

Bespoke curtains are just that because there can be so many variables affecting the making process. All these variables will affect how you measure for your curtains. Below we have created a simple, standardised guide to establish approximate measurements before you come into our store. Please note this is only a guide document to be used in conjunction with our services, A. Shufflebotham and Son cannot be held responsible for any wrong measurements or wrong-doing of any 3rd party services based on this guide.

Measuring With a Pre-installed Pole or Track

Use Appendix 1 to log your measurements if you already have a track or pole.

If you do not yet have a Pole or Track ensure you read the final section labelled "Not Fitted a Pole or Track Yet?"

Step 1: Measure Your Window Width

For a pole, measure the entire pole width beyond the brackets but excluding the end finials.
(The finials are the end stops on each end of the pole)

For a track, measure the total width of the track.

Step 2: Choose Your Curtain Heading

Here are some pictures of the most common curtain heading styles.

Only Pencil Pleats are suitable for curtain tracks.

If you have a curtain pole you can choose any of the styles below.



3" Pencil Pleat

This is an adjustable and classic heading with a simple and casual look, most suited to light or mediumweight fabrics.



Double Pinch Pleat

This is a smart, simple and more contemporary heading. Our pleats are 5" deep and need to be placed on a pole.



Triple Pinch Pleat

This is a more traditional and smart heading. Our pleats are 5" deep and need to be placed on a pole.



Eyelet

This heading is contemporary, sharp and can be concertinaed beautifully to give a sleek looking curtain. There is a choice of eyelet colour to compliment your pole.



Upstand

This is an adjustable heading that gives a soft ruffled appearance. We normally recommend a 2" tape set 2" down but alternatives are available.



Goblet Pleat

This heading is traditional and very classic. Our pleats are 5" deep and need to be placed on a pole.

Step 3: Measure Your Finished Curtain Length

Once you have chosen your curtain heading and fitted your pole or track you can measure the finished length. This is the measurement from the very top of the curtain to the bottom of where you wish the curtain to finish.

Where to start the measurement:

Track

-To measure for pencil pleat curtains on a track, measure from the top of the track to where you want your curtains to finish.

Pole

-To measure for pencil, double, triple or goblet pleat curtains on a pole, ignoring the rings, measure from the underside of the pole to where you want your curtains to finish.

-To measure for eyelet curtains, measure from the top of the pole to where you want your curtains to finish. For eyelet curtains we recommend a metal pole with a maximum diameter of 29mm.

If your pole is very close to the ceiling, please make a note of how much space is available

Deciding where your curtains will finish:

There is no right or wrong length of curtains. It is a personal decision but your options might include:

A - The window sill : Measure down to just touching the sill.

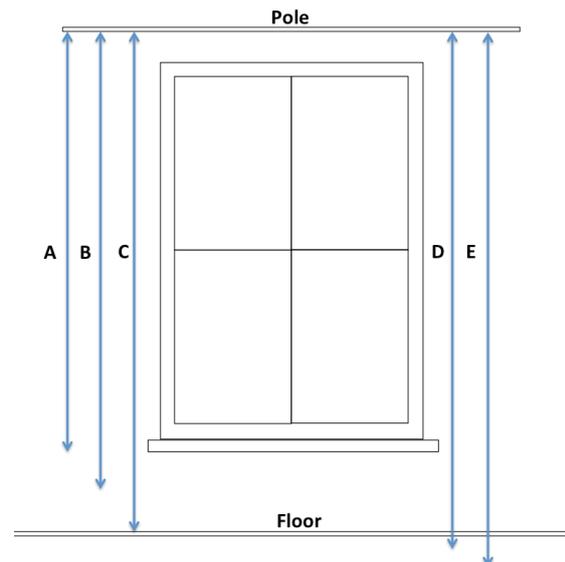
B - Below the window sill : Measure 15-20cm (6-8") below the sill BUT 5cm (2") above a radiator.

C - To the floor : Measure down to just touching the floor.

D - 'Breaking' on the floor: Add 1.5cm (0.5") to C

E - 'Pooling' on the floor: This can vary from 1 inch to an infinite number.

If your chosen flooring is not yet installed, please note this will affect the finished length of your curtains.



Step 4: So... What's Next?

Once you have completed either **Appendix 1** or **Appendix 2** come into our shop to select your fabric and have our friendly staff advise you further. Our staff will make sure we have taken the correct measurements and advise you on the appropriate style of curtains for your chosen fabric.

Not Fitted a Pole or Track Yet?

If you do not yet have a track or pole, our staff at A. Shufflebotham and Son can help you work out your final measurements, offering advice along the way. We will still require your preliminary measurements to be able to offer this help. **Use Appendix 2 to log your measurements if you do not yet have a pole or track.**

Trying to Decide Between a Pole or Track?

