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AA

Adjusted Cut Length - The measured distance of fabric from top to bottom of the length, after allowance for pattern repeat is calculated.

Apron - the portion of wood trim located beneath the window sill.

Austrian Shade - A fabric shade constructed with permanently shirred scallops running horizontally across the shade, usually with two to two and one-half times vertical fullness. The shade may be raised to expose the window. Austrian shades are most successfully constructed from sheer or light weight fabrics.

Austrian Valance - A stationary fabric valance constructed with permanently shirred scallops which run horizontally across the valance, usually with two to two and one-half times vertical fullness. Austrian valances are most successful when constructed from sheer or light weight fabrics.

BB

Balloon Shade - A fabric shade constructed with inverted pleats forming scallops across the width of the shade approximately every 12 inches. Additional fabric, pulled up at the bottom of the shade creates soft, billowy folds. The shade pulls up in soft, billowy folds.

Balloon Valance - A fabric valance constructed with inverted pleats forming scallops across the width of the valance approximately every 12 inches. The valance is stationary. Additional fabric, pulled up at the bottom of the valance creates soft, billowy folds.

Buckram - a stiffening material used in the heading of a pleated drapery. Also called crinoline.

CC

Cafe Curtain - A curtain, gathered, pleated or tab top, which covers only a portion of the window - usually the top or bottom half, often used alone or in tiers.

Casing - The trim or frame around a window. Casing also refers to the rod pocket, a loop of fabric, often sewn through the top or bottom of the fabric through which a rod is inserted and the fabric is gathered.

Comforter - A reversible bedcovering constructed with a decorative fabric face and backing over a lofty fiber fill. A comforter covers the top of the bed, the mattress drop and a few inches into the drop of the box springs.

Cornice - A decorative treatment hung at the top of the window, constructed from wood. When fabric is stretched over the padded wood frame, it becomes an upholstered cornice.

Coverlet - A bedcovering constructed like a short bedspread with a pillow tuck. A coverlet covers only the mattress top, mattress drop and a few inches into the drop of the box spring.

DD

Drape - to cover or hang with fabric, as in decorative folds. Drape is a verb and should not be confused with drapery.

Drapery - A custom, tailored window treatment, constructed with pleats of softly arranged folds of decorative fabric.

Drop - Refers to the length. In bedding, drop refers to the distance from the mattress top to the bottom location of the bedcovering.

Duvet - A bedcovering constructed like a large pillowcase, in which a comforter is inserted. The top or open end is then secured with velcro or buttons, to conceal the comforter. Duvet covers are easily removed for cleaning.

FF

Fabric - A textile, generally woven, knit, or non-woven, made of fibers or yarns. The word "textile" is a derivative of a Latin word that means "to weave. "

Face Width - The width across the face or front of a drapery rod from bracket to bracket. The width of the area the drapery will cover.

Finial - The decorative ends on wood poles or decorative drapery hardware.

Finished Length - The length of a treatment after hems, headings, allowances and tailoring - as measured when the treatment is flat.

Finished Width - The end to end width measurement of the window treatment, equivalent to the face width plus the returns and overlaps.

Flat Fold - Folded seam to seam as opposed to pleat or fan folding.

Frame - The trim or molding around the window opening.

Fullness - The additional fabric besides the amount necessary to cover the window opening once. Fullness is created by gathering (shirring) or pleating the fabric, to hang in folds. Standard minimum fullness for custom draperies is double fullness (twice the area being covered). Luxurious fullness may be as much as triple or three times the width of the area covered.

HH

Heading - The top of a pleated drapery where the pleats are. On a gathered or shirred curtain, the ruffled portion above the rod and rod pocket is the heading of the curtain.

Hem - The bottom or side of a fabric treatment turned under and sewn in place to conceal the cut edge of fabric.

II

Informal Swag - A swag treatment created on location, utilizing special brackets or draped over poles in a free form fashion. Formal swag treatments created in a workroom are attached to a mounting board.

