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# Framing your View

**WHEN I FIRST MEET A NEW CLIENT** and we are discussing options I often hear, “I don’t want window treatments because I don’t want to take away from the view” or “window treatments are old-fashioned.”

I am here to tell you that window treatments, when done correctly, are one of the most important elements of your design. When should you use them, how should you use them, and when should you NOT use them?

## When do you need window treatments?

- **Light Control** - If you have an east- or west-facing room, the sharp light of the sun can pierce your eyes, wake you up, or fade your furnishings. My home office is one of those rooms. Without closing drapery, I would not be able to work part of the year.
- **Privacy** - If you are like most people, you don’t like looking out into the night and wondering if a neighbor can see in your home. Window treatments offer you privacy when you want it.
- **Temperature Control** - Closing drapery with lining can help keep heat and cold out and insulate your spaces.
- **Visual Interest** - The right window treatments can add structure, architecture, softness, pattern, and/or texture to a space.

## How should you use window treatments?

- **Frame Your View** - Proper drapery panels do NOT cover up the view. The drapery rods are long enough to keep the actual drapery from blocking any view. If your view is spectacular, keep the drapery quiet and you will be able to look past them to take in the view without any barrier.
- **Custom Installation** - The difference is often how drapery is hung. Ready-to-wear drapery hardware is usually lightweight, not long enough, and not hung high enough on the wall.
- **Custom Fabrication** - Custom drapery is always made to be the correct length, width, and is made with the appropriate lining for the circumstance.
- **Sometimes drapery is not the answer** - Roman shades, light-blocking automatic roller shades, and dozens of other options are available to finish the space.



## When should you not use window treatments?

- **If you have a modern minimalist home with a spectacular view.** Often window treatments do not make sense.
- **If you have odd-shaped windows,** any window treatments can look contrived and bulky.
- **If you have a maximalist design in your room,** you may need a breath and zero drapery to allow the eye to rest.
- **If the doors or architecture are placed so draperies are not the best choice,** I have used mouldings, and/or wallpaper to add the needed texture.



As in all things, don’t make quick assumptions. Consideration by a professional will help in decision making. <sup>TM</sup>

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