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How to make... CAFE CURTAINS

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5. Measure and mark lines for scallops. A saucer could also be used to make the scallops. Cut out scallops.

Cafe curtains allow for control of light, air and privacy in either or both upper and lower part of the window. They are easy to hang, take down and to wash.

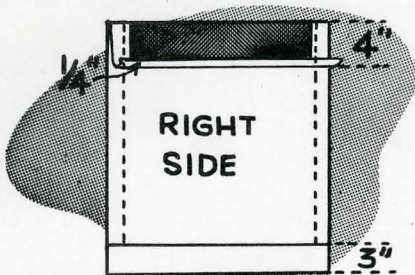
Rods, brackets and rings needed with this style of curtain are visible and should be attractive. There are various sizes and shapes of brass and painted rods and rings available for these curtains. Clip-on rings instead of sew-on rings are useful and time saving.

To Make Cafe Curtains

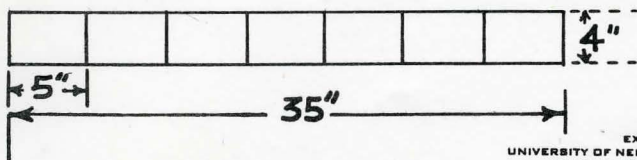
1. Measure window from rod to desired length and add allowance for bottom hem and 4" for top of facing. Deduct diameter of hanging ring. The top tier should hang 2" - 3" over the bottom. Straighten fabric and cut to required size. For easy construction the curtain and facing are cut in continuous piece.

2. Cut off selvages, and stitch side hems - about 1".

3. Across the top width of the fabric, turn back 1/4" to wrong side of the fabric and edge stitch. Turn 4" back onto the right side of the fabric to form your facing allowance.

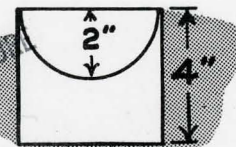


4. Make pattern for scallops from a four inch strip of brown paper the full width of the hemmed curtain. Fold the strip in equal parts, the number depending on the width of the curtain. On 35 inch material you may fold it into seven parts, each 5 inches wide.

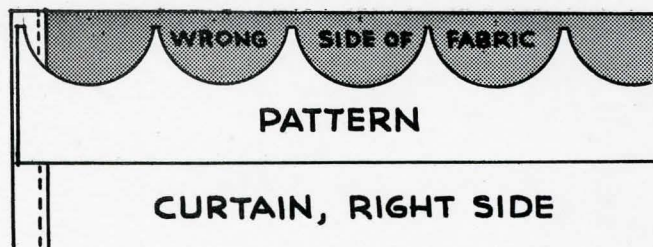


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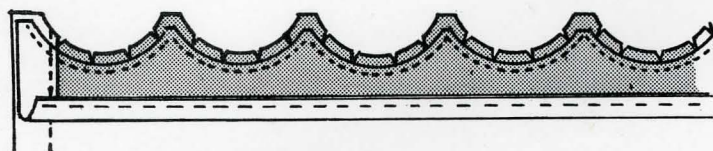


6. Place this pattern across the top of the curtain with the point of scallops 1/4 inch from the fold.



7. Mark the stitching line and sew by machine, using a fairly short stitch and taking one stitch across the point of each scallop.

8. Trim to 1/4 inch above stitching and clip seam at intervals.



9. Turn facing over to wrong side of curtain, then smooth and point scallops. Press.

10. Blind stitch sides of facing to curtain. If curtain is extra wide, blind stitch lower edge in place across curtain.

11. Sew rings to point of each scallop or use clips.

For a variation, the scalloped top could be made with fabric loops. Or the straight edge could be finished with bris-bie loop braid. Box pleats may be laid in and folds secured by metal clips. Pleated or plain, pointed or scalloped, you suit the style to the fabric and room.

