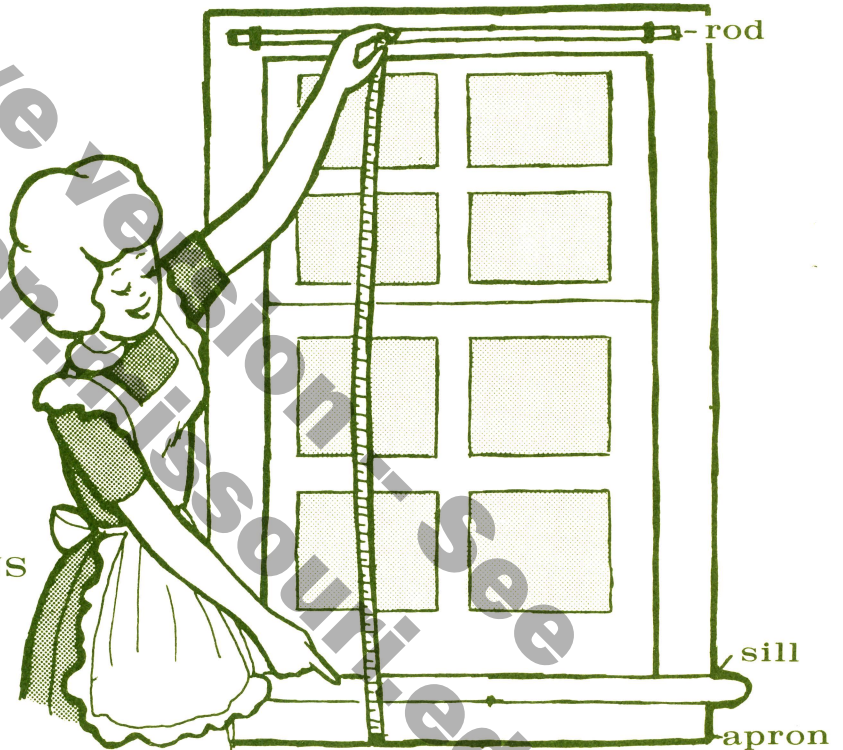


EASY-TO-MAKE CURTAINS



'Hi, I'm Mrs. Handy Homemaker. I heard you wanted to make some curtains, and I thought I could help you. Won't your family be proud of you! Your room will be so pretty. And, if you close your curtains, people outside the house can't see into your room.



HERE'S HOW TO MAKE CURTAINS

Step 1

Put up your curtain rod.

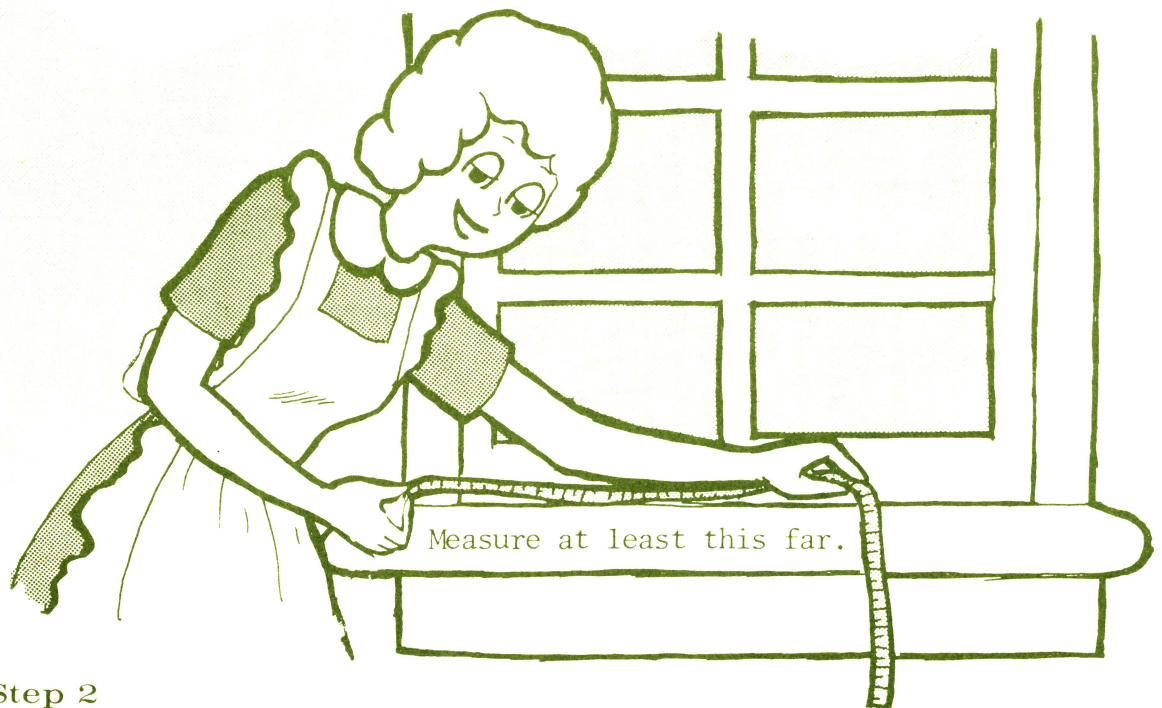
Measure your window from the top of the rod to the apron. _____ inches

