



## SMALL (Confident Curtains/Stitch Classes) Pencil Pleat Curtain Making Planner

In this planner we show instructions for one of a pair of curtains. Repeat for the other curtain for your window. We have used the same hems and turning and tape as a full size curtain.

1. Measure the width of your curtain track/pole [110cm for small sample]

Divide number by 2 (for 2 curtains) [55cm for small sample]

*If you are making just one curtain (not a pair) for your window do not divide by two*

Now, for your **finished (as seen hanging in your room) curtain width**, multiply by 1.85 to allow for gathers [102cm for workshop sample]

(You can multiply by anything between 1.5 and 3, it all depends on how full you want the curtains to be – you could compare your curtains at home to see how much wider they are than half your track/pole)

So...**FINISHED CURTAIN WIDTH** = A  [102cm for small sample]

2. The **cut width** of the curtain is 'A' plus 10cm total (5cm each side) for the turnings and seam allowance.

**CUT CURTAIN WIDTH** = B  [112cm for small sample]

3. The **cut width of the curtain header tape** (the piece of tape at the top which you attach plastic hooks to) is the same 'B' minus 6cm

**CUT CURTAIN TAPE WIDTH** = C  [106cm for small sample]

4. The curtain lining is cut narrower so it's not visible from the front. The cut width is 'A' minus 4cm.

**CUT LINING WIDTH** = D  [98cm for small sample]

5. For the length measure from the bottom of the curtain rings on the track or pole to the desired hem = E  [70cm for small sample]

On the tape there are 3 different loop height positions you can choose to hang hooks from. In this workshop we will use the bottom loop so that when curtain is hung on rings (on your pole/track) it will cover the pole/track. We're adding 6cm to E to account for this extra height needed from bottom loop/rings to top of tape with an extra 0.5cm sticking up above the tape (see sample in classroom)

So E plus 6cm = F

**FINISHED CURTAIN LENGTH** = F  [76cm for small sample]

6. For the cut curtain length you will need to add 10cm for the hem and 5cm for the top turning, so that is 'F' plus 15cm

**CUT CURTAIN LENGTH** = G  [91cm for small sample]

7. The lining length is always shorter than the curtain so it's not visible from the front, so subtract 7.5 cm from the cut curtain length ('G' minus 7.5cm)

**CUT LINING LENGTH** = H  [83.5cm for small sample]

**So, in a nutshell, you need to cut:**

B = CUT CURTAIN WIDTH \_\_\_\_\_ [112cm for sample]

G = CUT CURTAIN LENGTH \_\_\_\_\_ [91cm for sample]

C = CUT CURTAIN TAPE WIDTH \_\_\_\_\_ [106cm for sample]

D = CUT LINING WIDTH \_\_\_\_\_ [98cm for sample]

H = CUT LINING LENGTH \_\_\_\_\_ [83.5cm for sample]

**And when sewing:**

Curtain hem allowance is: 10cm (turn, press and sew 1.5 then 8.5cm)

Lining hem allowance is: 6cm (turn, press and sew 1.5 then 4.5cm)

Top turning allowance is: 5cm for both curtain and lining turned under tape

Top of header tape to be sewn 0.5cm from top folded edge

Tape turning allowance is: 2cm turned under each end

## Glossary

*Seam Allowance:* the extra (usually 1-1.5cm) added to the pattern on any edges that will be stitched to another edge

*Finished:* once sewn and hanging in your home

*Cut:* the dimensions you cut out including seam allowance and turnings

Get help making curtains in Stitch Classes [www.sewinbrighton.co.uk/stitchclasses.html](http://www.sewinbrighton.co.uk/stitchclasses.html)