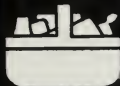


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CONSUMER TIPS > >

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MATERIALS

1. Don't buy new materials unless absolutely necessary.
2. There is no official "blackout material."
3. Curtains need not be black; must pass no light when held before lighted electric bulb.
4. Use present drapes if suitable; blankets, quilts, rugs.

CONSTRUCTION

1. Curtains must cover window, admit air, hide all light.
2. For loose curtains, material should be one and one-half times area of window. When hung, curtains should extend at least 8 inches above & on sides of window frame; hang to floor,

lap at least 3 inches at center, fastened with buttons, hooks or ties.

3. To adapt present drapes: If too thin, line on side toward window; if too narrow, add wide border; If too small, fasten to window frame on all sides with hooks.
4. For roller curtains, roller must fit tightly up into frame - shade fit against sides, be fastened at bottom.
5. Instead of curtains, wooden frame covered with plywood or dark oilcloth may be hooked tightly over window.

GENERAL RULES

1. Curtain one room for use in blackouts.
2. Do not paste dark paper over windows; blocks sunlight.
3. Do not paint windows; black paint absorbs heat of sun faster than glass, threatens breakage.
4. Keep curtains near window or permanently in place. CT-74

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