Add 7 inches. This will be enough extra material for the hems and a heading above the rod.

+ 7 inches

This is how long you make your curtains.

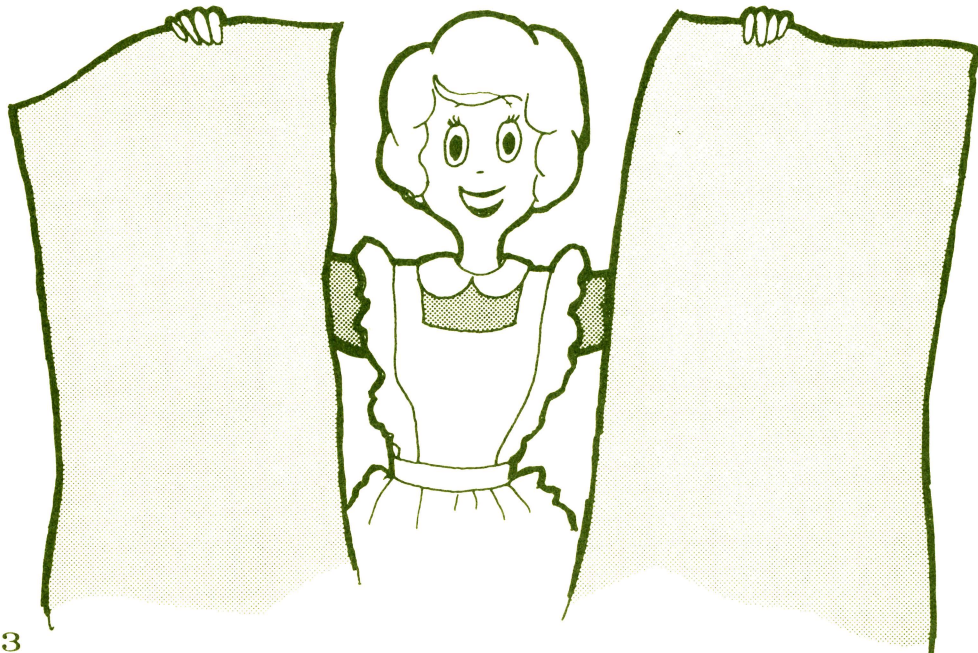
_____ total inches



Step 2

Measure at least $\frac{3}{4}$ of the way across your window. _____ total inches

Make each curtain this wide. Then you will have plenty of fullness.

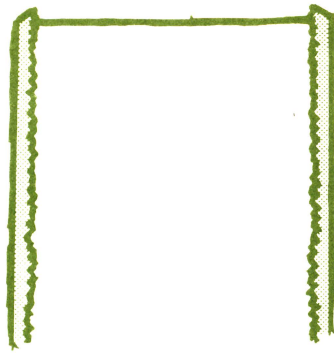


Step 3

You need 2 curtains at each window.

Cut each curtain as long as the total inches in Step 1.
Cut each curtain as wide as the total inches in Step 2.

$\frac{1}{4}$ " (A)



(B)



(C)

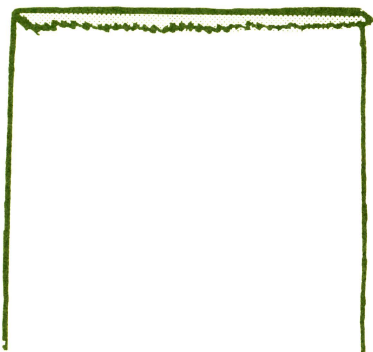


Step 4

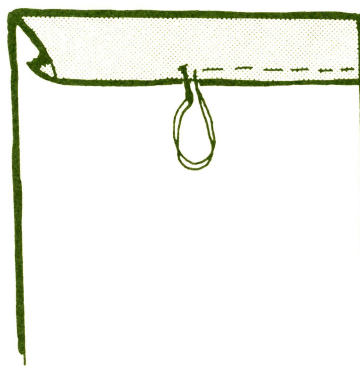
Hem the sides of the curtains. This is how you do it:

- (A) Turn under the raw edge ($\frac{1}{4}$ inch). Iron it down.
- (B) Then make about a $\frac{3}{4}$ -inch hem.
- (C) Iron the hem. Then sew it. (You can sew by hand or on the machine.)

