

TIP OF THE MONTH JUNE 2008

WHAT SHOULD BE THE TIEBACK LENGTH?

You may have been exposed to a variety of charts telling you what the tieback length should be. These charts probably weren't consistent. This is because the tieback length needed will depend greatly on the drapery or curtain fabric (how thick, lining, interlining, etc.) and on the treatment design. Some designs are simply meant to tie back further than others. The only sure way is to determine the tieback length after the drapery or curtains are finished. You can then wrap a soft measuring tape around them and actually see the effect. For workrooms, you can lay the curtains on the work table to mimic the installed effect.

For those of you that want a ballpark measurement for the length of tiebacks, I am including the following chart, which has been commonplace for me over the years.

Estimated Length of Tiebacks

1 width of fabric	18" length
1 1/2 widths of fabric	18" to 24" length
2 widths of fabric	24" length
2 1/2 widths of fabric	27" to 30" length
3 widths of fabric	30" to 36" length

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