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HOW TO CALCULATE YARDAGE FOR A RUFFLE

The following steps will help you to know how many yards of fabric will be needed.

STEP 1 Measure how many inches of finished ruffle are required. As an example, we will use 117".

STEP 2 Next, decide how full the ruffle needs to be in order to know how many inches of flat unfinished ruffle you need.

2 1/2" times fullness is good. If you would rather have 2 times or 3 times fullness, just switch to those numbers.

STEP 3 Multiply the 117" x 2.5 (2 1/2 times fullness) = 292".

STEP 4 Now you need to know how many widths (cutting crosswise) of the fabric you need to cut in order to have that many inches. Divide the width of your fabric into the 292" (Example, fabric width is 54").

$292 \div 54 = 5.4$ widths (or strips) of fabric are needed.

Round that off and plan to cut 6 widths.

STEP 5 How wide does the finished ruffle need to be? If you want it to finish 2 1/2", remember you also need a 1/2" seam to sew it to the valance. You also need to double the fabric so that the fabric fold will be at the bottom of the ruffle. This means you need to cut your fabric strips 6" deep.

6 strips x 6" = 36". You need one yard of fabric for that ruffle.

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