



How to make any window (even those stubborn, odd-shaped ones) look great.

If you're like me, your home has a few windows that are just plain hard to decorate around. Perhaps they're an odd shape or size, positioned in an awkward place, or provide a view that's simply unsightly.

No matter your window dilemma, there's a solution that's beautiful, affordable, and easy.

Here are several tips for navigating those difficult-to-decorate windows.

1. Odd-shaped windows

Sure, different shaped openings provide architectural interest and unique sun patterns in your home, but their unique shape can sometimes present a design challenge. Most people are hesitant to cover the window because of its visual interest, so a simple solution is film. **Window film** is a simple covering that can be made to just about any shape and size, goes right on your window, reduces glare, eliminates solar damage, and won't change the look of your home.

2. Odd-sized windows

If your home is filled with windows of varying sizes, you might be at a loss when it comes to decorating your space. For windows of all sizes to look great, you need to create a sense of balance and proportion. You can use treatments to camouflage these windows. Here's how:

-Measure and hang window treatments around the window to match other, "normal" sized windows. This way, you'll create a uniform appearance.

-Lead the eye where you want: divide the window into thirds, and locate a center of interest to hang or place a window treatment.

3. Arches

Curved windows may look scary from a designer's perspective, but there are many solutions to this common design challenge. Rather than disguise the curve, clever window specialists will mimic the arch and emphasize the architecture. In addition, you can add a swag or balloon to decorate your arched windows.

4. Windows in corners

If you have a window in the corner of a room, you might just hang blinds and call it a day: windows in corners are a headache! If you're looking for more than just a quick fix, you can hide the center gap between the windows by adding a top treatment or center drapery panel.

5. Wide windows

Extra wide windows are beautiful to look out: they provide a panoramic view of the outdoors. If you decide to decorate these windows, keep a few things in mind:

- Valances can add interest without distracting from the view. If your window is extra-wide, balance the width with long panels.
- Like odd sized windows, wide windows can appear proportioned if you break them into sections. Use swags or box pleats. Try to break your window into an odd number (it just looks better!).
- Consider fabric choice: large patterns can emphasize large spaces while repeating small patterns can make your room look busy or cluttered.

6. French doors

If you're tired of Romans or shades on French doors, consider leaving them bare. Or, add a sheer for light coverage.

7. Side-by-side windows

If windows are placed close enough to leave only about three inches of wall space after hanging treatments, it's best to decorate the windows as if they were one. Unify the wall by installing a large curtain rod and hanging panels on the sides and in-between the windows. Match drapery fabric with your wall paper or paint to unify the look of the entire wall.

No matter the window, there's a design and window treatment solution. With a little creativity, inspiration, and strategy any window can be beautiful. Still at a loss? Don't worry: give me a call at 612.327.9400. I would love to personally help you decorate your challenging windows!