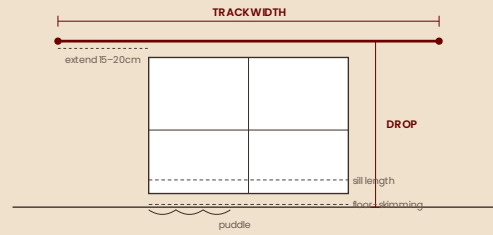


How to Measure: Curtains

A quick guide to get your numbers in the right ballpark before your consultation — your retailer will take the final, on-site measurements.



Track width is measured along the wall, not the window — drop is measured from the track down to your chosen finish length.

01 Choose your fixing

Decide between a **ceiling-mounted** track, which lets curtains run flush to the wall and draws the eye upward, or a **wall-mounted** track or pole. This decision changes where you take your measurements from, so settle on it first.

02 Measure the width

Measure the wall space where the **track itself** will run — not just the window opening.

- Extend the track at least **15–20cm beyond the window frame on each side**, so curtains can stack back off the glass when open.
- Go wider still for large windows, patterned fabrics, or a fuller wave heading.

03 Measure the drop (length)

Measure from where the track or pole will sit down to your chosen finish point:

- **Sill length** — stops just below the windowsill
- **Floor-skimming** — finishes 1–2cm above the floor
- **Puddle** — extra fabric pools gently on the floor

If your floor isn't perfectly level, take the drop at both ends and use the longer measurement.

04 Match the track to the fabric

Heavier interlined or blackout curtains sit best on a stronger, often motorised track. Lightweight sheers and voiles hang beautifully from a hand-drawn track. Fullness also varies by heading — a wave heading typically needs around 2–2.2× the track width in fabric, while pencil or pinch pleat can need up to 2.5×. We'll confirm the exact fullness once you've chosen your fabric and heading.

A few things to double-check

- Ceiling height, coving or any obstructions if you're ceiling-fixing
- Radiators, skirting boards or handles that could interrupt the stack-back
- A nearby power point if you're considering a motorised track
- Ceiling-to-floor height, taken at both sides of the window