$\frac{1}{4}$ " (A)

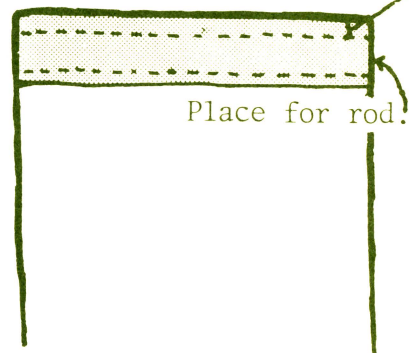


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(C)

Heading about 1 inch.



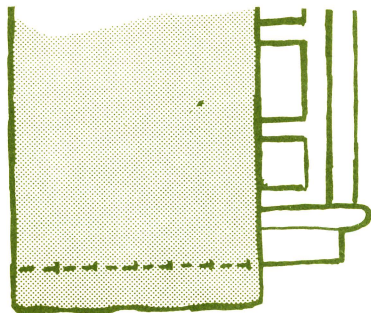
Place for rod.

Step 5

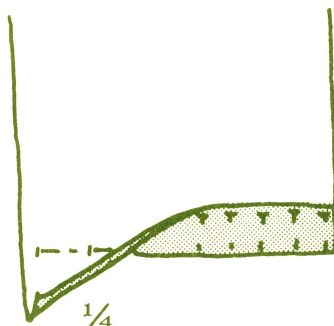
Next, hem the top this way:

- (A) Turn under the raw edge ($\frac{1}{4}$ inch). Then iron it.
- (B) Make a hem that is about $1\frac{1}{2}$ inches wider than your rod.
- (C) Iron the hem. Then sew it.
Sew 1 inch from the top of the curtain. This make a heading above the rod.

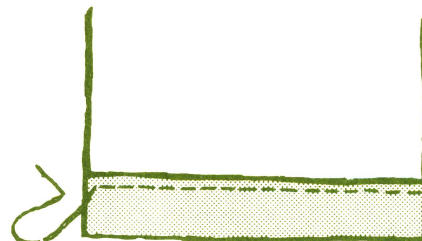
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(B)



(C)



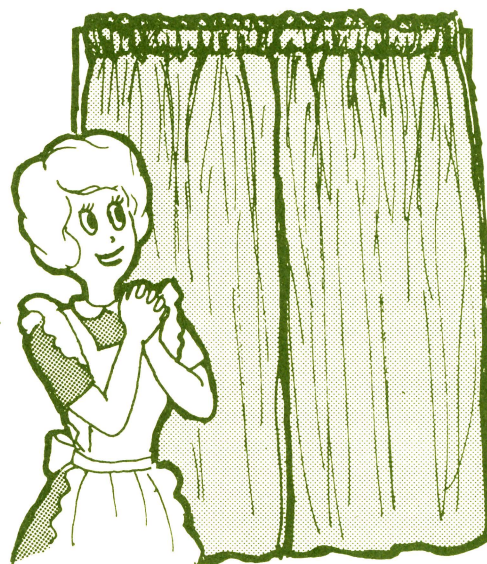
Step 6

This is how you hem the bottom.

- (A) Hang your curtain on the rod so you can get it exactly as long as you want it. Put pins where you will turn up the hem.
- (B) Take the curtains down. Turn under raw edge $\frac{1}{4}$ inch. Iron it down. Turn up the hem on the line of pins. Take these pins out as you pin the hem up.
- (C) Iron the hem. Then sew it.
- (D) Iron the curtains.

Now hang your curtains. Aren't they pretty!

Don't you want to make curtains for your other windows?



Penny Saving Ideas

- * If you do not have enough cloth for your curtains, then sew pieces (scraps) of different colors together. Sew them together like you would make a patchwork quilt.
- * You can make patchwork cushions for chairs. Then your chairs and curtains will match.
- * You can use a straight stick or tree branch for a curtain rod. A straight reed or an old fishing pole is good, too. Use the crooks of a tree branch to hold the rod up.

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