



## BE A CURTAIN QUEEN – Curtain Panels

### Instructions for Pattern Matching – Lesson 5

The process for matching patterns of a print is relatively easy.

Align the white edges of the selvages together along the length of your panel. Because you cut the panel pieces to lie identically on the pattern repeat when cutting out your panel pieces, the print should be fairly close to alignment for a match.

With right sides together and selvage edges aligned, open the edge to view what will be the seam allowance after stitching. Check the print on both pieces to see that the pattern markings line up correctly.

Make an initial short pin line, then open the fabric pieces to check the alignment. Adjust as needed, re-pin, and continue pinning together along the length of the panel.

Most decorator fabrics are printed so the pattern matches when sewn at  $\frac{1}{4}$ " from the white selvage edge. If that isn't the case with your fabric print, you'll notice right away the need to change the alignment of selvage edges and seam allowances.

When your fabric selvages are aligned to your liking, stitch your pieces together along the length of the panel. After sewing the seam, trim the white selvage away and zig-zag stitch along the seam allowance to prevent raveling. If you have a serger, serge the seam, which takes care of all three steps in one.