

FRAME YOUR VIEWS WITH FABRICS



Curtains are essential for the design of any room. They provide numerous assets such as privacy when needed, control over the amount of light that enters the room and the ability to act as an insulator. Of no less importance is the fact that curtains are a key aesthetic element in the interior and thus, affect not only how the windows look, but also the general atmosphere of the entire room.

Choosing curtains for a room should be regarded as a great way to showcase your personal style. The manner in which they hang, their colour, patterns and texture all tell the story of your room.

When thinking about the fabric of the curtains, you need to decide what is needed from them; what is their function? If their purpose is purely decorative, your choices are nearly endless. However, an area



exposed to plenty of sunlight may require thicker fabric to help block excess light. Further, in order to completely darken a room, you may consider lined or paneled curtains. The extra layer of fabric will function to block light while protecting your curtains from damage from the Sun. Moreover, they help to insulate the windows keeping your home cooler on warmer days. A lightweight fabric will let more light filter through into your room. You can also combine your curtains with sheers that let light shine through but still provide privacy.

Another factor to consider when choosing fabrics is how they will work with the existing design of your room. A simple fabric with an organic feel might work really well for a casual design, but if your room is formal you might want a heavier fabric or something with an intricate weave. A company such as Alendel can offer vast selection options so you can find the right fabric for your room. They group their fabrics into various collections that enable you to browse by style which can help with the overall selection process.

Fabrics come in a wide variety of patterns and it is very easy to get overwhelmed with quantity of selections. Note that the way the curtains hang will determine how much of the pattern is visible; hence, large patterns may not always be the best choice. Rather, a simple and solid colour is sometimes a better alternative. Bright and bold colours demand attention and can serve as an accent in the interior. Try to match the curtains with the accent colour of the room. In the case that you want your curtains to play a subtler role, choose a colour similar to the walls or match one of the secondary colours from your room design.

At the end of the day, your goal is to achieve a finished window design that will frame your views and enhance the overall design and feel of the space. Take the first step by selecting fabric samples and start looking at your window coverings as a great way to beautify, update and add visual impact to your home!



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