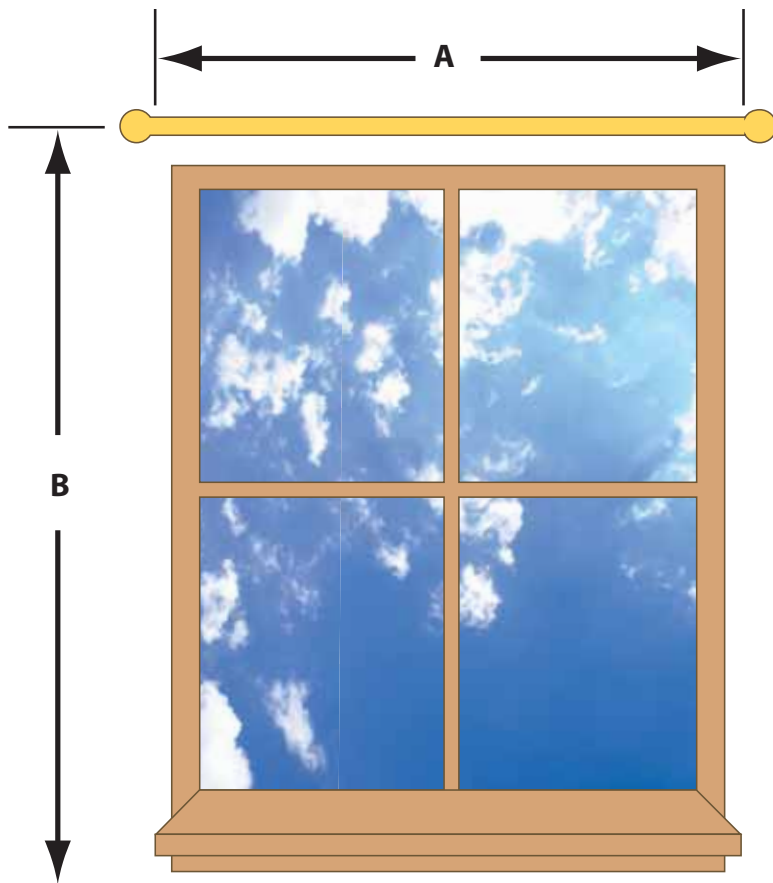


Making Draperies Using Large Decorative Plastic Grommets

The size of your rod and the weight of your fabric are important when choosing the grommet size and style for your project.

The directions are based on:

- 1) Fabric fullness at least twice the width of the window.
- 2) Grommet spacing approximately 4 3/4" apart. For grommets larger than 2" I recommend wider spacing so you will need to modify the directions.



The bottom of a drape is usually 2" to 4" below the window

THE DRAPERY ROD

1) The diameter of the rod you choose determines the size grommet you will need. For example a 5/8" Rod would need a 3/4" grommet. (See addendum B below)

2) The rod normally is installed outside the frame of the window or above it to allow for the drapery to slide from side to side.

3) Install the rod before beginning.

MEASURE WIDTH

1) Measure width of rod, decorative ends to decorative end. (A above)

FIGURING FINISHED WIDTH OF FABRIC AND NUMBER OF GROMMETS NEEDED

Using above width measurement use the chart to determine width of fabric needed for each panel. This Chart is based on the window width and spacing of grommets 4.75" apart center of grommet to center of grommet. If your window size is not on chart or you want different spacing of grommets see addendum A below.

Window width	Width of one panel finished	Fabric needed- Adding 4" to use for side seams-	Number of panels needed	Number of Grommets needed for all panels
24"	26.75"	30.75"	2	12
36"	36.25"	40.25"	2	16
42"	45.75"	49.75"	2	20
48"	55.25"	59.25"	2	24
54"	55.25"	59.25"	2	24
60"	64.75"	68.75"	2	28
72"	74.75"	78.75"	2	32

Remember if you are sewing two widths of fabric together you need to also add allowance for the seam.

