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How to custom fit your ceiling mount clawfoot or freestanding tub curtain track kit.

Welcome to our tutorial on how to install and custom fit the curtain track kit we sell to hang an endless loop shower curtain enclosure around your freestanding or clawfoot bathtub. We are a small family business in Oklahoma since 2002. One of our more popular products has been the hospital curtain track that we sell. Everyone has seen it in doctor's offices, hospitals and clinics. It's the aluminum track that is used to hang hospital curtains from to create room dividers, cubicles, privacy screens and a lot more.

But over the years we have had customers use the curtain tracking for many different purposes from hanging wood working tools to golf practice nets in their basements. It is an easily customizable product that is easy to install with the most basic of hand tools. A tape measure, level, square, hack saw, drill and a screwdriver are all that is usually needed even for the most complex installations.

However, one of the most popular uses we have had from customers is to hang an endless loop shower curtain around their free standing clawfoot tub, bathtub, or shower stall. It is understandable, most of the suspended shower rod kits end up being rickety, unstable, or poor quality. Our curtain track is hospital grade materials that will not rust or corrode and will stay looking nice for years with a minimum of maintenance.

We have helped 100's of DIY customers over the years to determine what individual parts they needed and explained how to install the product. We finally decided to just put together a "kit" and write a detailed explanation on how to custom fit the curtain track for your installation needs.

Note: Our kits must be cut to fit your custom installation. It is not hard to do but you do need some basic handy person skills and a few simple hand tools. This kit is simply a collection of the parts that you will need to buy put together in an easy to order package. You also must provide your own screws, anchors and whatever else you might need to attach it to your ceiling.

Our track comes in 3 basic shapes which can be cut to form any complex shape of track installation that you might need. It comes in 2 colors. Natural aluminum or powder coated white.

- Straight Track – 94” long



- 90 degree curve – 48” long (24”x24” L shape)



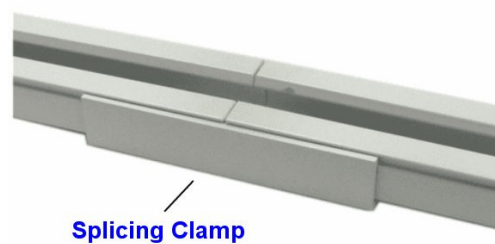
- 45 degree curve – 48” long (24”x24” bent leg shape)



You also have the curtain carrier roller hooks which roll inside the track with a hook hanging down. They come in 2 varieties. Standard with a metal nickel plated chain AND breakaway nylon. The metal is stronger. The nylon is 100% rust proof.



Then you have the splicing clamps that are needed where 2 pieces of track meet. The splicing clamps do not really “clamp” but that is what the industry calls them. There are more of an alignment sleeve that keeps the ends of the track in perfect alignment where they meet. The track being secured to the ceiling is what keeps that track secure, the splicing clamp just holds them in place.



Cutting your track to fit your install.

Step 1

The first thing you need to do is determine your tub size. Width and length.

Width

So take your tape measure and measure from side to side. This needs to be an inside measurement of the tub or where you want the curtain to hang. Some people make their track 4-6 wider than the tub so the curtain sort of tucks into the tub at a taper. This can give you a little more elbow room when showering in the tub.

