

Perfect Curtains: Smart and Simple Solutions Using Fabulous Fabrics



The way we treat our windows has seen a dramatic change over the last few years. Traditional lined and interlined curtains with structured swags, pelmets and fussy tiebacks have been replaced by curtains that are more relaxed, lighter and multifunctional. There is now a vast amount of choice and very few rules and the results are wonderful. Perfect Curtains presents a collection of stunning new curtain designs and window treatments from homes in the UK, France, North America and South Africa, from decorative sheers to multi-layered solutions, from the understated elegance of natural linen to the luxurious appeal of silk. Stephanie Hoppen has interviewed designers, fabric manufacturers and curtain makers from around the world to offer expert advice on fabric choice, design, techniques and style to help guide you through the various options and find the best solutions for your home. New technology in textile design has resulted in some amazing new materials and the variety can be overwhelming. Perfect Curtains lets the fabric take centre stage, with chapters focusing on plain and decorative sheers, natural cottons and linens, glamorous silks and velvets, lightweight and heavyweight woven wools, graphic and floral patterns, and other materials such as natural fibres. It looks at the very best examples of window treatments for every room and shape of window, with special attention paid to headings, hardware and details. In each chapter, unique fabric palettes offer a handpicked selection of the most exciting new fabrics from leading international manufacturers, and decorators tips offer advice on poles and finials, headings, linings, layering, borders and trimmings.

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