SELECTING A GROMMET STYLE AND SIZE- (see addendum B below)

Tape, Snap together style, or Heavy Duty

Determine Length of fabric for the style you chose

Tape Style- measure length B in window diagram above + 3/4" for fabric needed above the rod + 1/2" to turn in at top to finish the top edge, + the amount you want for hem (example length B is 36 + 3/4" + 1/2" + 3" for hem= 40 1/2 for each run of fabric used. If window is 42" wide and your fabric 54 " you would need two runs of fabric 40 1/2" or 81" of fabric for your 2 panels to fit the window)

Snap Together and Heavy Duty- You would be using header tape to stiffen the top edge of the drapery. For measurement purposes I am using 4" header tape. and the template I sell for spacing the grommets. Measure length B in window diagram above +amount of fabric above top of grommet (3/4" grommet +3/4", 1 1/8" grommet +1/2", 1 1/2" grommet +3/8", for 2" grommet you determine how far from the top the top of the hole for the grommet will be) + 4" + 1/2" (for header tape) + amount you want for hem. (example- for length B of 36" and using 1 1/2" grommets. 36" + 4 1/2" + 3/8" + 3" for hem =43 7/8". Using the figures determined above will assist you to find the total yards of fabric needed for your drapery. If widow is 42" and your fabric 54" wide you would need 2 runs 43 7/8" for your window or 87 3/4" of 54" fabric.)

Materials Needed (other than drapery fabric)

Tape Style

Grommet Tape The amount you need is the total you came to for the width of your fabric.

Grommets for the Tape -You need 8 grommets for each yard of tape

Snap Together Style

Header Tape- For stiffener at top of drapery(Fusible, non woven or woven tape is sold by the yard) The amount you need is the same as the total width of your finished drapery

Grommets- Order the size and style you want. Determine the quantity by using the table above or the number you determined based on your spacing.

Other Useful Notions

Scissor with a sharp point

Marker that will show on your fabric

Sharp long straight pins

Making Your Drapery

- 1) Square up fabric and cut according to the determined measurements above
- 2) Mark off your predetermined hems and top measurements.
- 3) Hem sides and bottom of drapery.

For **Tape Style (also see visual step by step-** addendum C below).

begin by folding down 1/2" at top of drapery with right sides together, lay tape along top on wrong side of the drapery, stitch in place top and bottom of tape, cut hole for grommet and pop grommet in place.

Snap Together or Heavy Duty-(see visual step by step- addendum D, or E below)

At top of drape you should have 2 markings. One 1/2" from the edge and the other the width of your header tape. Fold in on the second mark with right sides together and then place the header tape between the two fabric layers. Fold in the 1/2" line and stitch along bottom of header tape and at top if you want. Mark with template for the grommet placements, cut holes and install grommets. Be sure hole is cut so fabric does not rest in the open circle. That it lays in the flange of the grommet.

Addendum A.

Example of figuring width of drapery panels and # of grommets- Not needed if chart above is used

Width of window is 36", (You will need 2 panels at least 36" wide to fill this opening)

This example is for one panel using template mentioned above.

Take the required width of the panel in this instance 36" and divide by the spacing between grommets in this instance 4.75- comes out to 7.58 grommets- This gives you the minimum # of grommets you can use.

(However remember you always need to use an even # of grommets.) This panel would have 8 grommets.

To determine the width of your finished panel you take the # of grommets minus one and multiply it times 4.75 and then add 3" (or the amount of fabric from the side of the finished drapery to the center of the first grommet times 2). For the 36" panel above the formula would be $8 \text{ minus } 1 = 7$, $7 \text{ times } 4.75 = 33.25$ " plus $3" = 36.25$ ". Then add 4" for the side seam to determine the width of fabric needed.

Addendum B.

How do I choose the right Decorative Grommet for my drapery project?

Start by determining the size of the grommet you will need.

Rod size Grommet Size-(inside diameter)

Up to a 5/8"		3/4" grommet
3/4"-7/8"	1 1/8" grommet	
1"- 1 3/8"	1 1/2" grommet	
1 1/2"- 1 3/4"		2" grommet
1 7/8"- 2 1/2"		2 3/4" grommet

Information about each size of grommet.

