Instructions for Serpentine Tape (22-TT30)
Making Hidden Tab Curtains

WHAT YOU WILL NEED:

- Serpentine tape (TT30), about 2 1/2 times drapery rod width
- Your chosen drapery fabric; if desired, drapery lining
- Matching thread
- Drapery weights (x4, one for each corner of each drapery pane)

*If desired, iron the tape at synthetic setting only. Excess heat will damage the tape.

ESTIMATE FABRIC REQUIREMENT:

1. Calculate the total number of fabric widths needed:

Multiply the drapery rod width by 2.25, divide the answer by the fabric width, round the answer up to the nearest full number.

2. Calculate the drapery panel cut length:

Add 8" for a double folded header, 8" for a double folded bottom hem and 1" shrinkage allowance (total 17") to the finished drapery panel length.

Add one pattern repeat if pattern match is required.

3. Total fabric requirement:

Multiply the drapery panel cut length by the number of fabric widths needed. Convert the answer to yardage.

Example:

Rod width is 44"; finished drapery panel length is 72". Fabric width is 54" with 6" pattern repeat.

The total number of fabric widths needed is: 44" x 2.25 ÷ 54 = 1.8, round up to 2.

Each drapery panel will be made of one width of fabric.

The drapery cut length is: 72" + 17" = 89".

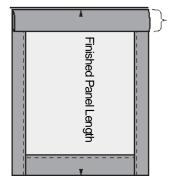Add the pattern repeat: 89" + 6" = 95".

The total fabric requirement is: 95" x 2 ÷ 36 = 5 1/3 yards.

SEWING INSTRUCTIONS:

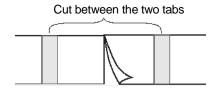1. Cut and sew the drapery panels, finish side and bottom hems. At the header, make a 4" double fold and press. Do not sew the header.
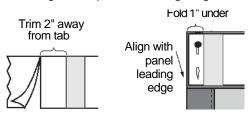

Finished Panel Length

2. Measure the panel width. Cut a strip of Serpentine tape 2 times the panel width, plus 20" extra.

Midpoint of the strip

At the midpoint of the strip, find two tabs. Between these two tabs, cut the tape into two strips, one strip for each panel.
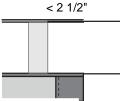
Cut between the two tabs

3. The two just cut tape ends will be located at the leading edges of drapery panels (they meet at the center of the rod). On both tape strips, at the just cut end, trim the tape 2" away from the tab, fold 1" under, align the folded edge with panel leading edge. Pin.
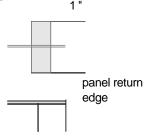
Trim 2" away from tab

Fold 1" under

Align with panel leading edge

4. Go to the return edge of the panel (opposite from the leading edge),
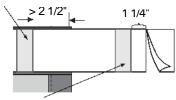
If the last entirely on the panel tab is within 2 1/2" distance away from the return edge,

< 2 1/2"

Trim the tape 1" beyond the panel return edge, fold 1" under, align the tape folded edge with panel edge. Pin.
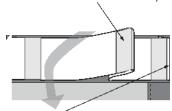
1 "

panel return edge

If the last entirely on the panel tab is more than 2 1/2" distance away from the return edge,
Go to the next tab. This tab could be partially on

> 2 1/2"   1 1/4"

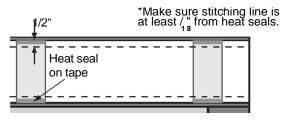the panel. Trim the tape 1 1/4" away from the tab, fold 1" under.

Make a "Z" fold under this tab,

until the tape folded edge aligns with panel return edge. Pin.

5. Pin the tape to the panel across the entire width.

6. Machine stitch the tape to panel 1/2" in from the two tape edges.

Stitch both edges in the same direction.

1/2"

*Make sure stitching line is at least $\frac{1}{18}$" from heat seals.

Heat seal on tape

7. Hang the curtain panels by threading the rod through each tab.