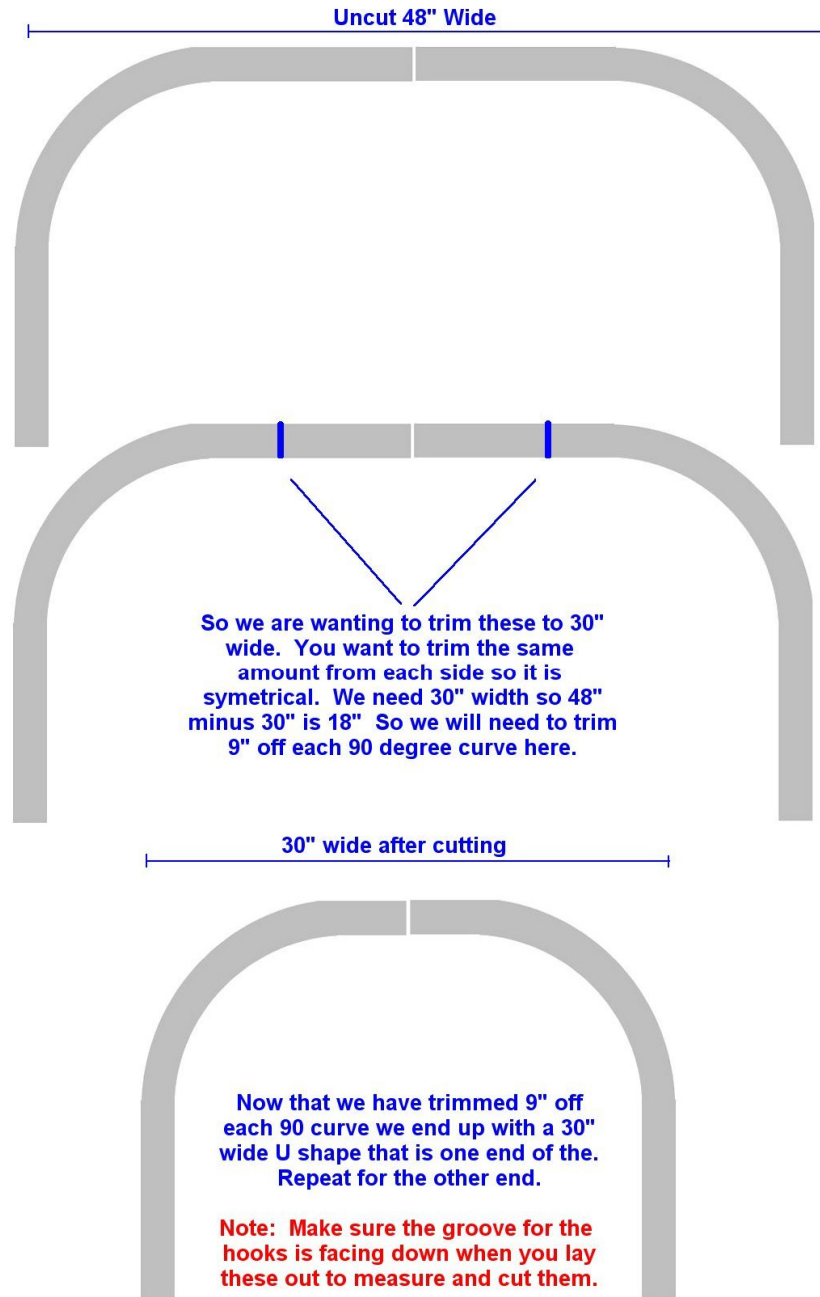
Length

Take your tape measure and measure from one end to the other inside the tub measurement.

So you take the Width x Length. A common size is 30" wide by 72" long so this is the size we will use in this tutorial.

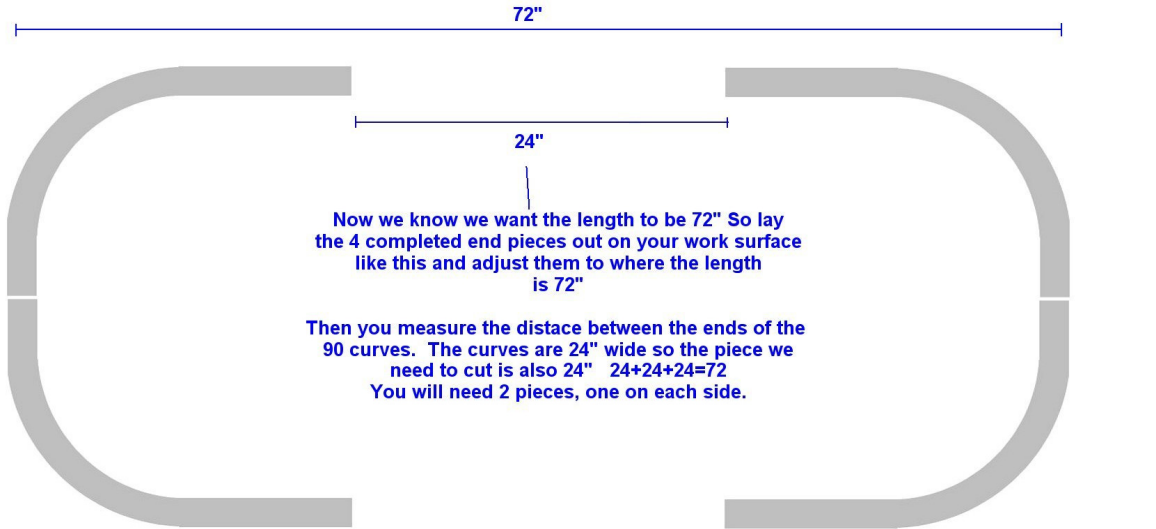
Step 2

The next thing you need to do is cut your 90-degree curves to width. Our curves are 24x24 so when you lay 2 of them together side by side they form a 48 width.

