

Make It Easy

NO SEW CURTAINS



Dolls House Project

The Miniature "no sew" Curtain Project

Quick & Easy

You can easily make a delightful pair of miniature curtains and pelmet for your dolls house by simply cutting and gluing. You will need to sew on the buttons for the tie backs if you wish to use them.



Curtains

Velour, suedette or similar fabric that doesn't fray
Small amount of lightweight iron on Vilene
Braid to trim
2 x sml decorative buttons (optional)
Length of 1cm sq Balsa wood for pelmet top
2 x small eyes
Length of brass rod or similar for curtain pole

Tools required

Cutting board
Craft glue
Craft Knife
Sharp scissors
Tape Measure

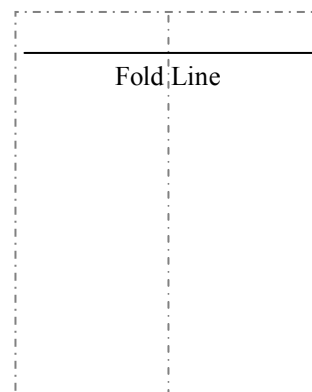
Step 1

1: Measure the height of the window and add 3cm to the measurement, this equals the curtain drop allowing for a 1cm turnover at the top edge

Measure the window width and x by 1.25; this is the curtains combined width. Halve this figure and you're left with the width for each curtain.

2: Lay your fabric flat on a cutting board and mark out the measurements on the fabric; first of all mark the curtain drop and the combined width for the curtains. Once you've done this accurately mark a line down the centre of the fabric and then cut to create the two curtains.

3: Now fold over .5cm at the top of each curtain and glue down the edge, make sure you only glue the edge because you'll need to be able to slide the curtains over the curtain pole.



Step 2 The Pelmet

1: Take the wood and cut it to the length you want for the pelmet, the best way to do this is to add 2cm to the overall width of the window frame, this gives you 1cm overhang at each side.

2: Now measure and cut a piece of fabric for the pelmet top, this should measure 1cm x your actual pelmet width.
Glue in place on the top of the pelmet.



Step 2 Pelmet Cont'd

3: Cut a strip of fabric to fit the width of the pelmet remembering to allow 1cm at either side for the pelmet edge. The depth of the pelmet drop should be around 4cm; this gives enough fabric for you to cut swags into it if you want to.



I.E. Cut the fabric to pelmet width + 2cm x 4cm drop

4: If you want to have a shaped pelmet take the fabric and starting 1cm in at each end mark out equal sections carefully marking out cutting guides to form equal swags. Now iron on the Vilene and trim any untidy edges with sharp scissors



5: When you have the desired shape for your pelmet carefully put a line of glue along the shaped bottom edge of the pelmet and attach the braid.

Once this is dry carefully glue to the front and sides of the pelmet.

Step 3: Tie Backs

1: Cut 2 x 1cm x 6cm strips of fabric, carefully glue the long edges and attach braid as you did with the pelmet. Attach the buttons to secure the tie backs (if using).



Putting them all together

1: Slide the curtains over the curtain pole and arrange them as you wish; open or closed. Now secure the pole to the bottom edge of the pelmet, this is best done by using a couple of eyes similar to those used for net curtain wires and securing them at either edge for the rail to sit into.



2: Take the completed pelmet and curtains and secure them to the window by gluing the pelmet firmly in place just above the window frame.

3: Slide the curtains through the tie backs and secure them to the sides of the window frame with a dab of glue or grip wax.