

Drapery Panels with Unique Header Pleats

Follow along with our expert fabricator, Donna Cash, as she designs and creates delicate drapery panels from our French Inspired Roomscape. This treatment features a unique pleat in the header that is pattern matched for a polished designer look, installed on French Returns featured in our Satin Gold finish.



Materials & Supplies

Rowley Products

Rowley Products	Item #
Lining	W&I
Interlining	W&I
Buckrum	Buckrum
Beaded Weight Chain	LW
Drapery Pins	DP
Pinsetter	PS10/D
Waxed Silamide Skeins	TWS23/
John James Hand Sewing Needles	TP
Straight Edge Rulers	MR
Pen Style Chalk Markers	WW13

Drapery Panels with Unique Header Pleats: Step-By-Step Instructions

Panels:

- 1 Cut the lining, seam widths together, press and close bottom hem.
- 2 Cut the interlining, seam widths together, serge the bottom hem.

- 3 Cut the face fabric, seam widths together, press.



This fabric VR was 9 1/2" which was a little too large for pleating to pattern, so we created a new and unique pleat style.

- 4 Table the panel from the top down. Place the buckram on the fabric and wrap the fabric around the buckram. Press and pin in place until ready to add the lining and interlining.



- 5 Fold the bottom hem to the FL of the panel. We used beaded chain weight so dropped this into the hem before closing the bottom hem. Press and close hem in your method of choice.



- 6 Determine the pleating pattern. Take a few pictures and see which appears more pleasing to the eye.



7 Table the panels with the interlining and the lining. Fold in side hems. Hem in your method of choice.



8 Mark for pleats and spaces.



9 Pin the pleats. These are pinned towards the back of the panel.



10 Before sewing the pleats be sure the pattern matches on the front of the panel. Stitch the pleats.

11 Press the pleats to the back of the panel, centering under the seam.



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Hand tack the tops of the pleats together. Insert drapery pins.

