

10 ways to treat a window

RELISH SOME SERIOUSLY DELICIOUS VIEWS—INSIDE AND OUT—BY PLAYING UP, DRESSING DOWN, AND RETHINKING WINDOW COVERINGS WITH EVERYDAY PIECES FROM AROUND YOUR HOME.



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Transform plain-Jane Roman shades with a ribbon, *left*. Adhere the ribbon with glue or stitches.

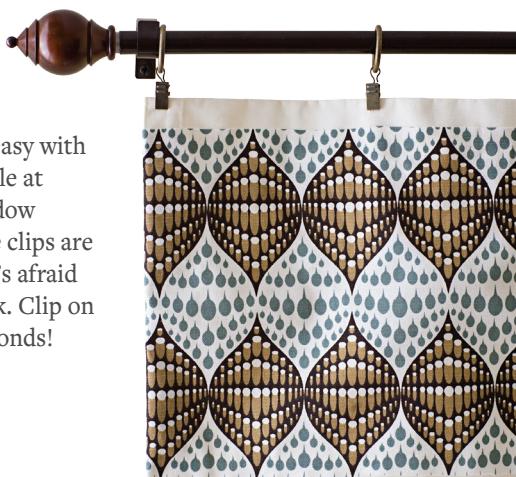
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Fringe makes an easy add-on, *below*, to any shade—Roman or roller—and instantly makes the entire room feel more upscale.



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Switching out curtains is easy with drapery clips, *right*. Available at most stores that carry window fashions, these inexpensive clips are perfect for the person who's afraid to commit to a specific look. Clip on fabric for a new look in seconds!





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Dress up a basic roller shade with graphic stripes, *left*. Lay the shade out at full length on a flat surface. Measure and tape off sections, then roll on the paint as you would on a wall.

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Think outside the label: Convert a flat bedsheet to a drapery panel. Never limit yourself to an item's intended purpose. If you love it, what are you waiting for?

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Café curtains, *below*, let the light shine in while providing the little privacy a kitchen needs. What's even better: Tea towels and small pieces of fabric can easily become café curtains with the help of drapery clips (ahem, Tip No. 1).

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Painting with a stencil isn't just for walls. Once you find your favorite pattern, apply acrylic paint to a solid shade or curtain panel for a customized look.

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What do you do with too-short drapery panels that don't reach the floor? Going custom can come at a price. Instead, iron or sew a length of fabric in a bold color or print onto the bottom of the panels.

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To frame your view, embellish drapery panels by adding a table runner or other long piece of fabric to their inside edges. It can be as easy as hanging the runner with a drapery clip or fastening it to the curtain panel with pins.



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Learning the ropes of treating your windows includes taking risks: If your panels have grommets (metal rings), *above*, thread ribbon or rope through them and tie around the rod. It means adding a step, but you'll love when friends ask you where you got your hooks.



Watch a video about hanging draperies at BHG.com/RefreshWindows.