

# Dress Up Your Windows



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**W**here do you start when you need window treatments? There is no such thing as a standard option with windows and glass doors coming in all shapes and sizes. There are so many alternatives available for all your needs and wants. With thousands of fabrics and a multitude of fabrication styles, it can be very confusing. Ready made curtains and draperies only offer limited choices of fabrics, styles and sizes.

It is best to work with a professional who can guide you through the maze of choices by recommending the best fabrics, features and designs for your home or workplace. First step is meeting to review your desired areas of focus and determining your preferred style. Fabrics, accents, rods and linings are all important components for beautiful window treatments. Your design professional will coordinate all the steps along the way from measuring to arranging installation of your new window treatments.

When you work with an interior designer who specializes in window treatments, they can assist you with simply coordinating a new wall color or designing a whole new look for your room. For a complete makeover, your designer will coordinate new furniture, flooring, area rugs, and wall coverings/paint along



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Specializing in window treatments and home décor, Heritage Design Interiors has been decorating homes and workplaces since 1990. From blinds to shutters and valances to draperies, they will take care of all the details from measuring to installation of your new window treatments. Choose from thousands of patterns, colors, trims, styles, and rods for your windows. In addition to great selections, quality custom products and customer service, they also have a retail store with artwork, mirrors, floral designs, accessories, lamps, accent furniture and more!

Whether your next project is new construction, renovating your home or just a room makeover, they can help you coordinate all of the details of cabinetry, countertops, lighting and plumbing fixtures, paint colors, flooring and exterior selections. Their design service is tailored to your wants and needs and their guidance will take the stress out of the selection process.

Over the past 30 years, Heritage Design Interiors' model homes have received many awards from *Best of Show* and *Best Interior Design* from the Lancaster's *Parade of Homes* Tour. They have also received awards from local magazines and newspapers for being voted *#1 Designers* and *Top 10 Designers*. Their best awards, however, come from their clients who enthusiastically recommend Heritage Design Interiors to their friends and family.

with the finishing touches of artwork, accessories, lamps, and floral designs, etc.

Fabrics are the face of beautiful valances and draperies, adding accent tape or fringe enhances the look of the treatment. Valances are a great way to add a splash of color and design while stationary panels on decorative rods help frame the window. Full draperies along with blinds, shades and

shutters provide privacy, light control and insulation from the winter cold and summer heat. Regardless of the type of window treatment, you can't go wrong with good quality.

Today, many window treatment rods, shades and blinds can be automated/motorized so there are no cords. They can be operated by a remote/wall control or even via your phone or iPad programmed to open and close at set times. Shutter





louvers can now be operated remotely eliminating the need to touch them. For children and pet safety, many blinds and shades can be operated without a cord. In addition to motorization, manufacturers offer other cordless options.

Another variation on the traditional operation system of blinds/shades is "Top Down / Bottom Up." This allows you to lower the shade from the top so you have privacy on the bottom half of the window while enjoying the beautiful day outside. If you enjoy sleeping in or blocking out streetlights/full moon, room darkening shades are a great alternative. You can also add room darkening lining to draperies to reduce the amount of sunlight coming in.

There are many types of fabrics available today for all the different applications of window treatments, bedding, pillows, furniture, cushions and shower curtains. Choices in fabrics range from sheer to heavy upholstery. Using Sunbrella/outdoor fabrics inside is a great way to reduce fading in areas with lots of sun as some fabrics such as silk and linen fade quickly. While most people think of flame retardant or Crypton fabrics for commercial application, they can be used in high use residential situations allowing for easy clean up from spills and dirt.

Can you mix patterns? Yes, it is wonderful to mix patterns along with colors and textures. It adds interest to your room. Some people love large and bold patterns while others prefer an understated smaller scaled pattern. Be mindful of the space's other elements such as architecture details, lighting, openings into other rooms, etc. You want to enhance the space with your choices. That is why working with an interior design and/or a window treatment specialist will save you time and frustration along with avoiding costly mistakes of the wrong size and poor choice.

So, have fun and dress up your naked windows!

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