

- ✓ Handmade in our Atlanta, GA workroom.
- ✓ All valances are made with home décor fabrics only.
- ✓ Limited supplies. No mass production.



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TAILED BALLOON VALANCE INSTRUCTIONS

You must press or steam your valance before hanging. Never hang straight out of the box.

STEP 1: CHOOSING YOUR CURTAIN ROD

While you're welcome to hang this valance on a standard rod with decorative finials, we find that this style is best if hung on a curtain rod with a small projection. This makes the tails hang properly and looks better when the valance is viewed from the side. Our measuring guidelines account for curtain rod projections of 2-½" or 3". Our tailed balloon valances have a 3-1/2" rod pocket, accommodating a rod up to 1-3/4" in diameter.

We recommend:

- Rod Desyne, Bali, or Kirsch lockseam curtain rods (find on Amazon; see picture on right), although you could just as easily find something similar at your local Home Depot.
- Wraparound rods that are 3/4" to 1-1/4" thick (also known as light-filtering rods) are also another solution.
- The best solution is a 2-½" flat Dauphine (continental) rod - just make sure yours has a 2-½" or 3" projection. Dauphine/continental rods are best for wide valances as they are best suited to withstand heavier window treatments.



If your measurement falls in between two adjustable rod sizes, always choose the wider rod size as this will make your valance more stable in the center (i.e. choose a 72-144" rod rather than the same rod in the 48-84" width if your valance is 78" wide).

Some triple wide valances have a buttonhole sewn in the back center. If yours has it, use a center wire support there to give your valance additional support. These usually come with wide curtain rods but can be purchased at your local store in the hardware section as well (look for metal screw hooks that will work with your rod projection).

STEP 2: INSTALLATION

With your curtain rod and valance ready to hang, **follow these instructions exactly:**

1. Before hanging, make sure to keep the folds in tact. If your valance has safety pins in the back, do not remove them until AFTER you're finished hanging the valance and setting the swag folds. Press any major wrinkles with your iron that otherwise can't be fixed with a handheld steamer.
2. Look at the packing slip to remind yourself of the width you ordered when you followed the measuring instructions on the product page. Some valances are made 1/2" to 1" wider on purpose to give them a

bit more necessary fullness and small gather. What you care about is the width you ordered. This is essentially the final width that the valance will span once hung on the curtain rod.

3. Subtract window width (including window frame) from valance width ordered (i.e. 88" valance width ordered minus 79" window equals 9").
4. Subtract the rod projection on both sides from this number (i.e. 9" minus 2-1/2" projection on each side equals 4").
5. This is how much your maximum total allowance can be, or how far the outermost edge of your curtain rod bracket can extend beyond your window frame. Hang your curtain rod using this information (i.e. rod hangs 83" wide total, extending up to 2" past each side of the window). If you only have 8-foot ceilings, try hanging your valance 2" to 5" below the ceiling/crown molding. This style hangs high on a wall, not low.
6. Once the rod is up and secured (don't forget to use metal hollow wall anchors, especially for extra wide windows), gently slide the rod pocket of the valance through. Keep the folds in tact as you do this – the fabric folds of your valance have already been trained by our workroom.
7. Use a steam iron to fix wrinkles, following the attached fabric care instructions.
8. Remove the safety pins. Adjust the folds slightly so that they neatly flow across the entire valance width - the three bottom folds must flow continuously and neatly across the entire width of the valance, as shown in our product pictures. The fabric on the folds can be shifted slightly towards the left or right to make your swags look more identical.
9. Form the tails to resemble our product photos, and making sure they're equal in length on both sides. If your tails are 1/2" longer or more than the length on your invoice, it means that the ties have slipped out of place. Pick up some of the fabric at the bottom and push it in towards the swags, away from the tails.

FABRIC CARE:

Washing:

Dry Clean Only Regular Spot Cleaning w/ Mild Detergent Allowed

Ironing for Fabric Face::

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

SPECIAL CONSIDERATIONS FOR LININGS:

- **COTTON SATEEN LINING:**
 - NO ADDITIONAL CONSIDERATIONS NEEDED, IRON/STEAM ON MEDIUM/HIGH JUST LIKE YOU WOULD ANY OTHER WHITE COTTON.