Pleated Draperies with Attached Valance

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Cutting allowances:
Face Fabric / Drapery
Finished length + 8” (bottom hem) + 2” (tabling allowance) = Cut length
Lining Fabric / Drapery
Finished length + 6” (bottom hem) + 2” (tabling allowance) = Cut length
Face Fabric / Valance
Finished length + 8” (top heading) + .5” seam allowance = *Exact* cut length
Lining / Valance
Cut the same as face fabric.
**Allow extra based on the pattern repeat for matching.*

Step One: Drapery panel
Complete the drapery panel with bottom and side hems, and lining. Mark and cut at the finished length. Sew or serge to finish across the cut edge.

Step Two: Valance

- Cut the valance fabric to match the top of the finished drapery, allowing 8 ½-inches above for the top, double fold heading and bottom seam allowance, and 1 inch wider for side seam allowances (welt cord is used in the seam).
- Match pattern motifs on print fabrics like this.
- Cut the lining the same.

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Sew the valance face fabric and lining right sides together with the welt cord in the seam. The welt cord can be stopped 8 inches from the top of the valance. Trim seams, turn and press. The valance is ready to be added to the top of the drapery.

- Fold over and press a doubled 4 inch heading in the top of the valance.
- Unfold and place the top of the finished drapery on the crease line at the top of the valance.

The heading is folded over the top of the finished drapery. Pin to hold the layers together

- Mark pleats and spaces. (Any style of pleat can be used).
- Finish around each end by hand sewing.
- Machine sew pleats being careful to hold the layers together.
- Tack pleats.
- The drapery is ready to install.

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