



AIRSTREAM CURTAINS

HOW TO SEW NEW
AIRSTREAM/ARGOSY/RV
CURTAINS - MEASUREMENTS
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Sewing Airsteam Curtains eBook

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A lot of people are nervous about sewing Airstream (or Camper/RV) curtains because of those odd curtain tabs. Our Step-by-Step instructions will help you update yours style!



TIP

One thing that I do know for a fact is that Summer Camping in the South is **EXTREMELY** hot!

Buying **Blackout Curtains** is a great way to keep it cooler in your trailer/rv as well as making quick sewing!

Our trailer & motorhome both have a lot of windows throughout. We needed over 300 Airstream Curtain Tabs!

We wanted decorative curtains that could be pulled back to let a lot of light in vs vertical shades.



INFO

Because Airstreams are curved, the windows are too. To get a tidy look, you will need to sew the Curtain Tabs on the Top and Bottom of your fabric.

Otherwise, the bottom of your fabric will stick out.

Understanding

AIRSTREAM WINDOWS



If you don't use Curtain Tabs at the bottom of your fabric, it just hangs at an angle due to the curve of an Airstream.

This type of install is more vertical than the standard horizontal.



When sewing the Curtain Tabs on, the exact amount is used on the Top and Bottom.

These tabs move easily along the track. There are screws at the end to prevent them from slipping out.

IMPORTANT

If you are using Fabric to sew your Curtains, buy at minimum SIX yards especially if you have a pattern. Patterns will take a lot of time and fabric to line up properly.

If buying Blackout Curtains, buy at least 3 sets of two 84" long.

(For Front Panos)

The Differences Between Sewing from Fabric and Sewing Using Existing Curtains

We decided to cut up existing Blackout Curtains and sew hems and the Curtain Tabs because we need protection from the heat. It's inexpensive and great if you want a simple color or small design.

Sewing from Fabric allows you the most flexibility in design and colors but usually no Blackout options.

TIP

Chances are that your Airstream Curtain Tracks have not been cleaned in a while.

While the curtains are off their tracks, now is a great time to clean them with a toothbrush and a bleach solution.

Supplies Needed:

Curtains or Fabric of your
Choice

3/4" Braided Elastic

Elastic Sew-in Curtain Tabs

Sewing Machine

Matching Thread

IMPORTANT

To Save Considerable Time and Frustration, make all your measurements and cuts as well as pinning seam allowances at one time. This will allow you to see if your pattern matches up to the adjoining curtain.

Part One – Measure Twice, Cut Once

Take your
measurements for the
entire set of Pano
Window Curtains.

Line up your Curtains to
make sure the pattern
matches once hung.



Quick & Easy Idea

Using a Single Color, No Pattern is the easiest and quickest way to get Airstream curtains completed.