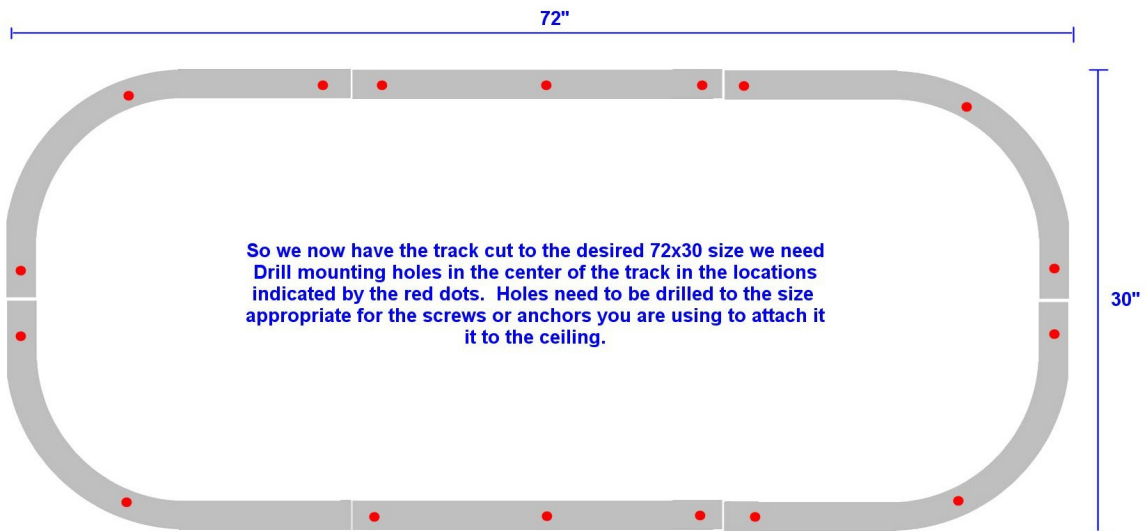
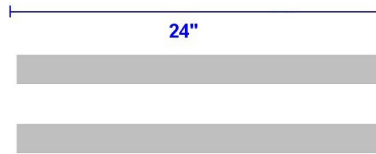


Step 3

Now we are going to cut 2 pieces of straight track to the correct length for the side pieces.

