Shower Curtain Sizes & Measuring Tips

When it comes to having the right shower curtain in your bathroom, it's more than just ensuring it fits in with your current decor. A properly sized shower curtain is important for keeping water off the floor and properly draining back into the shower stall or tub.

The good news is that finding the right shower curtain size for your bathroom isn't difficult. These easy tips will help you find the right shower curtain sizes for your bathroom with no problem.

Standard Bathtub

While there are multiple different sizes of shower curtains, most shower curtains come in one standard size. The recommended width of a shower curtain is the width of your shower plus 12 inches.

The standard bathtub dimensions are 32 inches wide and 60 inches long. So a standard shower curtain for the bathtub is usually **72" W x 72" L**.

Walk-in Shower

For walk-in showers, you will need shower curtains that are **72" W x 78" L** in size. Long curtains are a good fit for these types of showers to keep the water from splashing outside.

High Ceilings or Large Shower

If you have a bathroom with very high ceilings or a large shower, an extra long shower curtain that will effectively keep the water from landing on the floor is what you need. Typically, the width will remain similar to standard-sized shower curtains but you will need to look for one that is longer.

Extra-long shower curtains are usually **72" W x 84" L** in size. Some shower curtains even go up to **72" W x 96" L.**

Stall Showers

If you happen to have a stall shower instead of a full size tub, the standard measurements and way of measuring are going to be a bit different. Stall showers are taller and skinnier than standard showers.

Now, stall shower curtain sizes are pretty much narrow in usual. They are available in

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size of **36” W x 72” L**, **50” W x 78” L**, **54” W x 78” L** and **60” W x 72” L**.

Oversized Showers

Although most houses and apartments have standard size showers and tubs, they do come in a variety of sizes. The good news is, if your shower is larger than the typical 60 inches tub, you can buy some shower curtains with a size of **108” W x 72” L**.

Clawfoot or Freestanding Tubs

Clawfoot or freestanding tubs need curtains that wrap all the way around. You will need a shower curtain that is about **180” W x 72” L**.

RV Showers

Travel trailer showers are much smaller than the showers found in traditional houses. For this reason, size is something you’ll want to think about when purchasing a shower curtain for your RV.

What’s more, you need to be sure to choose the right size. If the curtain is too small, you may have to deal with a flooded bathroom—never a good time, especially when you’re camping. If it’s too big, it will take up precious space in your shower stall. The most common RV shower curtain size is **47” W x 64” L**.

How to Measure

It is a good idea to measure your shower, to avoid issues with fitting, as shower sizes can vary. Measuring doesn’t have to be intimidating. With a few tools and a few simple steps you can measure like a pro. Before you get started we have a couple of tips:

First, gather your tools. We recommend a metal measuring tape for accuracy and a pencil and paper to record the measurements. Fabric tape measures can stretch and bend, so the measurement may not be as accurate. Next, write down the measurements right away so you don’t get confused.

Measuring Your Shower Curtain Width

To determine the width of your shower curtain, first, you need to measure the width of your shower stall from wall to wall. Make sure you add in the extra 12 inchesallowance so that when you pull the curtain taut, it reaches and still has enough slack to create folds in the curtain.

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It’s much more aesthetically pleasing and builds in the extra that you need to cover the shower base completely. If the curtain is too short in width, water will escape and cause staining and mold in other parts of your bathroom.

Measuring Your Shower Curtain Height

When it comes to measuring the height, it is a little different. Don’t measure from the ceiling to the floor, as this will leave you with too much material and cause moisture problems. Instead, measure from the bottom of the shower curtain rail to the floor.

This helps you take account of the types of curtain rings you want to use. You should also subtract about 10 inches from the measurement to take into consideration the height of the shower.

Overly long shower curtains can cause mold and mildew because they never get the chance to air-dry. Get the length wrong, and it could mean you will be replacing your shower curtain sooner than you think.

Measuring a Shower Curtain for a Freestanding Shower or Tub

Measuring a shower curtain for a freestanding tub or shower stall is pretty straightforward. The height measurement is the same because you still don’t want your shower curtain draping on the floor, causing mold and mildew problems.

Instead of sizing the curtain from wall to wall to get the width, measure the entire rim of the tub as this is the area to get exposed. Don’t forget to add on the standard 12 inches allowance so that the curtain hangs neatly with enough pleats.

Shower Curtain Rod Height

Curtain rods are normally installed at the same height of the shower head. However, there are some people who prefer placing the rod higher or near the ceiling. If you are not sure where you want to place your curtain rod, try first selecting your favorite shower curtain to see its base measurements.

Once you have the base measurement of the height in your chosen shower curtain, you can work backward to determine the best placement for the rod.

What you need to consider when marking where your shower rod should hang is the length of the curtain, hook size, and keeping the bottom hem of the curtain at least 1 to 2 inches off the floor.

Ideal Height for Shower Rod: Hook Size + Shower Curtain Length - 2 inches

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