



## Why you shouldn't shy away from sheers

*Not your Granny's window treatments, today's sheers are beautiful, elegant and modern*



How you can layer your sheers to change the effect  
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Sheers might remind you of your grandmother's dining room or a background of a scene from an 80's movie, but you can rest assured that they have come a long way. Today, they are featured in fashionable homes and are being used as modern treatments for windows. If you're considering sheers, you may want to consider them for large open area spaces and ceiling-to-floor glass areas instead of [dividing up the windows](#) with several blinds. They offer a cleaner look and will function better for you. My appreciation of the sheer does not include heavy embroidery, lace, or large goblet pleats swathed back with a tie back or any kind of fringes, gimps and tassels. These styles gives sheers the "old school" reputation. For a heading, keep it simple and go for ripple fold style.

Ripple fold heading is not available as ready made. Generally, they are required to be made custom for your window by a professional like myself They are sewed with a generous amount of fabric giving the treatment a beautiful luxurious fall. They come in several colours, textures and opacities. For privacy, they can offer a thicker sheer fabric available to let in the light while stopping the glare. If you are going for a rustic look, I often work with burlap or linen fabric. For a sleek modern style white or grey, voile or cotton /poly sheer offer clean lines with an added warmth that blinds cannot offer

The best part about sheers, they can be layered with additional fabric for a blackout effect. You can also add blinds behind the sheers and hide them during the day and release them at night.

Sheers offer the layer of softness unlike any other treatment. They help brighten and expand the room with its light and airy nature. Why have your home look like an office when there are magnificent fabrics on the markets to suit your style?

We have come a long way from the 1960s where sheers were referred to as "glass curtains," and today, our modern take on these are even more elegant and timeless. So don't be shy take a second look and enhance your views with a little sheer delight...

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