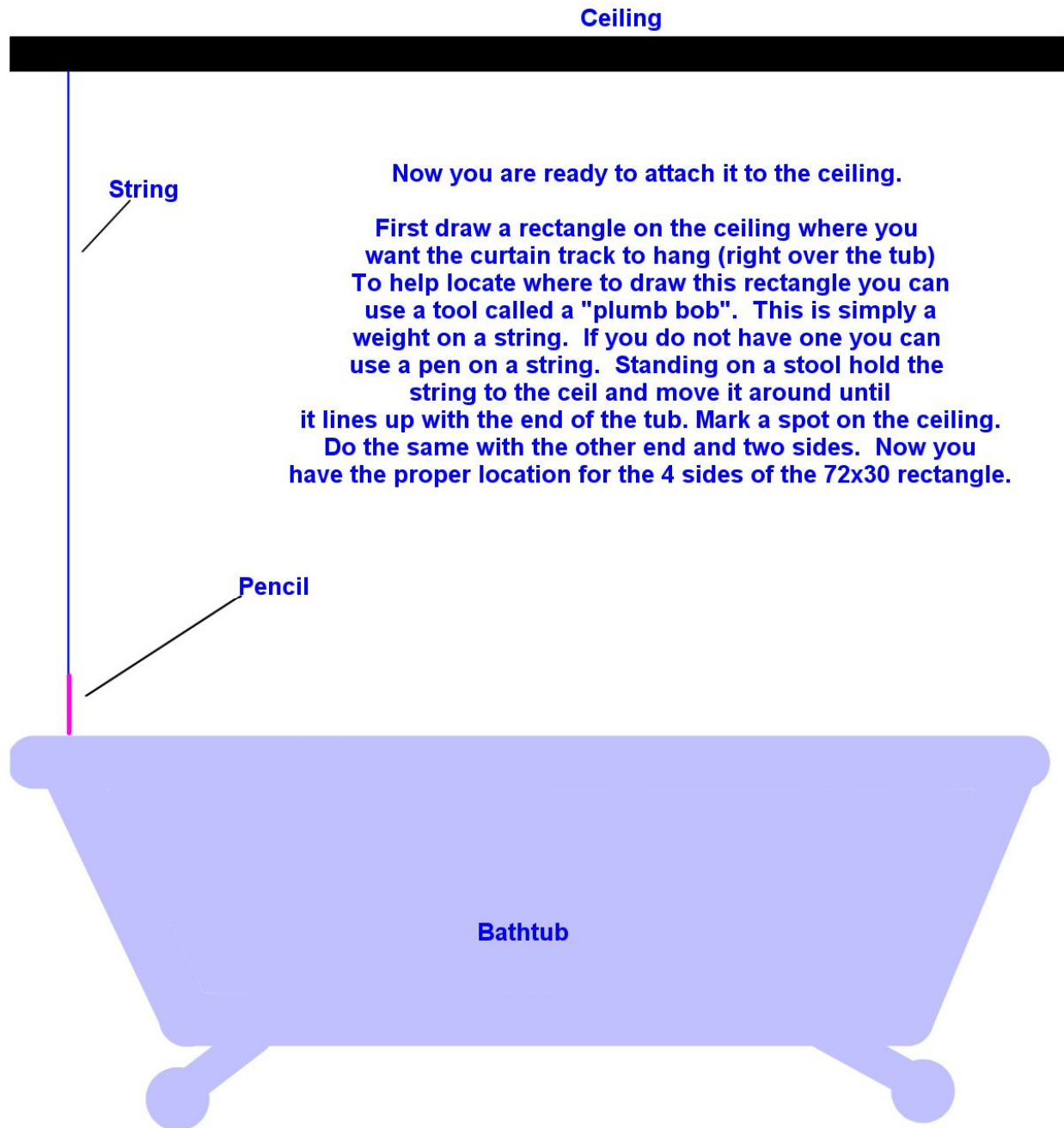


Cut two pieces of the straight track 24" Long



Step 4

Now we are ready to locate and install the track on the ceiling.



Step 4

Attach track to ceiling.

- A. Begin by attaching one of the 90 curves in its proper position on the ceiling in the rectangle that you drew. Do NOT tighten the screws all the way. Leave them a little loose because you need to be able to slide a splicing clamp on top of this piece of track and also the next piece of track you install. Leave all screws a little bit loose until you have all the tracks and splicing clamps in place. You will need a splicing clamp at each place where tracks meet to keep them in alignment.
- B. BEFORE you install the last piece of track be sure to insert the proper number of carrier roller hooks into the track.
- C. Once you are satisfied with the placement tighten all the screws down and hang your curtain.

Note: We sell custom sized commercial duty shower curtains in any size that you need so it does not matter if you have a 7' ceiling or a 12' ceiling we can get you a proper sized curtain made.

Width

You can determine the width of curtain that you need by adding the measurements of the 2 ends and the 2 sides together. $30 + 30 + 72 + 72 = 204$ inches wide. Then you have to add 20% to get the proper fullness or bunch. You can do this by multiplying this width time 1.2

$204 \text{ time } 1.2 = 244$ So your curtains would need to be 244 inches wide to completely encircle the tub in our example.

Height

To determine the height you need to measure the distance between your ceiling and the bottom of the TUB. Subtract 3 inches for the distance the hooks hang down. Then subtract 2 more inches because you do not want the curtain to hang all the way on the bottom of the tub.

So, if your height was 92" from the ceiling to the bottom of the tub you would:

$92'' \text{ minus } 3'' \text{ minus } 2'' = 87''$ curtain height needed.

Therefore, you will need a 244" Wide by 87" Tall Commercial Shower Curtain.

Our clawfoot tub kit will surround any tub from 24"x24" RV shower stall to a 48" x 96" wide monster tub. If you need even larger it is easy to add an extra stick of track or a pack of extra splicing clamps to you order to increase the size to whatever you need.

Each kit includes:

- 4 – 90 degree curves (choice of white or silver)
- 1 – 94" straight track (choice of white or silver)
- 6 – splicing clamps (choice of white or silver)
- 50 – carrier hooks (choice of nickel plated metal or nylon)

We are here to help. If you buy the kit or before you buy the kit.

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