

TIP OF THE MONTH JULY 2010

ROMAN SHADE RINGS

When you make roman shades using blackout lining how do you keep the holes from showing where you sew the rings on?

You can't. I always use an interlining also. It helps to smooth over the holes. Use a double thread going into the eye of the needle. Bring the threads down and tie the ends (this creates 4 threads). That means you need less stitches. Less stitches, less holes. Use as thin a needle as possible.

Put a small pencil dot on the lining where each ring will go. If you need to pin the fabrics together, pin as close as possible to the pencil dot.

Let the knot in the thread fill one of those holes as the needle goes through the lining only. If possible bring the needle out through the other hole but keep the stitch center of the pencil dot. Make another small stitch completely through to the front side. Do this at the pencil dot. **DO NOT PUT THE NEEDLE BACK IN THE SAME HOLES.**

Secure the thread by taking a couple of stitches in the previous threads (not the lining). That has always worked for me but you should always alert the designer or client that holes may show.