

DIY Painted IKEA Curtains



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Supplies

You will Need:

- [IKEA Matilda Curtains](#)
- Pins
- Thread
- Sewing Machine
- Drop Cloth
- [Frog Shape Tape](#)
- 2oz Paint per Curtain Panel (approximate)
- [Martha Stewart Fabric Medium](#)
- Container in which to mix paint and medium
- Paintbrush

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Instructions:



Hang your curtains. Lightly pull the fabric taut toward the floor.



Pin the curtains at the length you desire for the finished curtains. Do this on both side of each panel.



Compare the pins on one panel and determine to which length you want to hem.

I usually go in between the two pins, so if one pin is 4" and the other is 4.5", I will hem at 4.25".



Measure, iron, and pin for hemming.



Sew your hem at the top of the pinned portion, removing pins as you sew.



Place a drop cloth down on the surface where you will paint.

Decide on the design for painting your curtains. Measure and place your Frog Shape tape onto your curtains.



Depending on the number of panels you are painting, you will need room and may need to bunch up the portions of the curtains you are not painting to make room.

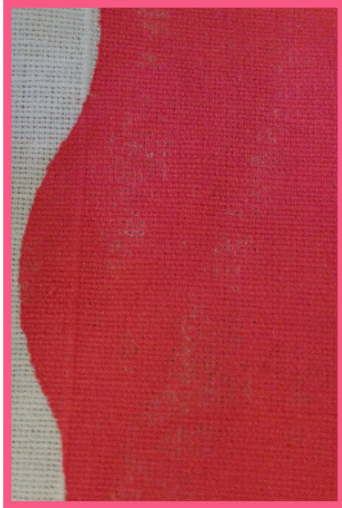


Mix up your paint with your fabric medium. Follow the directions on your fabric medium. (Mine was 2 parts paint to 1 part fabric medium)

You will need approximately 2 ounces of paint per panel. (I ended up having to color match my paint with a Valspar paint because I could not find enough of the Marth Stewart paint to finish the curtains.)



Paint your curtains.



After one coat, you will most likely have white spots or unpainted portions showing through your fabric.

You will need to paint a second coat of paint.



Remove your Frog Shape tape immediately following your second coat of paint.

Allow your curtains to dry completely. After 24 hours you can heat set them in the dryer.

Iron, hang, and enjoy.

Notes:



If you have multiple windows, when measuring your curtains for hemming, place matching pins on the inside of each panel about half way up the panel. Color code them so that each window has a different set of pins.

That way you will know which panels go together and in which window to place them when you are done.



The fabric paint seems to shrink the fabric a little bit. You may want to hem the portion of the curtains that will be painted a little bit longer than the other portions of the curtains.

If you don't, your curtains may look like mine where the painted portion is shorter than the rest of the curtains.