

Lambrequin

The lambrequin first appeared in the 18th century as a draped covering for the window surround and later developed into a hard pelmet with long sides. It is ideal for period drawing rooms or dining rooms and gives an elegant and formal effect. This project combines a lambrequin with sheer curtains, but you could use a simple full-length blind instead for a faux window.

You will need

Basic Tool Kit (see page 13)

Lambrequin template (see page 62)
and standard long curtain pattern
(see page 60)

Stiff card (cardstock)

Plain silk fabric in moss green

13mm ($\frac{1}{2}$ in) wide ribbon with a woven
pattern to match fabric:

2 lengths 15cm (6in) long

1 length 7.5cm (3in) long

2 lengths 5cm (2in) long

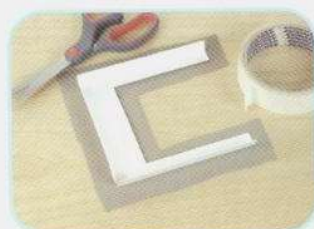
4 tassels in matching embroidery floss
(see page 22)

Fine white silk for sheer curtains

Card strip, 10mm ($\frac{1}{8}$ in) wide and
11cm (4 $\frac{3}{8}$ in) long

Variation

For a completely different look,
cover the lambrequin with patterned
fabric and glue matching braid
around the edges.



1 Using the template provided, cut out the lambrequin in stiff card and score along the fold lines. Fold to shape and tape with masking tape. Cut a piece of green silk large enough to cover the lambrequin and apply with PVA glue as for the pelmet on page 38.



2 Brush diluted glue on 13mm ($\frac{1}{2}$ in) of one end of each of the two long and two short lengths of ribbon to prevent fraying. When dry, cut the end into a point. Stitch a tassel to each point.



3 Glue the 7.5cm (3in) length of ribbon vertically to the centre front of the lambrequin, tucking the ends under and gluing firmly. Glue the long lengths to the front sides of the lambrequin so that the point with the tassel hangs below the lower edge. Glue the remaining two tasselled ribbons on either side of the centre ribbon in the same way.



4 Make up two full-length sheer curtains using the standard long curtain pattern (see page 60) and the instructions on pages 14–18. Gather them up to leave a gap between them as though partly drawn. Glue the tops to the card strip and glue the strip to the wall above the window. Glue the lambrequin over the top of the curtains.