Part Two - Cutting the Fabric

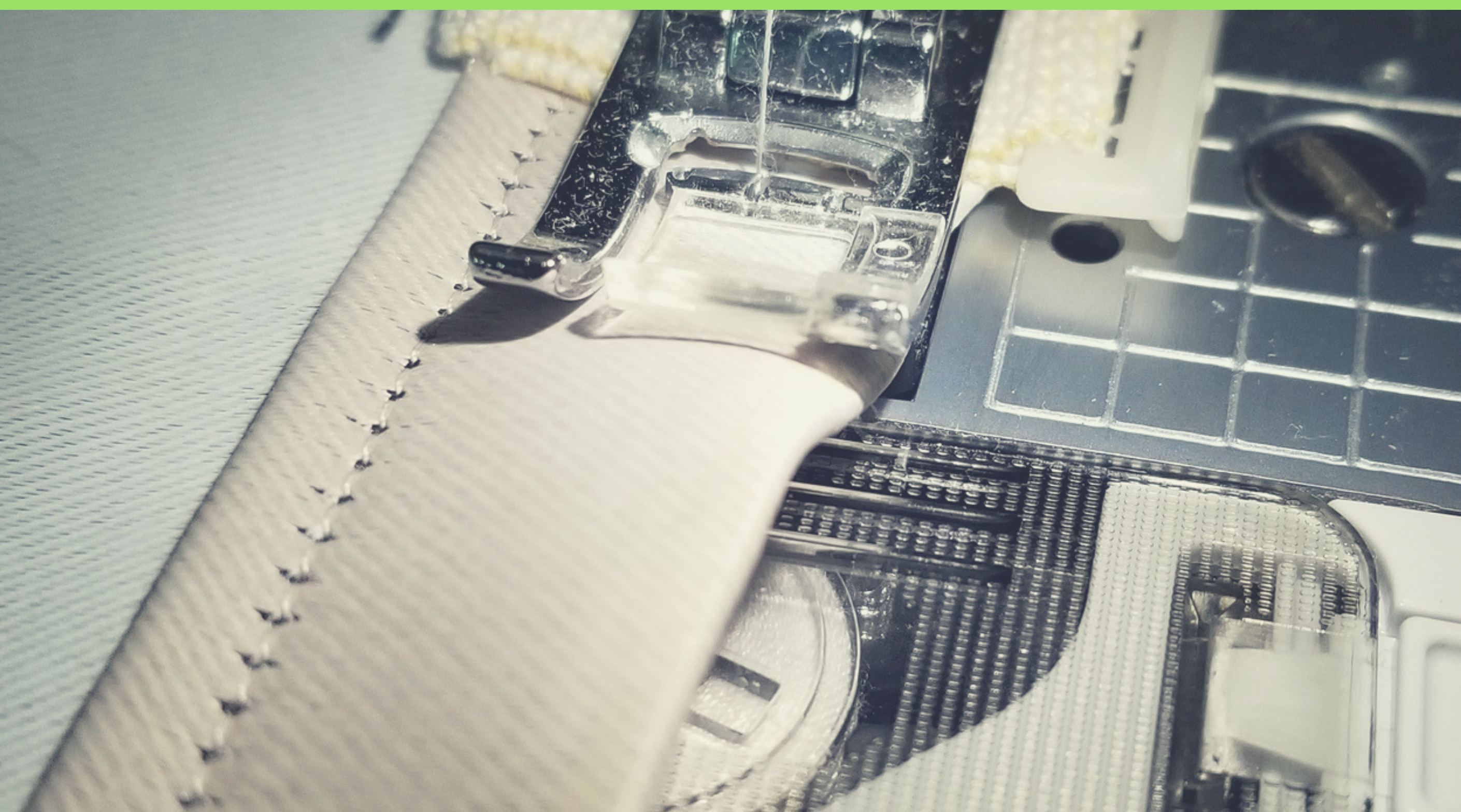
After you are confident with your measurement markings, cut the fabric.

After cutting the fabric, line up the curtains to double check the pattern one last time.



INFO

Be careful sewing the hems because this is an easy way to get your pattern from matching. I had sewed too large of a hem on one and my pattern no longer matched.



Part Three – Sew Hems

Since I used Blackout Curtains, I only had to sew two sides for a hem. The other sides were already hemmed by the factory.

To prevent fraying and an ugly look from behind, fold your fabric over twice for a smooth hem.

TIP

If you have clear windows, you will need to add an extra step of sewing a fabric on the back of your curtains for aesthetic purposes.

Otherwise, the messy hems will be seen from the outside instead of pretty curtains.

Part Four – Sew Curtain Tabs

- Sew Clips on the Top and Bottom symmetrical.
- Try to sew the clips along the hemmed seam so they do not have an extra amount of stitching showing.
- Sew along seam for professional look
- Make sure you have enough Braided Elastic on the clips because these will get pulled often.
- Sew on the Braided Elastic so the clips just barely show over the edge of the curtain. If the clips have a lot of extra room above the hem, they will show A LOT of Braided Elastic. It will be ugly & you will hate the look!

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Part Five – Install!

Just slide the Curtain Clips on the window tracks. There are small screws at the end that you will need to remove before installing the curtains.



What WE did for Curtains:

Door Window (X2): 18×38

Kitchen Window (X2): 32×38

Side Panorama (X2): 36×28

Middle Panorama (X2): 32×38

(100 Curtain Clips Needed)



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