



Shade Me
Alternative Roman Shade
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Supplies:

Fabric – see measurements
below for yardage
Cotton sewing thread
Topstitching foot
90/14 Topstitching needles
2 – 3 yard spools of 2" wide
Grosgrain ribbon for ties
1" dowel rod the width of the
window
Curtain rod



Prep Time!

1.) To determine your yardage, measure across the top of your window just inside the frame. This is your width measurement.

Add 1" to this measurement and print here _____.

2.) Secondly, measure from the inside of your frame to the bottom of the window sill. This is your finished length measurement.

Add 6" to this measurement and print here _____.

3.) When purchasing your fabric, make sure you get enough width and double your length. For example if your width is 14" and your length is 24" make sure you purchase 14" by 48" which would be equal to 1 1/2 yards of fabric.

4.) After you have your fabric cut or tear the fabric to match the width measurement. Cut or tear 6" off of your length measurement but do not cut the whole panel in half.

Ready, Set, Sew!

Seam allowances are 1/2" unless stated otherwise.

1.) With the 6" wide strip, trim it to the finished width measurement from Prep Time! Fold 1/2" of each end to the wrong side of the fabric. Press and pin in place. With right sides together, sew the strip along the raw edges using a 1/2" seam allowance. Turn this tube right side out and press. This is the tube for the curtain rod.

2.) Make a mark 10" from each end with a water soluble marking pen. Cut your ribbon into 4 equal lengths of 1 1/2 yards each. Pin one ribbon end at each marking and then onto the other side of the rod tube so that the ribbons are behind each other. Baste in place.

3.) Match the sewn edge of the rod tube to one of the raw edges of the curtain body. Pin in place. The ribbons will be hanging down. Fold the curtain body in half with right sides together matching the raw edges and re-pin the top. Pin the sides of the curtain as well. Sew the sides and top leaving a 4" opening at the top between the two ribbon points to turn the curtain right side out.

4.) After turning the curtain right side out, press well and use a topstitching foot to topstitch all the edges. Hang on your curtain rod and display as desired!