

## 1. Get Your Materials

- Curtains
- Curtain rod
- Brackets
- Screws
- Wall Anchors

## 2. Install Brackets

### Step 1: Mark where you want to attach the brackets

Mark the spot you plan to hang the rod when calculating the curtain measurements (most people hang the curtain rod *6 inches above the top of the window frame and extend it 3-6 inches on either side of the window frame*) with a measuring tape and a pencil. Then mark the placement of the bracket screws according to that spot.

### Step 2: Drill the marked spots for bracket screws

If you don't know how to find the studs in your wall, you can use a stud finder or a small drill bit to make a hole in the drywall until you hit one. When mounting on drywall without a stud, be sure to use wall anchors.

### Step 3: Screw in the brackets

Use screws and a drill/screwdriver to install the rod brackets. Make sure they are level.

## 3. Place Curtains onto the Rod and Hang Them

**Step 1:** Insert your curtain rod through the grommet holes/pocket/pocket tab at the top of the curtain panel or insert all the curtain pins through the eyelets of the rings. (depends on the header type of your customized curtains.)

Step 2: Repeat the same steps for the rest panels.

Step 3: With curtains in place, insert your curtain rod into each bracket and tighten the set screws until they're secure.

## \*Do's And Don'ts of Hanging Curtains

### DO Use Enough Fabric to Achieve Ideal Fullness

If you have too little fabric, your curtains will look skimpy—like a high school girl trying to squeeze into a pair of her mother's jeans. You want fullness for at least two reasons: It looks luxurious, and it blocks more light. Your curtains should be about 1.5 to 2 times the width of your window frame for ideal fullness. If you're using a patterned fabric, buy extra yardage so that the pattern is centered in the middle of each panel.

### DO Use a Template (curtain rod placement template)

You know what's super stressful when you're hanging curtains? Getting the placement wrong. Going too far apart or too close, or leaving one side crooked. That stress is a thing of the past with our handy-dandy curtain rod placement template, which will help you get the perfect distance between your window frame and your new drapes.

### DON'T Be Cheap with Hardware

Last is hardware. Don't cheap out on curtain rods and finials! It will show when you look at your curtains from

across the room. You want a quality product that will last and make your windows look amazing. Don't skip on the hardware! You can find everything you need at NICETOWN with budget-friendly options and some more expensive ones for those with extravagant tastes.

We've also prepared additional instructions on how to hang curtain rods in dry wall, how to hang a window scarf, how to cover arched windows as well as how to hang curtains in a dorm room, for those of you that are dealing with non-traditional curtain installation situations.