

Instructions For Translucent Shirring Header Tapes, (22-TT23, 22-TT24, 22-TT25, 22-TT26 & 22-TT27)

Translucent Tape Advantages:

- Excellent for sheer fabrics.
- Less obvious when used with any other fabrics.
- Creates attractive pleating patterns on panels, top treatments etc. quickly and automatically.
- Several styles, two widths to choose from.

Introduction to Translucent Shirring Header Tapes:

Stock #	Fullness	Tape Width	Style
TT23	3	2"	Pencil
TT24	3	2 3/4"	Pencil
TT25	3	2"	Smocking
TT26	3	2 3/4"	Smocking
TT27	Varies	2"	Shirring

Step By Step Instructions:

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1. Hardware considerations and panel length

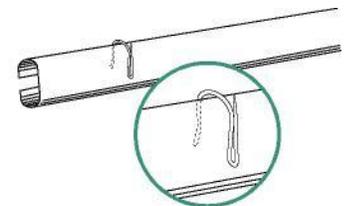
1a. Certain sizes of curtain rods can also be used. In that case, drapery pins (Stock# **DP50, DP53**) must be used.

The top edge of the tape may be placed 1/4" to 2" below the top edge of the panel, based on the desired effects one wishes to achieve. A larger distance creates a ruffle effect.

Please note that the drapery header may have a tendency to dip forward when drapery pins are used.



DP50



1b. Many rods with glides or rings, our pleat pin strips (Stock #: **HS210**) etc. can be used with these translucent shirring tapes. The two-prong drapery hooks (Stock #: **DP20**) should be used with these types of hardware.

To determine the panel length:

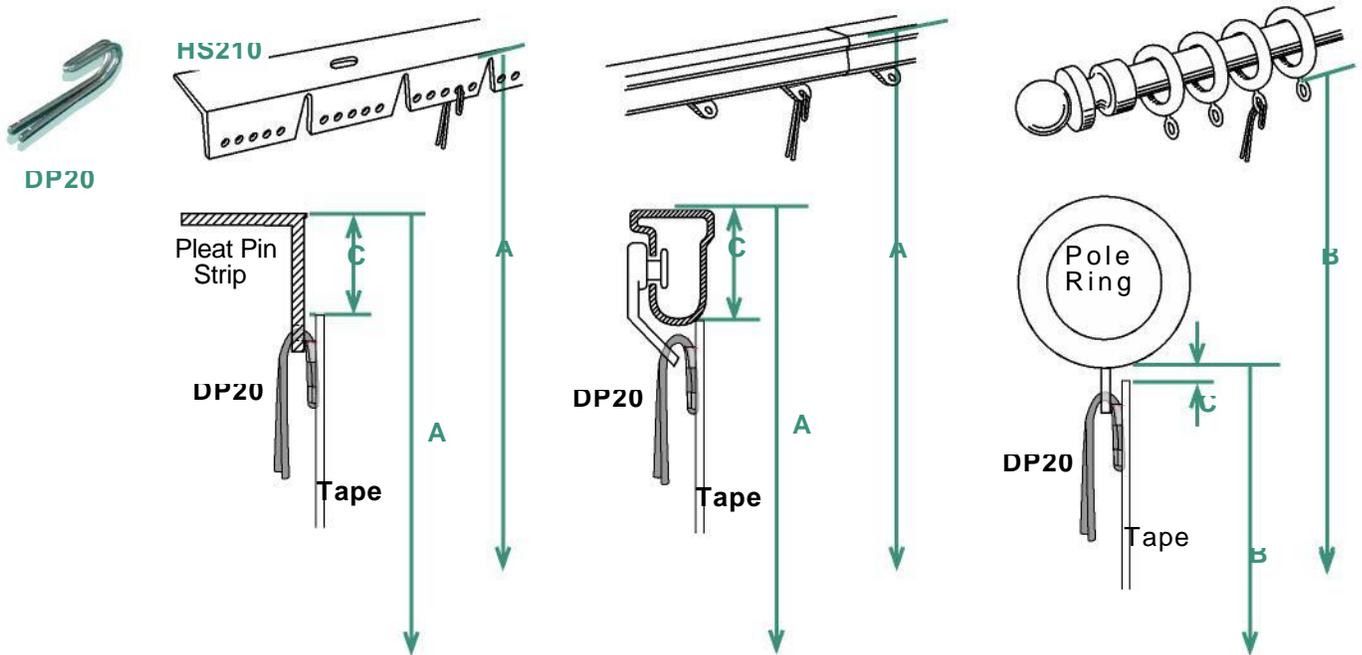
Measure from the top of the strip or rod (**A**) or from the screw eye at the bottom of the ring (**B**) to the window sill or floor or any other desired panel finished length.

