

Instructions for hanging your curtain

Velcro® Attachment

Thank you for your order. These instructions are a guideline. Every porch is different and you will have the flexibility to improvise for your particular conditions. We invite you back to the website for more detailed instructional videos.

Inspect your curtain and kit. If this product is not for you, we will accept returns within 45 days of delivery. Performance of your curtain will depend on your reasonable care. Sometimes, we make mistakes. Don't worry! We are here to make you happy!! If you have any issues, call us and we will help you. Of 9,000 orders we've been stumped only 3 times and we're as friendly as your grandmother.

Step 1 Velcro attachment: **(1)** Clean surface with a damp cloth. **(2)** Peel and stick the provided adhesive-backed hook-sided Velcro tape to your surface. **(3)** Reinforce using a staple gun every 12 inches **(4)** Hang your curtain by firmly pressing the loop-sided strip sewn to the top binding to the hook-sided strip adhered to your surface.

The weak points of a Velcro seal are the two upper corners of your curtain and any weak transition points can be reinforced using marine snaps. The center of the Velcro seal is quite strong. You may need to reposition curtain panels slightly before fastening snaps. It is best to mark the positioning of snaps with a piece of chalk and then remove the curtains to conveniently place snaps. Snap installation is described in Step 4 and should be applied:

- On the 2 upper corners of ALL panels.
2 inches before panels overlap a wall, column, or another panel
- In top binding when a curtain panel turns a corner.
Place 2 snaps on either side of corner
- When you are forced to mount to a non-vertical surface, like the underside of a ceiling. *Place snaps every 4ft*



Step 2 Fiberglass rods: **Careful when unpacking.** Video on web site.

To insert rods:

- Sand the tip of the rod to round the tips.
- Heat the tip with a lighter to seal it (an old hockey player's trick)
- Insert the rod into a small hole in the outermost fold of the side binding at the base of the curtain.
- Trim so that the fiberglass rods are 2" shorter than curtain and repeat steps (1) and (2).



Step 3 Seal Doorways: The doorway overlap should be 1¼ inch, or slightly more than the width of your side binding. Position magnets 3" from the bottom, 3" from the top and spaced in between every 18 to 36 inches depending on wind conditions. The video on the website offers the best example.

Block-shaped magnets for doorways: If you inspect the side binding carefully, you will notice a double stitching that looks like railroad tracks. We have given you a small tool called a *seam ripper* to make a ½ inch incision between (but not crossing the railroad tracks. Insert the block magnet into the incision downward into what is now a small pocket. LIGHTLY sear the incision with a lighter to seal. Be sure **NOT TO SCORCH** the white bindings. Heating a flathead screw driver and tapping it on the incision will also work. Place all the magnets on one side binding before moving onto the next side binding aligning the magnet pairings as you go. Be sure the magnets *attract* each other and do not *repel*.

Step 4 Sealing Sides and Bottom with marine snaps: You will have received a 3-piece snap set containing a button, female socket, and male snap. In addition, you will have a 2-piece tool to fasten the button and female snap to the binding that looks like a white plastic roller skate wheel and metal rod (flaring tool).



The black or white button has a post. Poke a small hole through the CENTER of the double stitching of the binding the size of the button post (hammering a nail works nicely). Insert button post through the hole and place socket over button post.

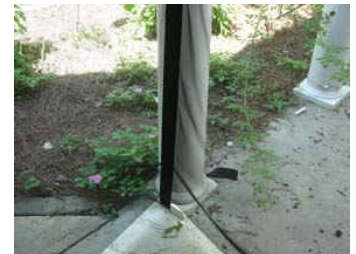
One side of the white plastic (roller skate-like) wheel is a concave dish. Lay the wheel on a flat surface with the concave dish facing up. Lay the button in the dish. Insert the flaring tool nipple into the button post hole and strike firmly 5-7 times. **The post will roll down on itself locking it to the socket,** and does not split and flare (like when Bugs Bunny puts his finger in Elmer Fudd's shotgun).

The male snap will screw into any surface. If screwing into masonry, you will need a masonry drill bit and a plastic insert casing found at any hardware store. The best insert casings look like extruded pasta and are flexible. Snaps should be positioned so that binding has tension between snaps. This will force the binding to lay flat against your surface for a good seal. We have a video posted on the LEARN section of the Website.



- Space snaps every 3-4 ft for sealing sides
- Strategically space every 6-12 ft along base only if necessary (base of support columns).
- If a panel turns a corner place a snap at the corner
- You can always add more if required (especially along base) so be frugal at first.

Elastic cord: If your curtain follows a path inside your support columns, elastic cord stretched from ceiling to floor between two eye-screws will make for a clean crisp corner. In the photo on the right, we used our webbing material to represent elastic cord to make it easier to visualize. Elastic cord can be used anywhere along the curtain to act as a "rib", bracing the curtain under windy conditions.



Caring for your curtain:

The netting and valance are made of 100% polyester and the loop-sided strip is made of 100% nylon. Wash your curtain in cold water and re-hang to dry. Cleaners will clean and fold it all for you at some price. Ours charged \$35 for a 35ft curtain, but ask first. It is important to clean the curtains periodically to give the curtains longer life even if you rinse it with a hose. Store dry curtains in a dry place in a plastic bag. Cedar chips are a nice touch.

Magnet Warning:

Magnets are extremely powerful. Magnets are a choking hazard. Do not leave magnets with small children since two ingested magnets can pinch internal organs and require surgery to remove, cause serious injury, or even death. Never allow neodymium magnets near a person with a pacemaker or similar medical device. The strong magnetic fields of the magnet can affect the operation of such devices. Neodymium magnets are brittle and prone to chipping and cracking. Magnets are not toys and may pinch or attract each other at high speeds shattering their ceramic core. We want you safe!

Our family sincerely hopes your family will enjoy your curtains and a bug-free space!