5 Great Ways To Hang Scarf Swags

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Scarf Swag No. 1

This is probably the simplest way to hang a scarf swag. Draping your scarf over a simple wooden curtain rod.

All this requires other than a rod fitted over your window. Is a piece of fabric the length you need to fit as you want it to.

I use the width of the fabric as the scarf width. This is usually 54 inches wide. A little more or less is fine.

Then I measure the width of the curtain rod. Then down the sides as far down as you want the swag to hang on each side. Then add these sizes together to get the total length of the scarf.

Don't forget to add a couple of inches for hems on to the length.

The next step is to hem your scarf swag down all four sides. I have machine sewn this piece of fabric. Then hand tacked the corners down. As they were too thick to sew on my sewing machine.

You could just as easily but slower have hand sewn the Hems. Another option would be to use hemming tape and an hot steam iron. This would work for most fabrics to hold your hems in place.

You can view the video of this [scarf swag being hung](www.easycurtainideas.com) here.
The next step is to pleat your hemmed piece of fabric. This will give the swag its shape when hanging.

In the picture to the right here you can see how the fabric is pleated back and forth. You should end up with five pleats usually.

While holding with one hand use the other to train the pleats down the fabric. It is usually easier with two people one holding each end of the swag. Then you can both pleat from each end.

Once your swag is pleated hang one end over the end of the curtain rod. As in the picture to the right. Then hook the other end of the swag over the other end of your curtain rod.

The picture below shows the swag hung over the rod at both sides. Ready for being dressed into its final finished shape.

So far very simple and nothing very complicated. It continues that way in the dressing of your scarf swag. This section is more about just teasing the swag into the shape that you want.
To start the final dressing of your scarf swag. You need to hold the top pleat on the scarf and pull it gently outwards. So the fabric moves down the sides.

When you do this to both sides you will see the swag fabric rise up in the middle.

Next repeat this process for each pleat in the fabric below. When you get to the bottom pleat, you will probably see it does not hang down low enough to give you the nice swag shape.

This is because pulling up the other pleats above has caused the bottom pleats to rise as well. So using one hand to hold the upper pleats in place.

Use your other hand to pull down on the last couple of pleats. This will make the swag curve deeper.

This will give you nice evenly spaced pleats in your swag. Just like in the picture just below.

Repeat this process for both sides of your swag. Until you have it looking exactly as you want.

Some fabrics just seem to fall right almost straight away. Other fabrics seem to take forever to look just right.

Like everything else in life, practice make perfect.

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Finally the only thing left to do is to sort out the “tails”. The sides of our swag that hang down each side of the window.

I do this by getting hold of all the pleats at the top just under the curtain rod. Then twist them a little to get the pleats facing more to the front. Again repeat this for both sides.

There you have it a finished scarf swag hung over a regular wood curtain rod.

With lighter fabrics you may find they slip on the rod and pull the swag out of shape. To cure this problem you will need to fix the scarf swag in place.

I use either staples or thumb tacks pushed through the fabric and into the wooden curtain rod. This fixes the scarf swag to the curtain rod so it can't move. You won't usually see the fixings as they are right on top of the rod.

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Scarf Swag No.2

To start you will need to work out how much fabric you need to create your scarf swag. For this style of wrap scarf you will need to allow double the width of your curtain rod. Plus the length you want for the sides to hang down.

Don't forget to add a couple of extra inches for hem allowance. I use the full width of the fabric as the width of my scarf swag.

When it comes to how long to how long have the sides of the swag to hang. This could be to the window sill, or the floor if you prefer. No right or wrong just your personal preference.

The next step to do is to hem all for sides of the fabric. In this example because this fabric is very thin and slippery. I used hemming tape to hold the hems in place. This is the kind of stuff you use for hemming skirts and trousers. You just need to use a hot steam iron to fix in place.

The next step is to pleat your swag in to five pleats back and forth. Then feed the pleats in to shape all the way down your scarf.

It often pays to have someone help you with this. One starting at each end and pulling the fabric to force the pleats in to place.

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Now you need to start hanging your scarf by hanging one side over the curtain rod. Letting it hang as far down as you want.

Then wrapping the fabric holding the pleats in place as you go. As in the picture just below.

Continue to wrap the pleated fabric until you reach other end of the curtain rod.

The wider the rod the more times you will have to wrap the fabric around the rod.

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When you reach the other end of the curtain rod. You hang the remaining pleated fabric over the rod on the outside of the curtain bracket.

When you have the pleated scarf swag wrapped around your curtain rod as in the picture here. You are ready for the final dressing.

Start at one end of the curtain rod and begin by spreading out the pleats in the fabric at the top of each wrap. Moving across the rod to the other end.

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Then start spreading out the pleats at the bottom of each swag. Again moving from one swag to the next across the curtain rod.

