

## Figuring Yardage for Valance Curtains

### Beginner's Guide to Sewing an Easy Valance Curtain

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### Step 1: Fabric Widths Needed

This step determines the **number of widths of fabric (WOF)** you will need. I'm showing you MY measurements and then giving you a spot for yours.

ME	
Length of rod:	75"
Multiply by desired amount of fullness:	x 2
My Total:	=150"
Total side hem depth (2 sides):	+ 4"
Total + side hem depth:	=154"
Divide by my fabric width (WOF):	44"
<b>Number of fabric widths I needed:</b>	3.5* widths

YOU	
Enter your rod length:	_____
Enter and multiply by your desired fullness:	x _____
Your total:	= _____
Total side hem depth (2 sides)	+4"
Your Total + side hem depth:	= _____
Divide by your fabric width (WOF);	÷ _____
<b>Number of fabric widths you need:</b>	= _____

\*I rounded up to 4 widths of fabric. There will be seam allowances between the panels and my medium weight fabric will be fine with a little more fullness. There is also the added benefit that whole numbers are a lot easier to work with!

### Step 2: Cut Length

This step determines how **long** you will be cutting your widths of fabric. (This is from cut side to cut side, NOT selvage to selvage.)

ME	
Desired finished length (below the rod):	18"
Add twice the rod pocket (2 x 1 1/2") :	+3"
Add twice the header height (2 x 2")	+4"
Add the total bottom hem depth:	+4"
Add 1/2" turn under for rod pocket:	+1/2"
Add 1/2" ease:	+1/2"
<b>Total Cut Length:</b>	=30"

YOU	
Enter your desired length (below the rod):	_____
Add twice the rod pocket (2 x your rod pocket"):	+ _____
Add twice the header height (2 x your header height)	+ _____
Add the total bottom hem depth	+4"
Add 1/2" turn under for rod pocket:	+1/2"
Add 1/2" ease:	+1/2"
<b>Total Cut Length:</b>	= _____

### Step 3: Yardage

This step will tell you how **much** fabric you need to buy.

ME		YOU	
Number of fabric widths (Step 1):	4	Number of fabric widths you need (Step 1)::	_____
Multiply by the Cut Length (Step 2):	x 30"	Multiply by the your Cut Length (Step 2):	x _____
My Total Inches:	=120"	Your Total Inches:	= _____
To determine the <b>yardage</b> needed, divide number of inches needed by 36 (# inches/yard). 120 ÷ 36	3.33 yards	To determine the <b>yardage</b> needed, divide number of inches needed by 36 (# inches/yard). ____ ÷ 36	_____

**3 1/2 yards of 44" wide main fabric was needed to make my valance.** (I rounded up since I'm happier buying just a little more than just a little less.)

That wasn't so hard, was it?

### LINING FABRIC

Repeat the math steps above for your lining fabric.

**However, in Step 2, subtract 3" from the Total Cut Length.**

**So for my lining fabric, I will cut the lining 27", which is 3" shorter than the main fabric.**

When I hem the lining, it will be a **1" double fold hem**. Because the lining is shorter, it will not show below the main fabric when finished.

My math says I need **3 yards of lining fabric**.