

Guide to Lining Types for Adding Light & Heat Control: Step-By-Step Instructions

Drapery lining is the secret to beautiful, long-lasting draperies and is available in different types to serve different purposes like insulation, light reduction, water repellency and more.



Understanding the options available will help you sell the right choice for your customers' needs:

Cotton & Cotton blend linings are available with and without a nap:

- **Napped Sateen Lining** is a lining/interlining combination, giving more body than standard lining but provides only one layer of lining so is not as energy efficient as using multiple layers of lining.
- **Standard Linings**, a cotton or cotton blend, may be used as the only lining in quality custom drapes, especially when weight is an issue.
- Protects the face fabric from light, heat, and moisture.
- Adds fullness and structure to drapery panels.
- For more luxurious drapery and window treatments, add a layer of interlining
- These linings are available in multiple weights, widths and colors. Check each lining for the available options.
- Widths available: 54", 80", 108" or 115"



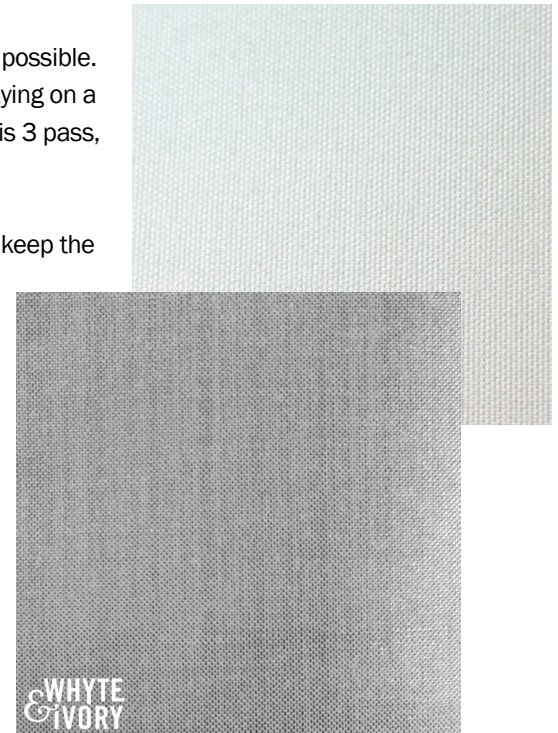
Interlining:

- **Interlining** is a flannel fabric sandwiched between the face fabric and the drapery lining. Interlining is used to enhance draping, reduce noise, and provide optimal thermal (heat) reduction.
 - Acts as an insulator.
 - Interlining helps to protect the face fabric from the sun's damaging rays.
 - Flannel interlining combined with a quality cotton or cotton blend lining is a good choice for fabrics that are lighter weight and need the bulk and body of the interlining.
 - Interlinings are available in different weights from 5 oz. per square yard up to 6.5 oz. per square yard.
 - Some interlinings are available in wide widths: 80" wide is a time saver when making 1 ½ width panels; 108" wide for multi-width panels
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- **English Bump** is a premium Interlining which is soft, rich and luxurious.
 - Weighs 11 oz. per square yard.
 - Use this as an interlining for high-end treatments where extra loft is desired.
 - Due to its weight, English Bump is an excellent interlining where extra insulation is needed.



Blackout Lining:

- **Blackout Lining** blocks most of the light and provides the most room darkening possible.
 - This is made by taking a base fabric and spraying it with acrylic foam, then spraying on a coat of black opaque membrane, then spraying a third layer coat of white. This is 3 pass, there is also 2 pass which skips the first coat.
 - Use blackout lining to create a dark room.
 - Due to the manufacturing process, this lining is also energy efficient as it helps keep the heat out during warm seasons and the cold out during in winter months.
 - Manage client expectations by mentioning there will be light gaps around the edges of the window treatment.
 - Use blackout lining when making layered top treatments to allow the colors in the face fabric to remain consistent and rich because no light will penetrate.
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- **ERII Blackout Lining** is a patented lining made from 100% polyester substrate with a 3 pass silver blackout backing for heat reflection properties
 - Energy efficient.
 - Reduces heating costs in the winter and cooling costs in the summer.
 - Great where heat reflection is needed.



Lining Frequently Asked Questions (FAQ):

Q: Does fiber content matter when considering heat control?

A: It is not necessarily the fiber content to consider. Fabrics with higher thread count, or tighter weave will keep more heat and cool out than a looser weave. 3 pass black out fabrics will be more effective than woven fabrics, and layering linings with interlinings or bump will also aid in energy efficiency.

Q: Why do blended or polyester linings roll when ironed?

A: Polyester is a plastic base and when plastic is heated, it will melt. When pressing blended fabrics containing polyester, use a cool setting on the iron.

Q: Can I pin blackout lining without leaving pin holes?

A: Blackouts have an acrylic backing which when pinned, will leave a permanent pin hole. This hole may allow light to show through once the treatment has been installed.

Q: Why are wide width linings folded?

A: Some wide width linings are folded so they may be shipped by standard shipping and not incur freight shipping charges.

Q: Does lining and/or interlining color matter?

A: Using white lining and interlinings with light colored fabrics keeps the face fabric from appearing to have a creamy cast when using ivory linings and natural interlinings.

Q: Is it necessary to purchase a whole bolt of lining?

A: No, you may purchase "By the Yard" lining. There is a 10 yard minimum and no returns.