Now your scarf swag should start to look something like mine in the picture to the right here.

Next comes the final tweaking of the swags to get them looking just as you want them. The right fullness and depth.

You should end up with a scarf swag that looks something like the one just above.

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Scarf Swag No.3

This scarf swag does not hang from a curtain rod. It hangs from metal swag holders. This allows us to add some extra features to our finished scarf swag.

These swag holders allow us to create the rosettes on both sides of the swag.

You will need to measure how much fabric to allow for creating your scarf.

So install your swag holders in place over your window. Then measure the distance between them. Then the distance down each side that you want the scarf swag to hang.

Then add these two measurements together and add extra for the fabric needed to create each rosette. This is an extra 16 inches for each rosette.

Next you need to start by hemming your piece of fabric. For this fabric I used hemming tape. The kind that fixes in place using a hot steam iron.

Then as before you will need to pleat your scarf swag with five pleats as in the picture here.

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Fold your scarf back and forwards to create the usual five pleats. The beginning and end of the fabric should fold back in the same direction.

To start hanging this style of scarf swag. Place the scarf over one of the swag holder. Allowing the fabric to hang down the side as far as you want it to.

Then hang the other end of the scarf over the other swag holder.

You should end up with something looking like the picture to the right here.

The next step is to create your rosettes. This is done by pulling the pleated fabric through the front to the swag holder as in the picture to the right here.

This can take a bit of effort depending on how thick your fabric is. I would recommend you use thinner fabrics or sheers for this kind of scarf swag.

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When you have something that looks like the picture here on the right.

Then repeat this for the other swag holder. Now you are ready for dressing your main swag into shape.

Start by pulling the fabric you have hanging through the front of the swag holders.

You only want to pull it a little. You need to find the bit of fabric that makes the top two or three pleats move up as you pull.

If you repeat this on both sides of the swag. You will see the upper pleats rise upwards into the shape you can see in the picture above.

The next step is to dress the fabric in your rosettes. All you need to do is to spread out the pleats in the fabric. Then puff up the fabric a little to get the look you want.

Repeat this process for both sides.

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You should now have something that resembles the picture to the right here.

Once you have the rosettes dressed as you want. You may need to redo the dressing on the main swag. Teasing the top pleats up a little and teasing the bottom pleats down a little to get the swag shape you want.

You will almost certainly need to make some adjustment to the scarf hanging down the sides.

You need to try and get the pleats to turn more to the front. I do this by grabbing hold of the pleats at the top and twisting them to the front. You may need to do this a couple of time to get it all hanging as you want. This is not an exact science and some fabrics seem to drape easier than others.

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Scarf Swag No.4

This style of scarf swag is hung using curtain hold back arms. This is just another way of creating a new look. It is also a very low cost way to dress a window.

This scarf swag also has a simple wrap over knot on each side to add a little more interest.

I have put a picture just below of the kind of curtain hardware you need to get this look.

For your swag you will need to measure between the hold back arms. Then measure down each side as far as you want the scarf to hang.

Then add these together and add another 6 inches for each wrap over knot. Not forgetting to add another couple of inches for hems.

You will need to install the curtain hold back arms at roughly a 45 degree angle as in the picture on the right.

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You will need to hem all four sides of your scarf swag. You can sew this with a sewing machine. Or by hand with a needle and thread.

Or even use hemming tape and a hot steam iron for a no sew finish.

Then you need to pleat the swag as above to create five pleats running the whole length of your scarf. An extra pair of hands is always useful for doing this.

Next hang your pleated scarf swag over the first curtain hold back arm. Letting it hang down the side as far as you want it to.

Then hang the other end over the other hold back arm so you get the same look as the picture here.

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Next to get the swag hanging in a nice shape. You will need to tease the pleats in to shape.

Simply pull the pleats a little at the sides starting with the top pleat and working down.

This will make the upper pleats rise upwards. Then you may need to tease the lower pleats down just a little as they may have moved up a little with the upper ones. This will give you the nice swag shape you see above.

To finish all you need to do is to wrap each side of your scarf around the hold back arm to create the wrap knot.

There you have it another scarf swag creation. Very simple but effective.

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Scarf Swag No.5

This scarf swag idea is just really a adaptation of scarf swag no.2
It uses two scarf swags wrapped together to give you a more interesting look.

You start by following the same instructions as for scarf swag no.2

However you leave little more of the curtain rod uncovered between each swag wrap. This allows you to then wrap the second scarf swag in exactly the same way. I made the second swag shorter so it only reaches the ends of the rod on both side and does not hang down at the sides.

You can make both scarf swags the same size if you prefer. It is all a matter of personal preference. I hope you like these scarf swag ideas and will have a go at creating at least one for yourself. They are a really great way to getting started in dressing your windows.

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