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FLAT FAUX SHADE VALANCE INSTRUCTIONS

To iron out, first lift the top fold up vertically and steam around it gently without allowing your iron to press down or touch the fabric directly. Press the rest of the valance from the front side only, following the included care instructions below.

You must press the valance with your iron before hanging to ensure the bottom folds are taut and the valance falls nicely to the exact size you ordered. Make sure you go in the direction (left/right) of the thread when pressing. Never hang the valance straight out of the box.

HARDWARE YOU'LL NEED:

If your rod pocket is:

- 2" - then you can use any rod up to 1" in diameter;
- 2-1/2" - then you can use any rod up to 1-3/8" in diameter;
- 3" - then you can use any rod up to 1-5/8" in diameter.
- 3-1/2" - then you can use any rod up to 1-7/8" in diameter, or any 2-1/2" flat/wide curtain rod (for inside mounts or valances with side flaps).

See the product description or your selections on our website for the rod pocket size you purchased. Give your rod pocket ample room to hang freely on the rod. Never force it to gather on the rod or the side brackets. **This valance must hang FLAT and TAUT across the top.**

OUTSIDE MOUNTS:

Outside-mounted custom valances hang high on a wall. If you want a magazine-worthy look, avoid the beginner's mistake of hanging your rod immediately above your window casing. Refer to the measuring guide you used before ordering your valance to determine how high to hang your valance based on your ceiling height.

- **WITHOUT SIDE FLAPS (USING DECORATIVE RODS):**

For outside-mounted valances that just require a decorative rod, a wooden/metal custom-cut single piece rod is best to get a designer look. We don't recommend adjustable rods as a first choice, but if you must choose one, always choose a size that will telescope out as little as possible (i.e. choose the 36-72" over the 28-48" rod if your valance is 38").

- The rod seen in our product pictures is available at <https://www.amazon.com/Decopolitan-Single-Telescoping-Drapery-Silver/dp/B07CBYBN4W>.

- **WITH SIDE FLAPS (USING WHITE LOCKSEAM RODS):**

If you purchased the side flaps upgrade to your custom valance, hang on the rod and lay out on a table first, then mark the exact width the rod must span within 1/8" before hanging. Don't directly hang on the wall without testing first to ensure the sides of your valance are flush with the wall. The projection of your rod must be the same as the projection of the side flap you ordered. We recommend Rod Desyne or Kirsch lockseam rods. Again, choose a width that will telescope out as little as possible (i.e. choose the 36-72" over the 28-48" rod if your valance is 38").

INSIDE AND OUTSIDE MOUNTS WITH TENSION RODS:

Look for spring tension rods that are strong enough for the weight of the fabric, yet don't have bulky end caps (stay away from large disc-shaped metal or plastic end caps - those are for decorative purposes only and not intended for faux shades). Some of our customers like to completely take off the rubber caps to get the valance closer to the top beam of the window casing (this applies to inside mounts only).

It's imperative for your valance to be fully ironed out to get the intended size and fit. Don't forget to press out the top and bottom pockets and their thread lines, pulling each of the two pockets of the valance taut as you go over them with your iron.

Avoid flimsy tension rods and tension rods that telescope too much, or your valance will appear more narrow than it really is and unnecessarily cave in the middle. Go for sturdy tension rods that telescope out as little as possible (i.e. choose the 36-72" over the 28-48" rod if your valance is 38"). And always make sure to press the valance before hanging first.

Some of our recommendations:

EXAMPLE ROD:	IDEAL FAUX SHADE SIZES FOR THIS ROD:
https://www.target.com/p/tension-rod-white-e-room-essentials-153/-/A-50791187	If your faux shade has <u>thermal suede lining</u> and is up to 24" L*: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ● 16-24" rod is best for faux shades up to 22" W. ● 22-36" rod is best for faux shades 22-26" W. ● 36-60" rod is best for faux shades 36-44" W. ● 48-84" rod is best for faux shades 48-56" W*. If your faux shade has <u>blackout lining</u> and is up to 18" L*: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ● 16-24" rod is best for faux shades up to 22" W. ● 22-36" rod is best for faux shades 22-26" W. ● 36-60" rod is best for faux shades 36-44" W*.
https://www.homedepot.com/p/28-in-48-in-Tension-Curtain-Rod-in-White-869562/309976909	If your faux shade has <u>thermal suede lining</u> and is up to 24" L*: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ● 28-48" rod is best for faux shades 28-32" W. If your faux shade has <u>blackout lining</u> and is up to 18" L*: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ● 28-48" rod is best for faux shades 28-32" W.
https://www.homedepot.com/p/48-in-84-in-Tension-Single-Curtain-Rod-in-White-869570/309976919	If your faux shade has <u>thermal suede lining</u> and is up to 24" L*: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ● 48-84" rod is best for faux shades 48-56" W*. If your faux shade has <u>blackout lining</u> and is up to 18" L*: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ● 48-48" rod is best for faux shades 48-56" W*.
<p>*For widths and lengths outside this range, it's best to look for a rod with a 7/8" to 1-3/8" diameter. Follow the same width rules as above, making sure your rod never telescopes out too much (i.e. choose the 36-72" over the 28-48" rod if your valance is 38"). Some rod ideas we recommend are:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ● https://www.amazon.com/Zenna-Home-604W-Tension-Curtain/dp/B000PSCDVG/ ● https://www.amazon.com/InterDesign-Constant-Tension-Shower-Curtain/dp/B006J23OF6/ ● https://www.amazon.com/Zenna-Home-NeverRust-Aluminum-Tension/dp/B07BRZ8SR5 ● https://www.amazon.com/Zenna-Home-NeverRust-Aluminum-Tension/dp/B07BS3H36N ● https://www.amazon.com/Caserry-Rust-Resistance-Adjustable-Bathroom-Doorways/dp/B085KWNKKM ● https://www.amazon.com/InterDesign-Constant-Tension-Shower-Curtain/dp/B006J23ORO 	

OPTIONAL BOTTOM RODS (VALANCES OVER 48" WIDE OR LONGER VALANCES ONLY):

Depending on the softness of the fabric, you may need to insert a few 1/4" to 5/8" diameter round wooden dowel rods into the bottom folds if you want them to have more form and weight to truly mimic the look of a Roman shade. The bottom rods will need to be 2" narrower than your valance width. And remember, always iron out your valance first before even considering inserting any dowel rods as they are not necessary for most of our orders.

FABRIC CARE:

Washing > Dry Clean Only Regular Spot Cleaning w/ Mild Detergent Allowed

Ironing > High / **Medium** / Low **Steam** / No steam

Tassel Trims > Generously spray tassels with water, straighten out by hand, then let air dry. Trim excess strands.

Grosgrain Ribbon > Avoid steam. Light press on low setting only if necessary.

Other Care: **YOUR WINDOW TREATMENT IS MADE WITH THERMAL SUEDE LINING OR BLACKOUT LINING. NEVER VIGOROUSLY RUB ANY LIQUID PRODUCTS DIRECTLY INTO THE LINING, OR THE INSULATING FOAM INSIDE WILL DISINTEGRATE. IRON WINDOW TREATMENT FROM FACE/MAIN FABRIC SIDE ONLY. DO NOT IRON FROM LINING SIDE.**