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The Complete Photo Guide To Window Treatments: DIY Draperies, Curtains, Valances, Swags, And Shades



Synopsis

The Complete Photo Guide to Window Treatments, Second Edition is the most comprehensive book of its kind on the market, offering the reader both inspiring location photography plus step-by-step instructions for making 50 different projects. Window treatments include several curtain styles, formal draperies, swags, valances, cornices, various Roman shades, and roller shades. Designed for the DIY home sewer, this book is also valued by professional workrooms and trade schools because it teaches professional methods for measuring, sewing, and installing window treatments. Now updated with new photography and the latest window treatment styles, this second edition is a must-have for any DIY home sewer.

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Customer Reviews

Very disappointed, especially after all of the wonderful reviews. I am a competent seamstress, however, now that I am older, I want to make sure that everything I do is absolutely the best it can be, which is why I ordered this book. I wanted to achieve results even better than most professionals. Just a few of my thoughts on this book: Pros: It offers a variety of ideas one may not have previously considered (for example, it has numerous styles of valences you can make), and it explains how to do certain things, such as how to make pinch pleats, how to add grommets, making tabs, etc. It also gives ideas for products I previously did not know existed (styling tape). It has tons of color pictures. All very good things. Page 65 has a wonderful diagram of how the curtain will be

constructed - I would have liked to see more diagrams like this throughout the book. Cons: I was not able to figure out, after searching throughout the book, where to match the lining for the curtains at the top of the curtain - do I start the lining at the top of the rod pocket, or at the heading seam? Also, how do I treat the lining? Do I turn it under, along with the decorator fabric at the sides? I know that the bottom will be shorter, but what is the industry standard for the turned-under bottom hem at the back of the curtain? Also, something very confusing: on page 125, the author lists bottom hem allowances. If you want your curtains to be 1/2" above the floor, the hem allowance is 8". However, if you want your curtain to brush the floor, the hem allowance is 8". Is this just a typo? These number should not be the same. Additionally, she stated that the hem allowance for puddling on the floor is 1" (is that a 1/2" turned-under hem?)

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