

# Curtains

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A curtain is a piece of cloth or other material intended to block or obscure light, air drafts, or (in the case of a shower curtain) water.

Curtains are often hung on the inside of a building's windows to block the passage of light. For instance, at night to aid sleeping, or to stop light from escaping outside the building (stopping people outside from being able to see inside, often for privacy reasons). In this application, they are also known as draperies. Curtains hung over a doorway are known as portières. Curtains come in a variety of shapes, materials, sizes, colors, and patterns. They often have their own sections within department stores, while some shops are completely dedicated to selling curtains.

Theater drapes and stage curtains serve a number of sound-absorbing and light-blocking functions, such as the front curtain that separates the stage from the auditorium, and other curtains and drapes that serve as backdrops or to obscure offstage areas.

Curtains vary according to cleanability, ultraviolet light deterioration, oil and dust retention, noise absorption, fire resistance, and life span. Curtains may be operated by hand, with cords, by press-button pads or remote-controlled computers. They are held out of the way of the window by means of curtain tie-backs. Measuring curtain sizes needed for each window varies greatly according to the type of curtain needed, window size, and type and weight of curtain.

Curtains are a form of window decor and complete the overall appearance of the interior of the house. Curtains help control the ambiance and flow of natural light into the room. The effect of drapery or curtains is best seen in daylight, and with proper indoor light positioning, can look attractive even at night.

## Country Curtains

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Country Curtains was a retail home curtain business founded in 1956 by Jane and Jack Fitzpatrick in Whitman, Massachusetts. They started their business from their dining room table selling unbleached narrow muslin curtains. It was Jack's idea to sell unbleached muslin ruffled curtains through the mail, reminiscent of their Vermont heritage. At the time, these curtains were not readily available in stores, but Jack suspected he would find a market if people knew where to buy them.

For their first ad, Jane sketched the curtains and Jane and Jack wrote the copy together. Each afternoon, Jane visited the post office to mail the curtain orders that had been received the previous day. The Fitzpatricks soon developed a strong following of customers.

Early on, Jack kept his job with the Lincoln Stores; however, in 1957, he was transferred to Pittsfield, Massachusetts. That is what brought the Fitzpatricks to Stockbridge, Massachusetts, and with them came Country Curtains. Country Curtains continued to operate out of the Fitzpatricks' dining room until Country Curtains moved to the Red Lion Inn on Main Street in Stockbridge in 1969. The Fitzpatricks saved the inn from demolition, preserving a historic building while accommodating Country Curtains' need for more space.

In 1976, the Fitzpatricks formed the Housatonic Curtain Company (HCC), a separate manufacturing arm producing products for only Country Curtains. Today, the factory produces 50% of Country Curtains' line.

In 1981, Country Curtains moved to its current location in Lee, Massachusetts. The construction of the distribution center was accompanied by the first color catalog. In later years, the distribution center tripled in size to hold the growing business.

In 1996 Country Curtains launched a website.

By 2015, the small independent company had begun to suffer from the competition of companies like Amazon and Wayfair. In October 2017, Country Curtains shareholders voted to liquidate the company, and its retail stores, catalog and internet operations ceased operations at year end.

In February 2018, the Vermont Country Store purchased Country Curtains' designs.

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The film was conceived by Guza and producer Peter R. Simpson, produced under the latter's production company Simcom Limited, who had previously released the box-office hit Prom Night (1980). Curtains was intended by Simpson to be an adult-oriented slasher aimed at older audiences, contrasting with the standard genre films of the time which featured predominately teenaged characters. Principal photography began in Toronto in late 1980, with much of the shoot taking place at Magder Studios on interior sets designed by Roy Forge Smith.

Curtains had an extremely troubled production, fueled by disputes between Simpson and Ciupka over its tone: Inspired by giallo films, Ciupka envisioned it as an arthouse thriller, while Simpson sought a more straightforward slasher film form. The conflicts between the two resulted in Ciupka abandoning the project,

after which Simpson took over directorial duties, overseeing multiple rewrites and reshoots. The film was completed approximately two years after production began, with Ciupka detaching his name from the project and being credited under a pseudonym.

Curtains opened theatrically in the United States in February 1983, and was given a limited release in Ottawa the following year, through Jensen Farley Pictures. It received largely negative reviews from critics, with many citing its screenplay and lack of narrative cohesion as faults. It earned \$1 million at the North American box office. In the years after its release, Curtains became a staple of late night television, and developed a cult following in the 2000s, with fans petitioning for an official DVD release. Following its inclusion in several multi-film bargain DVD releases sourced from video masters, the film received a 2K restoration by Synapse Films, who released it on Blu-ray and DVD in 2014.

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In other mammals, the labia majora are not present and the labia minora are instead referred to as the labia vulvae.

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Based on the original book and concept of the same name by Peter Stone, the musical is a send-up of backstage murder mystery plots. Set in 1959 Boston, Massachusetts, it follows the fallout when Jessica Cranshaw, the supremely untalented star of Robbin' Hood of the Old West is murdered during her opening night curtain call. It is up to Lt. Frank Cioffi, a police detective who moonlights as a musical theatre fan, to save the show, solve the case, and maybe even find love before the show reopens, without getting killed himself. Cioffi also dreams of being in musical theatre. The show opened on Broadway to mixed reviews, though several critics praised the libretto and the character of Lieutenant Cioffi, who critic Ben Brantley called "the best damn musical theatre character since Mama Rose in Gypsy, and the best role of David Hyde Pierce's career."

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"A House with No Curtains" is a song co-written and recorded by American country music singer Alan Jackson. It was released in January 1998 as the sixth and final single from his album Everything I Love. The song had previously been the B-side to the album's fourth single "There Goes". Jackson wrote the song with Jim McBride. It peaked at #18 on Billboard's Hot Country Tracks chart, breaking a streak of 27 consecutive singles by Jackson that had peaked in the top 10 of that chart.

## Self-Portrait Dedicated to Leon Trotsky

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Soon after the couples met, Kahlo and Trotsky began showing affection towards each other. A brief affair occurred, but ended by July 1937. A few months later, she presented Trotsky with a self-portrait dedicated to him, which he hung in his study. When Trotsky was assassinated in 1940, Kahlo was heartbroken and planned to destroy the painting. A friend who was visiting at the time, Clare Boothe Luce, convinced her not to do so and acquired the painting herself.

In 1988, Luce donated the painting to Wilhelmina Holladay, co-founder of the National Museum of Women in the Arts in Washington, D.C. Since that time, it has become one of the museum's most popular works. It is also the only Kahlo painting in a Washington, D.C., museum's permanent collection.

### Curtain (disambiguation)

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