

Rowley project list: Euro Pleat Drapery Panels

Take a look at any home decorating magazine and you will see Euro pleats as a style of choice among many designers. This clean, tailored pleat is pinched at the top and open at the bottom, allowing the fabric to seamlessly flow from the top of the drapery to the floor. Euro pleat drapery panels coordinate with all types and sizes of decorative hardware.



MATERIALS & SUPPLIES

Rowley Products

Hanes Classic Napped Lining

Glass head straight pins

Gutermann Polyester Thread

9" professional shears

R-TEX Polyester Permanent Buckram

AriA™ Hardware:

Fixed pole

Finials

Turned bracket

Ring with eyelet

Tape measure

Safety glasses

SKU

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[TP49](#)

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EURO PLEAT DRAPES: STEP-BY-STEP INSTRUCTIONS

This project guide covers the steps to fabricate a Euro pleat drapery panel.

- 1** Measure for the length of the drapes from the base of the rod to the floor using a heavy duty tape measure that won't bow when measuring. Factor in the desired break and/or puddle to the overall length.
- 2** Iron and sew 4" double hem using a hand stitch or blind hemmer stitch method for the bottom hem.
- 3** Iron and sew 1 ½" side hems using a hand stitch or blind hemmer stitch method.
- 4** Prepare 4" double header and buckram. Place buckram under 4" double hem.
- 5** Pleated headers are made up of pleats and spaces. Generally, there is a 4" space between pleats and 6" of fabric in each pleat. Two widths of 54" = a 96" width before pleating. After pleating, the width could be 32"-48", depending on the pleats and spaces.
- 6** Do the math, calculating pleats and spaces, remembering returns. For this project, the returns were placed at 4". The stripes were used as a guide for the pleats and spaces.

7 Sew the pleat spaces together. In this sample, the stripes were used as a guide.

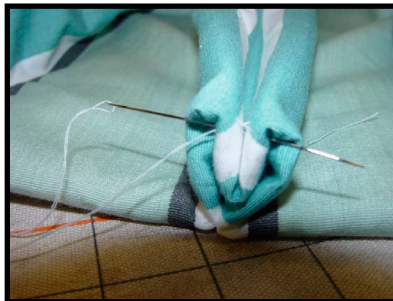


8 Tack the pleat in place by machine sewing or hand tacking.



9 To make a 2-finger Euro pleat:

- A.** Sew the pleat space together. Divide the pleat spaces into 2 equal parts.
- B.** Push the middle of the pleat space down to the seam. Bend the fabric up onto either side of the fold.
- C.** Tack pleat at the top instead of the bottom.



To make a 3-finger Euro pleat:

- A.** Sew the pleat space together. Divide the pleat area into 3 equal parts.
- B.** Using two fingers, pinch the middle pleat, then rock the pleat side to side to form three even pleats.
- C.** Tack in place.

