

Windows Veiled in Lace Net Curtains Have the Charm of A Veiled Woman



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There's a new feminine softness and ornateness in home decoration these days. And the one part of the room that is getting the best of this softening and dressing up in feminine fashion is the window. The bare, cold-looking window is old-fashioned. But the window veiled in sheer curtains is as smart as can be, and is just as glamorous and charming as a veiled woman.

One of the most attractive ways to veil your windows is to hang up lace net curtains. These curtains, falling in soft, full folds against the windows, are as decorative as they are practical. Designed and woven in open, lacy weaves that invite the sunlight and air in through your windows, they soften the glare of the sun and show a lovely lace pattern against the window pane. If you want to pull the window shade or Venetian blind all the way up at times, these curtains act as a graceful shield for the window, assuring you a comfortable privacy in your room without shutting out either light or air. And while you or your family within the house can see the world outside through the open weave, the family next door cannot see in.

A Pattern for Every Need

This year you can find exactly the right design for each room. There are hundreds of new American designs in these lace net curtains—some of them very simple, such as the open mesh weaves, that look like fish nets, or the filet nets. Others are perfectly fascinating in the variety of their designs—with stars, flowers, garlands and all manner of geometric patterns worked out in the lacy weaves.

Some women like the curtains without borders. Other women like the prettiness of the border designs, which go across the bottom of the curtain, or across the bottom and up the side. There's a choice of many kinds of borders, some just insertion-like bands woven into the curtain, others gracefully designed leaves and flowers that make a smart contrast with the simpler weave of the rest of the curtain.

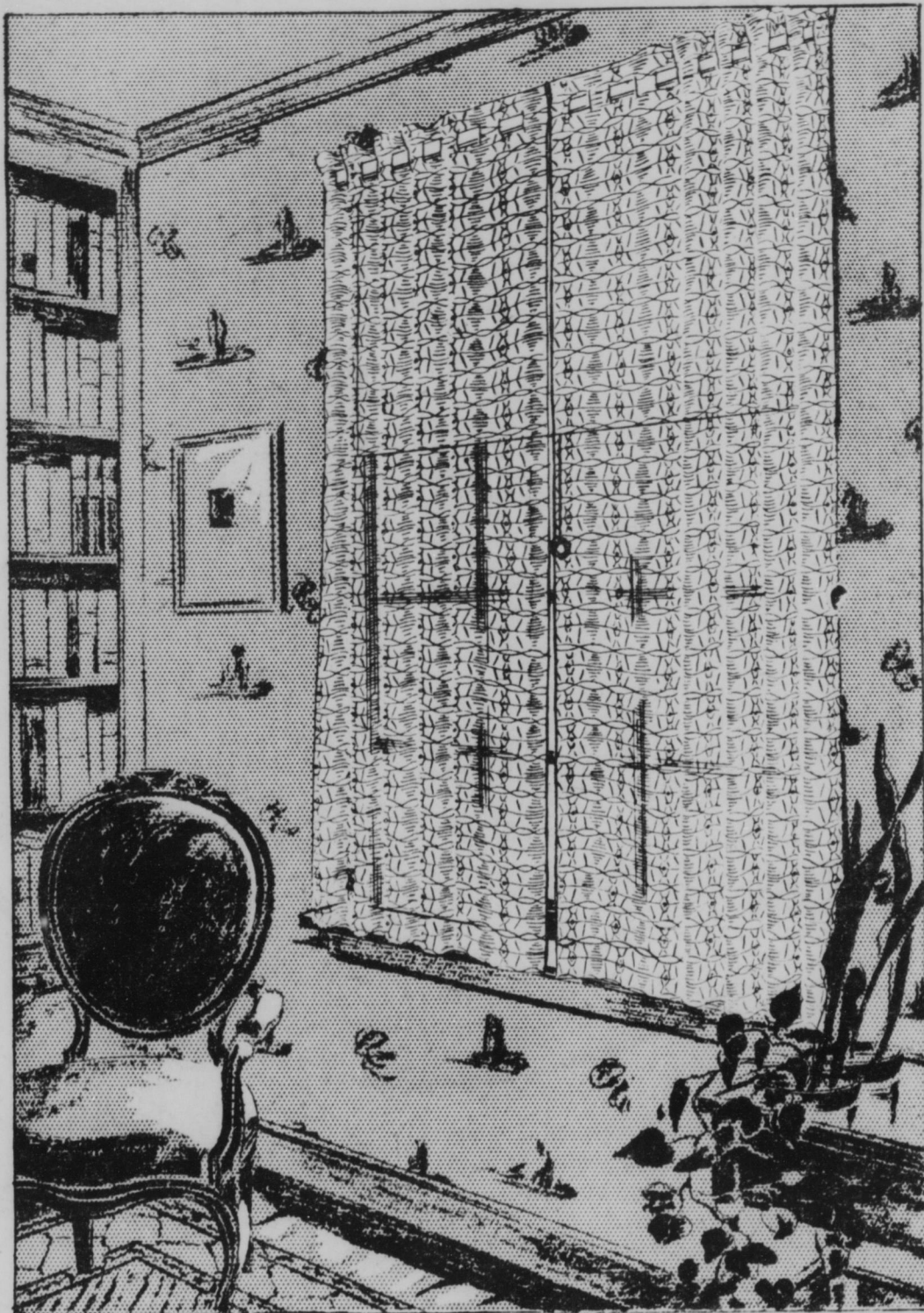
If your furnishings are informal and rugged looking, or if you need curtains for a man's room or a boy's, or for the bedroom of a little tomboy of a girl, you will find smart open weaves of a rugged texture that are just exactly right.

