Subject: Drapes or Curtains
Posted by Jethro on Mon, 12 Nov 2018 10:56:53 GMT
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I know that drapes absorb more sound than curtains. What do you think about which one will help produce a better sound quality for room acoustics?

Subject: Re: Drapes or Curtains
Posted by Rusty on Mon, 12 Nov 2018 15:55:42 GMT
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I recently replace some thin drapes with more substantial curtains. I think it's helped with the sound quality in the room.

Subject: Re: Drapes or Curtains
Posted by Jethro on Tue, 13 Nov 2018 23:39:10 GMT
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I think so too. Large halls, like the theater, might be needing drapes or carpeted walls to minimize the echoing of the sound. Our rooms are not that big enough that we needed drapes to absorb the sound.

Subject: Re: Drapes or Curtains
Posted by Curry on Thu, 14 Jul 2022 12:39:05 GMT
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The difference is not substantial with drapes or curtains. I see some theatres use both. There are other considerations like the wall paneling, furniture, and flooring since everything in the room will want a share in the good distribution. There will be much more done to a room to bring in the quality of a theatre.

Subject: Re: Drapes or Curtains
Posted by gofar99 on Sat, 16 Jul 2022 02:12:51 GMT
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Hi, It seems that the question is what do you think is not as good as it ought to be? Second what is the room like now in terms of construction (wood, brick, cement..) what is the size, shape and contents? All these things will alter the sound. I suspect that just window coverings will not do the whole job, especially if you have hard, flat surface walls. Let us know and we will see if we can come up with some ideas.

Subject: Re: Drapes or Curtains
Posted by Helen on Tue, 04 Nov 2025 19:09:25 GMT
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That’s a good question! I’ve heard that drapes do a better job since they’re usually thicker and heavier, so they absorb more sound.

Curtains can still help a little but I think drapes make a bigger difference if you’re trying to soften echoes or improve how the room sounds. I’d probably go with something heavy and lined like drapes because the lining adds weight, provides insulation, blocks light and helps them hang more formally with elegant folds, it also makes the room feel cosier and looks nicer too.

Subject: Re: Drapes or Curtains
Posted by Clint on Sat, 20 Dec 2025 14:54:12 GMT
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I make use of multi-layer acoustic drapes and I am so happy about the decision that I made.

Using heavy drapes also helps in reducing echo while the pleated designs improve surface area and effectiveness.

If you can afford the pleated velvet that comes in panels, then that will be very good. I used 12 panels for the 3 windows in my place and it was truly a game-changer for my listening experience. Each panel cost around $55 when I bought it last year.