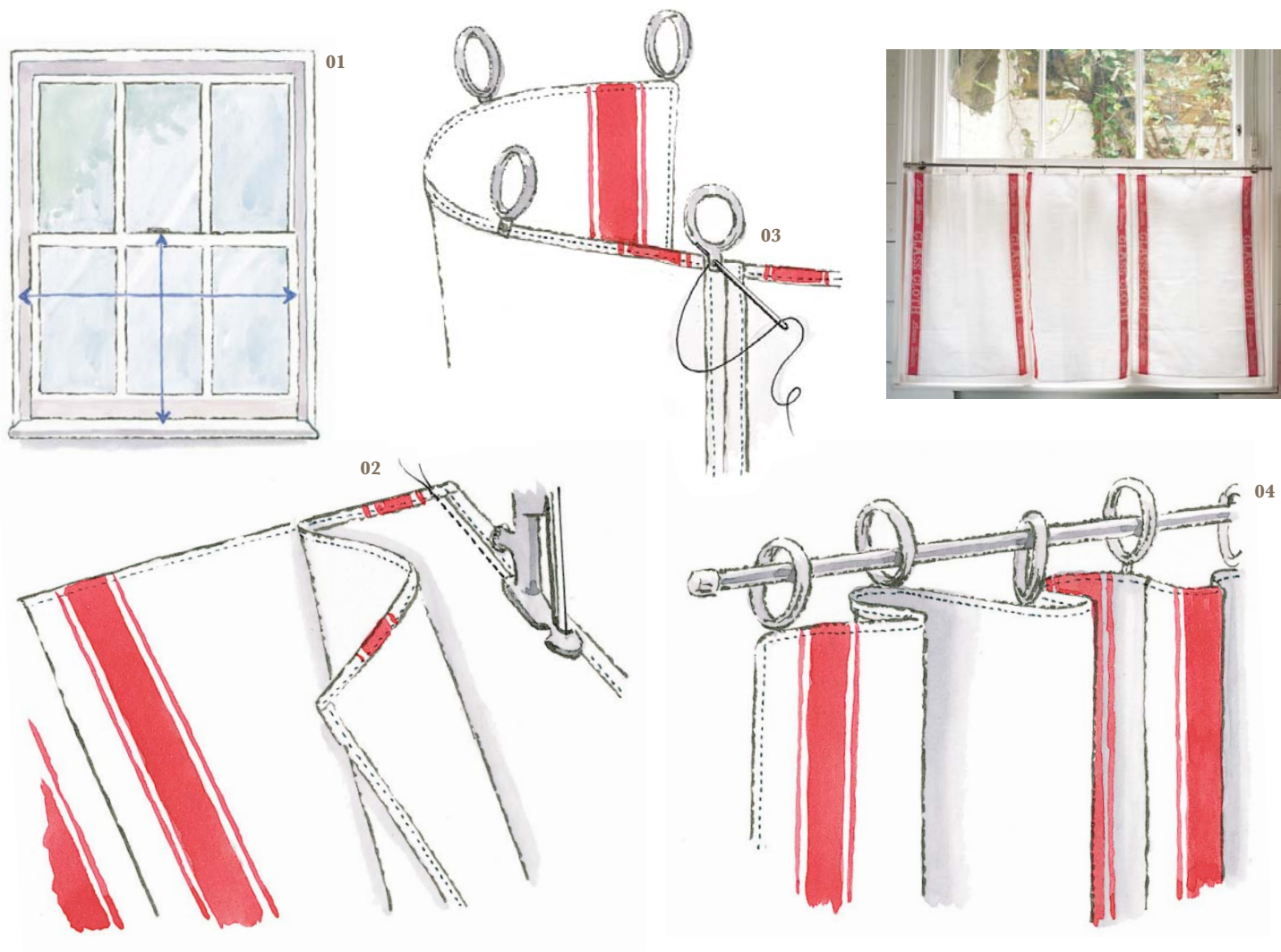


How to... make café curtains

QUICK DRAW: MAKE A SIMPLE CURTAIN FROM YOUR TEA TOWELS





Curtains that cover the lower half of a casement are great for screening small or unusually shaped windows, such as in a bathroom. We have used tea towels but any lightweight cotton fabric will work, especially checked fabric. The beauty of using tea towels is that they do not need hemming.

1. Measure the length and width of your window, making sure that the tea towels will be long enough to reach the windowsill. The number of tea towels will depend on the fullness you require; usually this is one and a half times the width of your window. Remember to launder your tea towels before you begin to allow for any shrinkage.
2. With right sides facing, pin the tea towels

together along their long edges. Using a zipper foot on your sewing machine, stitch the tea towels together to form a single curtain, sewing as close to the hems as possible. Press seams open.

3. Stitch the curtain rings to the tea towel-curtain, at equal intervals along the top hemmed edge.

4. Thread the rings onto the café rod and fix in place on the window frame. **For downloadable instructions; visit www.selvedge.org. Cabbages & Roses Home-made Vintage, Christina Strutt, CICO Books, rrp £12.99 to purchase a copy at the special price of £10.99 including free p&p call T: 01256-302699 and quote GLR2GD www.cicobooks.co.uk ●●●**

