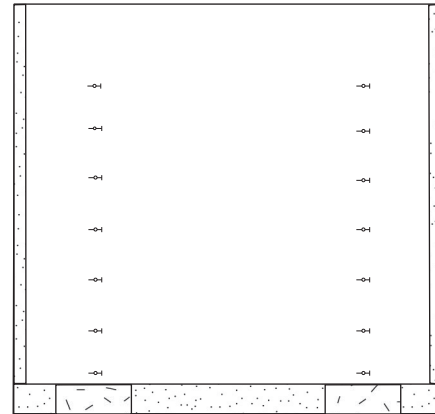


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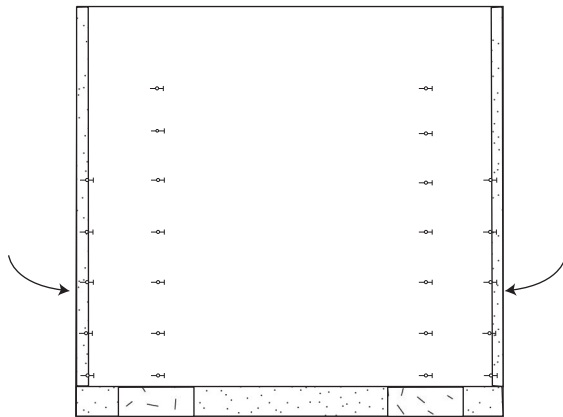
LONDON SHADE TAILS

When making a London shade, usually the best look is for the tail to hang the same length, or slightly deeper than the center section. However, sometimes you need a large return and an adequately wide tail. Combine this with the fullness in the pleat and you've got a tail that droops down much deeper than the center of the shade. Here is a solution:

When making the shade, the 5 bottom rows of rings are tied permanently together. The outside edges of the shade fall down, creating the tails.



To control the depth of the tail:



Add rings to the outside edge on the 5 bottom rows of rings, as shown.

After the shade has been finished and is hanging up, you will add a lift cord through this outside row of rings. Place an orb on the cord in between each ring as you are stringing the cord through the rings. Also add an orb to the last ring on the top and bottom. Adjust the orbs to get the amount of tail droop you desire.



This cord does not go all the way up to the board. It only serves the side rings, so you can control the depth of the tail.

Spacers can also be used instead of orbs, but they will not give as much control.