Fabric Length Requirement:

Panel Finished Length
+ Allowance for a Double Folded Bottom Hem
+ 5" Extra for Top Hem.

To determine how far down the top edge of the tape should be from the top edge of the panel:

Insert a hook into the piece of tape you are going to use. Take the measurement (**C**) as shown in the figures below. The translucent tape must be positioned so that the distance between the top edge of the tape and that of the panel is **C**. This allows the hardware to be adequately covered by the treatment. Refer to Step **10a** to learn how to insert the hook.



2. Calculate the flat **Panel Width** for the desired finished width:

Finished Width x Tape Fullness

Total **Fabric Width Requirement** :

Panel Width
+ Allowance for Side Hems
+ Allowance for Seams if any.

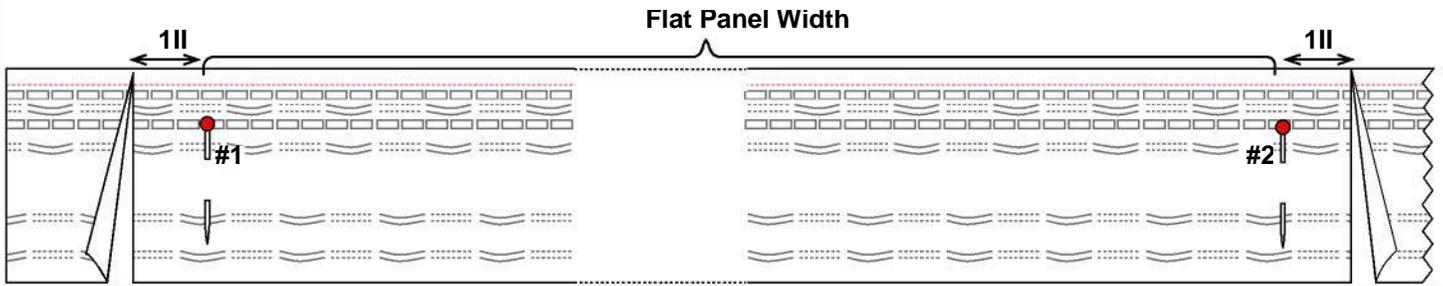
3. Assemble the panels:

Fully assemble the panels to the size as shown in the figure below. Fold the 5" top flap to the back side and press.



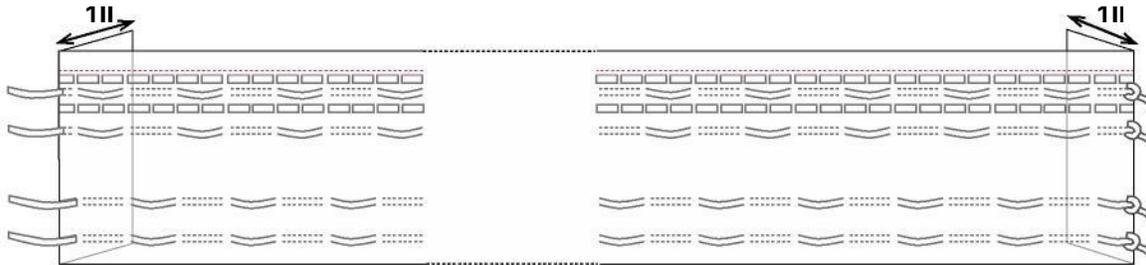
4. Cut the tape:

Measure a length of the tape. The tape length should be the same as the flat panel width calculated in Step 2. Mark the tape length with two pins (#1 and #2). Add 1' on both sides. Cut the tape.

