

How To Make Perfect Drapery Pleats



Materials and Supplies:

Items	Rowley Item #
Drapery Panel ready for pleating	
6" ruler	MR6
John James Hand Sewing Needles	TP116
Thread	



Step-by-Step:

1. Pleated Headers are made up of pleats and spaces. Generally, there are 4" space between pleats and 6" in each pleat. Photos 1, 2, and 3 will apply to all pleats listed below.
 - a. Sew the pleat spaces together (photo1).
 - b. Proceed to individual pleat styles listed below.
 - c. Tack the pleat in place by machine sewing or hand tacking (Photo 2 – Photo 3).



Photo 1



Photo 2



Photo 3



3 Finger Pleat

2. To make 3-finger pleats:
 - a. Sew the pleat space together.
 - b. Divide the pleat area into 3 equal parts.
 - c. Using two fingers pinch the middle pleat (photo 4), then rock the middle pleat side to side to form three even pleats (Photo5, Photo 6)
 - d. Tack in place.



Photo 4

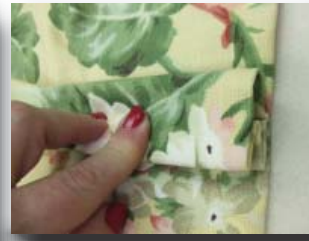


Photo 5



Photo 6



2 Finger Pleats

3. To make 2-finger pleats:
 - a. Sew the pleat space together.
 - b. Divide the pleat area into 2 equal parts.
 - c. Push the middle of the pleat space down to the seam (Photo 7). Bend up fabric onto either side of the fold.
 - d. Tack in place.



Photo 7



Euro Pleat

4. To make a Euro pleat:
 - a. Sew the pleat space together.
 - b. Follow above steps to fold the pleat fabric into a 3 finger pinch pleat
 - c. Tack pleat at the top (Photo 8) instead of the bottom.



Photo 8



Goblet Pleat

5. To make a Goblet pleat:
 - a. Sew the pleat space together.
 - b. Run a gathering thread around the bottom of the pleat area (Photo 9). Pull the thread tight so that the bottom of the pleat is as tight as possible, and then knot it off.
 - c. These pleats usually use a small button to cover the bottom gathering (Photo 10).



Photo 9



Photo 10



Box Pleat

6. To make a Box Pleat:
 - a. Sew the pleat space together.
 - b. Push the middle of the pleat space down to the seam as shown in Photo 11. Flatten out the fabric to either side of the seam.
 - c. Tack pleat in place, making sure to tack both top and bottom of the sides of the pleat to keep it flat.



Photo 11



Inverted Box Pleat

7. To make an Inverted Box Pleat:
 - a. Sew the pleat seam so that the fabric is facing to the back of the panel once the seam is sewn (Photo 12).
 - b. Follow the steps for making a Box Pleat.
 - c. The fabric for the pleat will be on the backside (Photo 13).



Photo 12



Photo 13