

Most types of lining are available in white or ivory/cream colour. You can choose which shade will look best with the exterior of your home and the colour trim framing your windows.

### Why should you line your drapes?

- Lining protects your fabric from the sun and light.
- Lining provides a uniform, finished look to the exterior of your house (curb appeal).
- Most multi-unit buildings like condos have rules regarding the colour of drapes you are allowed to have in your window. As long as a white or ivory lining faces the outside, you can have drapes in any colour you choose.
- Lining provides added warmth to a room by blocking cold air and drafts.
- Lining can regulate the amount of light that enters your room when the drapes are closed.

### Types of lining

**Cotton or cotton mix linings** are best suited for heavier fabrics like heavy cottons, linens or velvet.

**Dim-out lining** has slightly more body and blocks out about 62% of the light.

**Black-out lining** is even thicker and blocks out about 98% of light. Black-out lining is very popular in bedrooms, children's rooms or rooms that need to be darkened during the day like home theatres.

**Sun-out lining** also eliminates about 98% of light coming in from the outside and it is slightly thicker but softer than black-out lining. Sun-out lining is ideal for use in silk drapes as it provides extra body to the drape without the need to add an interlining. It may be slightly more expensive than black-out lining, but it will save on labour costs if you don't need interlining.

**Interlining** can be added along with a lining to create a luxurious, full look for silk drapes. Flannel is often used but thick bump cloth is also popular.