
CROWN

1 1/4" FRENCH ROD INSTALLATION INSTRUCTIONS

Please read instructions thoroughly before installing. Some steps will be difficult to review during the process.

Tools Needed:

- Tape Measure
- Drill/Screwdriver
- #2 Phillips Bit
- Medium Flat-head Screw driver
- 3/8" Drill Bit
- Level

Included Components:

- Rod
- Rings
- 2 Wall Plates
- 2 Wall Plate Machine Screws
- Set Screws
- Large Allen Wrench
- Small Allen Wrench (for spliced rods)
- Screws
 - NOTE: We do not recommend using plastic inserts to hold our drapery rods.
- Center Supports - As Needed
- Center Splice - As Needed

A HELPER IS STRONGLY RECOMMENDED FOR INSTALLING 1 1/4" FRENCH RODS

Preparation:

- Layout Components, each rod requires two (2) wall plates, appropriate rings, and a center support for rods 96 inches or longer.
- Assemble Rod, attach one wall plate by inserting the Wall Plate Machine Screw through Wall Plate and into one end of the French Rod. The flat side of the Wall Plate should face the rod with the Wall Plate Machine Screw sitting flush inside the recess. Tighten with the included large Allen Wrench. When tightened and complete the wall plate should sit perpendicular to the French Rod.
- Add rings to match the number of pins set in your drapery.
- Count rings carefully, adding or removing rings requires removal of the French Rod from the wall.
- Attach the 2nd Wall Plate and tighten.
- Determine the Finished Length of your drapery panels.

Installation:

- Measure the width of the outside edges of the window facing.
- Calculate how far outside of the window to place your brackets using the following example:
- $(\text{Length of the Rod} - \text{Width of Window Facing}) / 2 = \text{Wall Plate Placement}$

- For Example, a 48 inch rod being hung above a 40 inch wide window facing. $(48-40)/2 = 4$. The wall plates would each sit 4 inches outside of the window facing.
- Place a small mark on the wall the correct distance from the window frame and the floor.
 - NOTE: The top of the rod should measure 2" higher than the finished length of your drapery. For 96" drapery, the top of the rod should be installed at 98".
- With a helper supporting one side of the rod, place rod aligning to the marks and mark the screw holes on the wall.
- Pre-drill the screw holes with the 1/8" drill bit.
 - If you hit blocking or studs, proceed to install the rod with the included wood screws.
 - If you do not hit blocking or a stud. Remove the screw and wall plate. Enlarge the hole using your 3/8" drill bit and then insert a toggle bolt to anchor in the hollow wall. Firmly tighten the toggle bolt with the flat-head screwdriver. Insert the bottom screw into the wall plate. It does not require a toggle bolt.
 - NOTE: The top of the rod should measure 2" higher than the finished length of your drapery. For 96" drapery, the top of the rod should be installed at 98".
- Swap positions with your helper and attach the second Wall Plate to the wall and secure.
- Hang and dress your drapery panels.

For Rods 96" or Longer:

- Follow the assembly steps above
- Prior to installing the rod, find the center of the window. Place the center support level with the wall plate.
- Use the same process of checking for blocking or a stud first, then using toggle bolts as necessary.
- Once the center support is stalled, proceed with standard installation.

For Rods with a Center Splice:

- We strongly recommend having a helper for installing center spliced rods.
- During preparation take the machined center splice and place it half way inside the straight end of the French Rod. Insert the set screw to hold it in place.
- Once the wall plate is installed. Have a helper hold the rod onto the wall plate and mark placement for the center support so once install it covers the seam where the two rods meet. Install the center support.
- The set screws should be on top of the rod when the rod is completely installed.
- Take the second half of the rod, slide it over the center splice until the rods meet. Attache the end with the wall plate to the wall.

*To help rings slide more smoothly, we recommend using either dry silicone spray, clear wax, or a hard bar of soap applied to the top of the rod.