If you have fine furnishings or want some dainty-looking curtains for a young girl's bedroom, then make your selection from among the many delicate types of very fine lace net curtains. And there are many in-between types. They are all great favorites for living rooms and for dining rooms,—really for every room in the house.

The popular way to hang these curtains is to the sill or to the edge of the apron below the sill, in soft, full folds against the window pane.

Adjustable Tops

Most of the new American-made lace net curtains are all ready to hang without any need for a lot of measuring, pinning, and sewing up of the heading. And what a joy these curtains are to busy women. They are woven with two or three rows of slots, spaced a few inches apart, across the top of the curtain. You decide which row gives the best length to your curtain, slip the rod through the slots



At this type of window, you can hang either a pair of lace net curtains or two panels. The pairs of curtains are hemmed on the inside edges where the curtains meet in the center of the window. The panels, which can be used one or two to a window, depending upon the width of the window and the width of the panel, are hemmed down both sides. Be sure to have the curtains wide enough—whether they are pairs or panels—so that they look gracefully full hanging at the windows.

in that particular row and there you are! The curtain is gathered into uniform gathers or pleats and hangs evenly—without the least bother on your part. If you use the top row of slots the other row or rows will show hanging below it, but the slots are woven in such a way that they look like part of the design. If a lower row is used, the top row is turned under.

The most popular lengths in these curtains are $2\frac{1}{4}$ or $2\frac{1}{2}$ yards, but if you need an odd length you can get the lace net material by the yard. The made-up curtains come in varying widths to suit any size window, and they are made up in pairs or in panel styles. The panel styles have hems on both sides. You can hang one, two, or more panels to a window, depending upon how wide your window is, or how many windows you have in a row. Hung to the proper length in soft gathers, lace net curtains give your windows a well-curtained appearance that is right in fashion with the vogue for luxury and feminine softness of outline.

Not High Priced

They all look luxurious—but they aren't high priced. They are within

the range of every budget. If you have only a little to spend on home decoration, you can find as many attractive patterns as you need, well within your price limit. If you really want glamorous curtains, in unusually soft and fine qualities, you can find these, too. Of course, the higher the price the more exquisite the curtain.

Over Venetian Blinds

In keeping with the new feminine trend in decoration, one of the new ideas in window treatment is to hang lace net curtains over Venetian blinds. This makes such a delightful softening of the severely straight look of the blinds that many new curtains of American design are made especially to harmonize with the lines of the slats. Some of them have strong horizontal lines in the pattern. Some look as if one band of insertion had been set upon another. Others have rows of very lacy weaves alternating with rows of more solidly woven lace net, and still others look almost like drawn-work. These may be used with or without over-draperies, of course.

For the Sunroom

With Summer coming along, many

women are planning to temper the brilliance of the sunlight as it comes through their windows, by hanging these lace net curtains over Venetian blinds or window shades in the sunroom. The gentle movement of the delicate threads in a Summer breeze looks cool and the curtains are so open that they do not shut out any of the air. The woman who once tries this charming effect will never go back to the bare glare of the sunroom without curtains.

Serviceable, Too

For all of their beauty, these curtains are distinctly practical. They are cleverly designed to go well with the furnishing of all types of homes, from the cottage to the mansion; skillfully woven and finished by American craftsmen who have spent many years learning the difficult art of lace weaving. Each thread in each curtain is intertwined, really tied in place around other threads, as the lace machine does its weaving. No thread can slip out of place in your lace net curtain, no matter how dainty it looks. It hangs well and evenly. It can be laundered at home or sent to the laundry, or dry-cleaned. And even if it is feather weight in texture, it will



last and last. The hems on all the made up curtains are nicely finished with the patterns matched perfectly where they are sewed.

Fullness is necessary to give the soft effect required by Fashion this year; twice the width of the window for the fine, sheer curtains, less than this—perhaps, one and a half—if your curtains are of the heavier texture.

Window Strikes Keynote

The neutral colors that harmonize with every color scheme are the most popular shades—ivory, tones of beige and ecru, some as deep as sand. You can get whatever color you need to suit your room. It is a good general plan to use a fairly simple design in lace net curtains when you are also using elaborately figured over-draperies. Then you can have a more elaborately patterned curtain to lighten the effect of solid color draperies or small patterned fabrics. Whatever you choose in design, let your curtains strike the keynote for the room; a rough and rugged type for the casual, informal room, a sheer delicate one for the dressy sort of room and so on through all the different kinds of furnishings you have. It is the well-dressed window that sets off the room and if your windows are dressed with the feminine softness of American-made lace net curtains your whole room will reflect the same charm and graciousness.