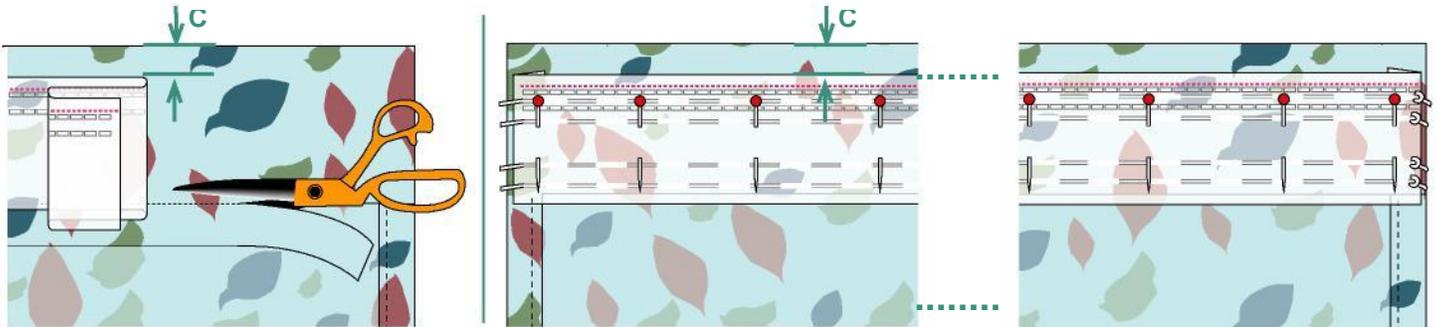


5. Free the draw cords:

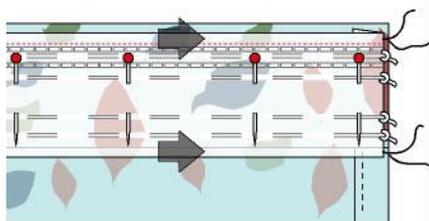
Free the draw cords at positions marked by pins #1 and #2. Make sure the freed draw cords come out from the side of the tape with hook pockets. Knot draw cords at one end, and trim off the extra. Fold 1' raw edges behind the tape.



6. Lay the fabric panel on your worktable face down. Lay the tape on the panel header with the hook pockets up. The pocket rows on the tape must be nearest the top edge of the panel. Refer to Step 1a or 1b to determine how far down to position the tape from the top edge of the panel. Trim the edge of the fabric as shown in the figure below, so that the raw edge is covered by the tape. Pin the tape to the panel.



7. Sew a straight stitching line along top and bottom edges of tape. Make sure not to sew over the draw cords or hook pockets. Sew both stitching lines in the same direction to prevent puckering.

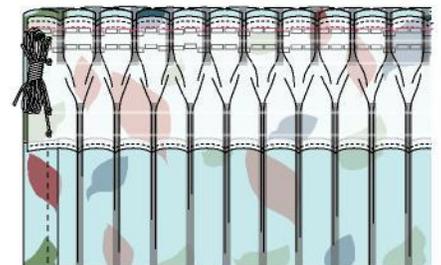


8. Pull the loose cords to gather the tape. Gather to the panel finished width. Go back to adjust if necessary. Make knots in the cords near the tape to hold the gathered width.



9. Wind the excess cords to make a neat bundle. Catch the cord bundle with two stitches to the panel or with a safety pin.

If two-prong hooks are to be used, go to 10a. If drapery pins are to be used, go to 10b.

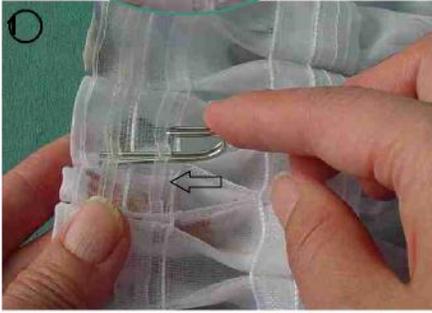
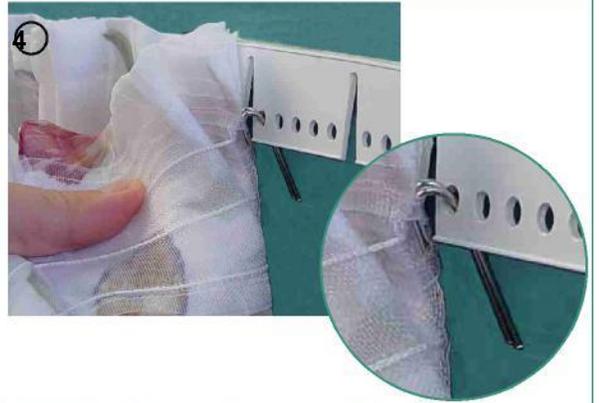


10a. Insert two prong hooks:

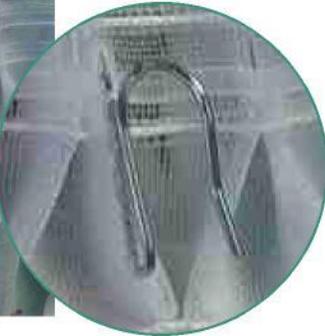
Insert one of the two prongs into each of the two adjacent pockets (1). Pull both prongs through, while flipping the hook (2). The hook is now securely inserted (3).

Insert one hook every approximately 6" along the drapery header, and at each end of the panel.

Hang the panel by inserting hooks into eyes of the pole rings, glides or the holes in the strip as shown at the right(4).



10b. If drapery pins are used, insert the pins into tape pockets or pierce them directly into the tape at the appropriate position (1). Insert one pin approximately every 6", and one at each end of the panel. Hang the panel on the curtain rod (2).



Note:

1. To eliminate seams, consider using wide width fabrics or railroading.
2. The instructions deal mainly with the application of the tape. Detail of how to make a particular treatment is beyond the scope of this instruction and should be found in numerous instructional books.
3. These tapes are well suited for stationary panels, but not traversing panels.



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