Whether you fit a pole or a track will be determined by the style of your window and the type of heading you want on your curtains. (See Step 2: Choosing Your Heading)

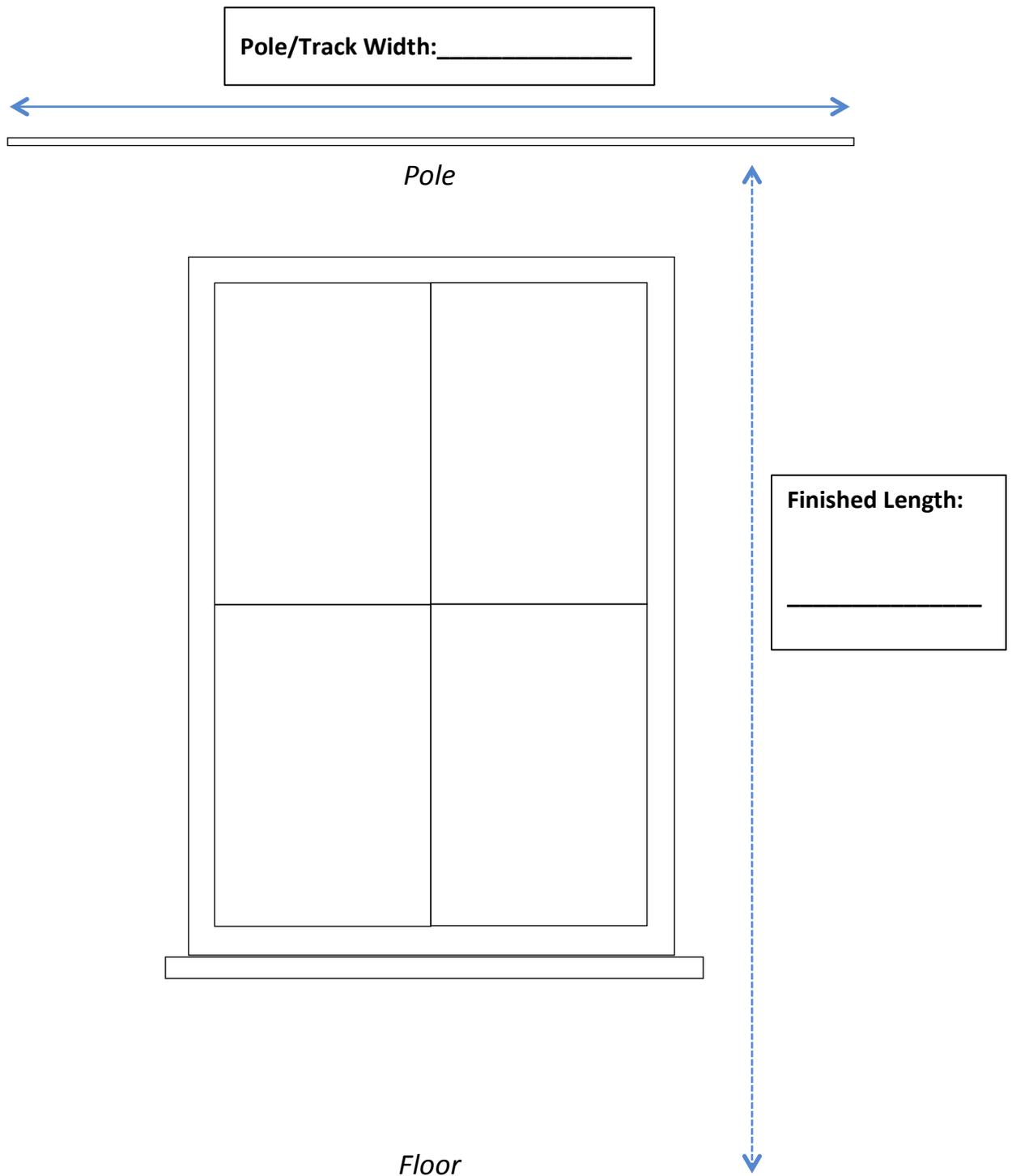
A track will sit closer to the wall and can be fitted inside a window reveal (often good for bay windows) or under a pelmet. Normally a track will be positioned 3" above the reveal of the window, or alternatively it can be positioned inside the recess (in a bay). When fitted inside the recess it can be either top-fixed or face-fixed against the wall.

A pole can provide a more attractive, dramatic finish. However, a pole will allow more light through as it will sit further away from the wall, so is often not the choice for a bedroom. A pole should normally be fitted at least 5" above the top of the window reveal.

Poles and tracks should normally overhang beyond the window reveal by a minimum of 10% of the reveal width. This should be added to both sides to provide a space for your curtains to sit without blocking out light. However, you must also consider any obstructions on either side, preventing the curtains from hanging e.g. furniture or walls. It is also better to try and avoid covering light switches and plug sockets. If there is a radiator below the window ensure your pole or track extends beyond the ends of the radiator.

Appendix 1 : Measurements with a preinstalled pole or track.
(Print this out and bring it with you)

Room Description: _____



Appendix 2 : Measurements without a track or pole.
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Room Description: _____

