ROMAN SHADES – a versatile treatment

Roman Shades remain a mainstay in home design. They help us to manage light, create privacy, decorate our rooms and meet our design desire. These shades can be elegant in silk with beautiful trim or sleek and contemporary. Here are questions to ask if you are considering Roman Shades for your room.

What do you want to accomplish?

Manage light? You might want to block sun light in summer, or minimize glare on the TV, or have a desire for some light to filter through. These are three differing but common requests that I get from my clients.

Solutions: 1. When shades are down, **black out lining** offers total block from light coming in. When you lift the shades, you can let desired light in. The best of both worlds!

2. A cotton sateen lining is the most common lining that offers varying amounts of light filtering depending on what the face/decorative fabric is.

3. Sheer Fabrics offer a beautiful feature to your room while offering a bit of visual privacy.

Maximize Privacy? Bedrooms and Bathrooms are typical rooms to desire no one 'looking in'.

Solutions: 1. Again, **black out lining** gives total privacy when shades are down and the option for raising the shade for viewing the outdoors and letting the light shine in, when desired.

2. **Top Down/Bottom Up** Roman Shades give you the best of both worlds in a different way. You gain privacy when the shades are fully extended to the sill and can still let light in from the top.

Design style? Traditional Elegance vs. Contemporary/Streamlined and everything in between.

Solutions: Many design alternatives. Most popular options: (all have child safety protection)

1. A **Straight Roman Shade** is flat when fully extended.
This is a no fuss, up/down shade with stiffeners sewn into back
of shade for crisp folds. Clients can use subtle solids or
creative prints to gain look desired.   A top valance is optional.

2**. Soft or Relaxed Roman Shade**
has a softer, curved bottom.
Soft Folds at bottom hem
remain even when fully
extended. Typically, these
shades remain mostly stationary.

3. **Hobbled or Front Fold Roman Shad**e offer a softer look at
any extension.   Stiffeners are sewn into back of shade for crisp folds.

4. **Reverse Fold Roman Shade** has equally spaced seams at
each fold. Stiffeners are sewn into back of shade for crisp folds.

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Solutions: Roman Shades are lovely as a Sole Solution or with other treatments.

1. As stand-alone solution, any of above designs work well on their own.

2. With valances, RS provide for occasional privacy or sun protection, etc.

3. With stationary drapes for a beautiful look and functionality, too!

Other Options?

    * Black Out or Cotton Sateen Lining

    * Top Down/ Bottom Up

    * Valance along top with many design options

    * Inside Mount (within window frame)

        ~ or ~

      * Outside Mount (outside of or at edge of window frame)

    * Trims of varying designs along the bottom

    * Bandings of various types, vertical &/or horizontal.

    * Cordless Operation

    * Motorization