

How to Calculate Drapery Weight

Please follow the guidelines below when calculating drapery and fabric weight

1. Fabric Weight

Some fabric samples list on the back of the swatch the weight listed in Ounces/SqYd (ounces per square yard). Call the manufacturer for the weight if not listed.

2. Lining Weight

Most drapery linings are 2oz - 4oz per square yard.

Calculating Drapery and Fabric Weight

Drapery Weight Formula

Total Square Yards = (total yards x 36 x fabric width) ÷ 1296 (1-square yard)
Weight = total square yards x weight in ounces per SqYd ÷ 16 oz in lb

Example 32 yards of 54" wide fabric weighing 14 oz/SqYd
 Total square yards = (32 x 36 x 54) = 62,208 ÷ 1296 = 48 SqYds
 Weight = (48 x 14oz) = 672 ÷ 16 = 42 lbs

Lining Weight Formula

Total Square Yards = (total yards x 36 x fabric width) ÷ 1296 (1-square yard)
Weight = total square yards x weight in ounces per SqYd ÷ 16 oz in lb

Example 32 yards of 54" wide fabric weighing 6 oz/SqYd
 Total square yards = (32 x 36 x 54) = 62,208 ÷ 1296 = 48 SqYds
 Weight = (48 x 4oz) = 192 ÷ 16 = 12 lbs

Fabrics by Weight

Contact the fabric manufacturer for your specific fabric weight.

Fabric Type	Weight per Square Yard
Drapery Lining	2-4oz
Interlining	5-6oz
Blackout Lining	6-10oz
Bump Lining	12-14oz
Silks	2-4oz
Chintz	2-4oz
Printed Cottons	4-6oz
Linens	6-10oz
Jacquards	10-14oz
Velvets	14-18oz