

Curtain Heading Styles

A quick guide to pleat options for your made-to-measure curtains



■ Technical Guide to Curtain Systems

Selecting the appropriate curtain heading style is a critical element in both the aesthetic and functional planning of an interior space. Factors such as the required stacking space, method of installation, and the specific characteristics of pleat styles—ranging from Pinch to Wave—must be carefully evaluated. The choice of curtain operation system and mounting technique will significantly influence not only the visual outcome but also the durability, ease of use, and overall performance of the final installation.

■ Track or Pole – What’s Right for You?

Curtain tracks feature built-in channels where gliders smoothly guide the fabric. These systems offer a discreet, quiet, and efficient solution for both residential and commercial settings. Engineered for long-term performance, curtain tracks come in various styles to blend with any interior concept.

Traditional curtain poles, often designed with visible rings, can limit flexibility and design cohesion. For those seeking a decorative yet functional option, track systems that mimic the look of poles while delivering the seamless motion of gliders are an ideal choice. These are available in multiple finishes and profiles, allowing for full customization with finial accessories if desired.

■ Manual or Automated Control?

Another essential factor to consider is how you wish to operate your curtains:

Manual operation is cost-effective and supports longer spans. Using a draw rod can help preserve the fabric by reducing direct contact.

Cord-operated systems provide easier handling and reduce wear on the curtain fabric, although they may have limitations in terms of length and weight.

Motorized curtain systems deliver the highest level of convenience and are ideal for modern smart spaces. They can be integrated with wall switches, remotes, mobile apps, or smart home networks for fully automated functionality.



Pencil Pleat

- Pencil pleat is a classic curtain heading style featuring tightly gathered folds, resembling a row of pencils. Suitable for both tracks and poles, it offers versatile installation. Commonly used in residential and commercial interiors, it accommodates various fabric types. The adjustable heading tape allows for customizable fullness and precise drape control.



Twin Pinch

- Twin pinch pleat is a structured curtain heading style featuring two evenly spaced folds sewn at the top, creating a neat and elegant appearance. Ideal for both tracks and poles, it suits medium to heavy fabrics. Commonly used in homes, hotels, and formal interiors, it offers controlled fullness and a tailored drape.



Triple Pinch

- Triple pinch pleat is a formal curtain heading style with three tightly sewn folds at regular intervals, creating a full and luxurious drape. Compatible with both poles and tracks, it is best suited to medium and heavy fabrics. Often used in elegant residential or hospitality interiors, it ensures structured fullness and refined symmetry.

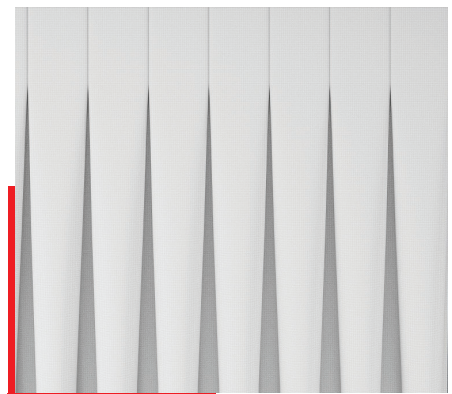
Eyelet (Grommet)

- Eyelet (grommet) pleat features metal rings punched into the curtain header, allowing it to slide effortlessly along a curtain pole. It creates soft, even folds and a clean, modern appearance. Ideal for contemporary interiors, it suits medium to heavy fabrics. Eyelet curtains require no hooks or tapes, ensuring easy installation. They are only compatible with poles which is an important consideration for planning installations.



Inverted Pleat

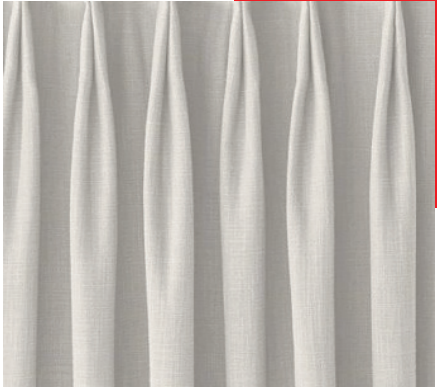
- Inverted pleat features pleats tucked behind the curtain, creating a flat front with structured folds at the back. This design offers a tailored, minimalist appearance ideal for modern and formal interiors. Suitable for both tracks and poles, it works best with medium to heavy fabrics. It provides a clean, architectural look while allowing moderate fullness and smooth draping.



Box Pleat

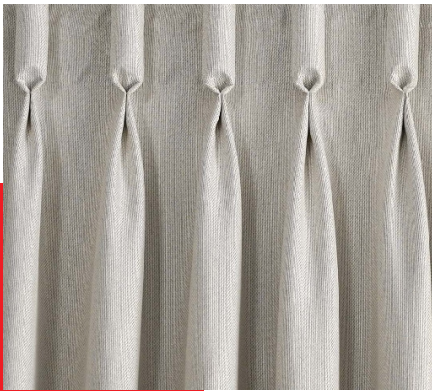
- Box pleat features deep, evenly spaced pleats formed by folding fabric under at equal intervals, creating a symmetrical and tailored look. Ideal for formal interiors, it suits medium to heavy fabrics and offers a structured drape. Compatible with both tracks and poles, box pleats provide controlled fullness and a clean, architectural finish.





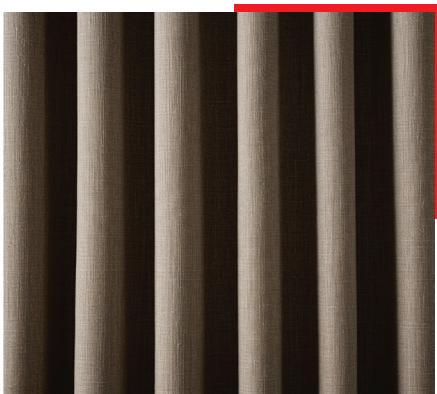
Tailored Pleat

- Tailored (Euro) pleat style features sleek, evenly spaced folds stitched at the top, offering a clean and refined appearance. It combines elements of traditional pinch pleats with a more modern, minimalist profile. Ideal for both residential and commercial settings, it works well with medium-weight fabrics. Suitable for tracks or poles, tailored pleats provide controlled fullness and a polished drape.



Goblet Pleat

- Goblet pleat style features pleats shaped like wine glasses, with the top of each pleat filled and rounded to maintain its form. This luxurious and decorative heading is ideal for formal interiors and traditional settings. Best suited to medium and heavy fabrics, it pairs well with curtain poles. Goblet pleats offer a dramatic, structured drape and a high-end, classical appearance.



S-Wave (Ripple Fold)

- S-wave pleat style, also known as ripplefold, features a continuous wave-like fold that runs smoothly along a special track system. It creates a sleek, modern look with consistent, soft curves. Ideal for contemporary residential and commercial spaces, it works best with lightweight to medium fabrics. This style requires a compatible track and snap tape for precise wave formation and effortless gliding.



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