Grommet size is based on the inside hole of the grommet.

All listed below require no special tool to install unless indicated.

All are made of plastic.

All require use of a template to space unless indicated otherwise

Colors Available are listed below Style information.

Size	Style Grommet	Information
3/4"	2 Part Snap together	This is for light to medium fabric (colors list A)
1 1/8"	2 Part Snap together	For light to medium fabric-(colors list A)
1 1/2"	Tape System	For light to medium fabric-(colors list A) <u>No</u> template required- grommets about 5" apart. For this style you need to purchase tape by the yard the length of the top of our drapery and grommets that are made for this tape. Fast and easy- set up your drapery, sew tape to top (it has metal rings spaced on the tape), cut out hole and pop grommet onto the metal ring.
1 1/2"	2 Part Snap together	For light to medium fabric-(colors list A)
1 1/2"	Heavy Grommets	For Medium to Heavy Fabric-(colors list B) Excellent for long draperies Two parts- Front grommet has a deep ridge for fabric (up to 1/8" thick) to lay in, the back is a clear ring
2"	2 Part Snap together	For light to medium fabric-(colors list A)
2"	Heavy Grommets	For Medium to Heavy Fabric-(colors list B) Excellent for long draperies 2-parts- Front grommet piece has a deep ridge for fabric to lay in (up to 1/8" thick), the back is a clear
ring		
2 3/4"	2 part grommet	Light to Heavy Fabric- (Light fabric add extra header tape to give more body)Excellent for long draperies. Need a rubber mallet to install Outside diameter is 4"-(colors list C)

COLORS

A
ANTIQUÉ BRASS
BLACK
WHITE
POLISHED BRASS
POLISHED SILVER
MATTE BRASS
MATTE SILVER

B
ANTIQUÉ BRASS
BLACK
WHITE
POLISHED BRASS
POLISHED SILVER
MATTE BRASS
MATTE SILVER
BRONZE

C
ANTIQUÉ BRASS(colors list A)
BLACK
WHITE
MEDIUM GREY
CARMEL BROWN

Addendum C Tape Style

These instructions only address the top of the drapery where the grommet tape goes.



1. Turn under the 1/2" allowance you left at top of drapery.
2. Lay grommet tape you have marked to wrong side of drapery along the top edge with the plastic tabs facing out toward you.

3. Stitch top and bottom of the tape with thread to match your fabric. (for heavier fabric I use Upholstery Thread and a #18 Jeans Needle)



4. Mark the circle for each grommet and cut out the fabric.



5. On the right side of fabric snap the grommet in place over the metal ring of the tape using light pressure (do not hammer).



6. Adjust the plastic tabs (One from each grommet, as shown in the last two pictures, below.) to make an even pleated look for your drapery.



7. Place drapery on rod.

Addendum D

Snap together Style Large Plastic Grommets for light to Medium Fabric

Directions for marking, cutting and setting grommets

- 1) Sew header tape in place at top of drapery(see Fig2)
 - 2) Pin template in place (See Fig 3)
 - 3) Mark the circle and cut out
 - 4) Pop grommet apart, using the side with the ridges and flange,place grommet in hole so it fits in the flange of the plastic area of the grommet and is not in the open circle of the grommet. (sometimes you need to cut the circle larger to achieve this) (See Fig 4)
- Place the other half of the grommet directly over the opposite side and evenly press together. (Use a piece of cardboard, lay it over the grommet and evenly press with the palm of your hand) (See Fig 5)- Drapes are ready to install.



Fig. 2
finish top of drapery with
heading stabilizer



Fig. 3



Fig. 4



Fig. 5

Addendum E

Heavy Fabric Grommets



Follow step 1-3 in addendum D above.

Install grommet being sure that fabric fits in the flange of the grommet shown to the left.

Then place the tab located on the back of the grommet (the white plastic ring) in the slot located on the back side of the front grommet piece (It has a slight raised area to assist you in finding the slot in the flange area) position the tab in this slot and then work the white ring around the circle.

Your grommet is now installed.