

SOFT FURNISHINGS DESIGNER BASICS: PLEAT TO PATTERN EXPLAINED

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What is Pleat to Pattern?

Pleating to pattern is a fabrication technique where the drapery panel is pleated according to the *horizontal* pattern repeat to display a geometric pattern to best effect.

This method takes more fabric – usually one width more per window – to make sure that all seams, returns and overlaps are in the correct places. The number of pleats can also change.

Repeat size is important too. Too small or too large won't work with this technique. It's best to consult with your window treatment fabrication professional when selecting a fabric that can be used for this technique so that correct yardage can be ordered.

The first example is a fabric that I recently worked on.

This is a beautiful embroidered linen with a distinct pattern.



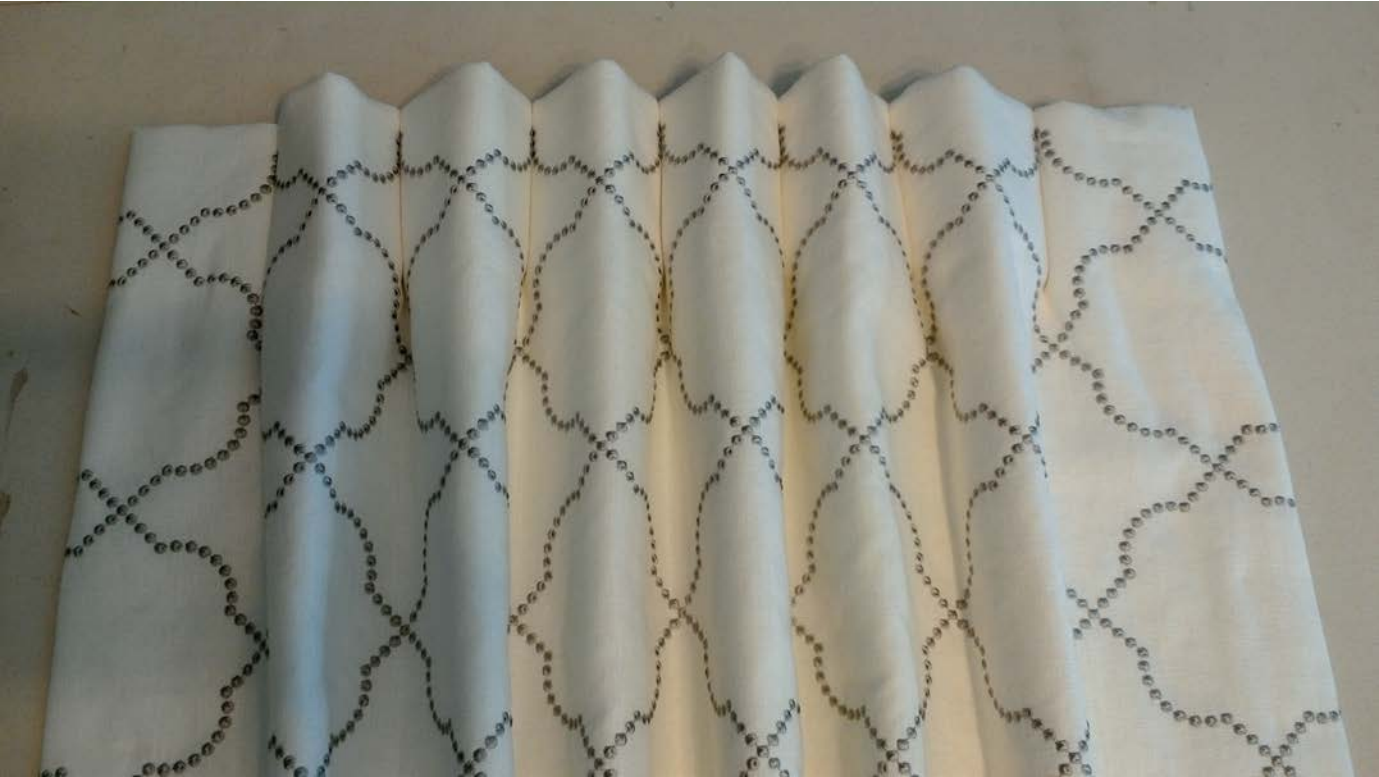
The designer chose inverted pleats. Here is the panel pinned up with no regard for repeat placement.

As you can see, the pattern doesn't line up.



Here is the same fabric
pleated to pattern.

The repeat lines up
beautifully.



Here is another example show casing lively and colorful fabric.

The top shows it pleated to pattern.

The bottom view isn't pleated to pattern.

Pleating to pattern makes a huge difference in these panels and is very pleasing to the eye.



If this beautiful fabric were not pleated to pattern it would be confusing to look at, in my opinion, and the precision of the repeat would be lost.



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