CHECKLIST

Hanging curtains with a picture rail: pre-buy checklist

- [ ] Measure the gap between the picture rail and the ceiling and note how deep it is.
- [ ] Check whether there is solid wall, timber ground or masonry to fix into above the rail.
- [ ] Decide whether the pole or track will go above or below the rail before purchasing hardware.
- [ ] Confirm the bracket projection is wider than the depth the picture rail stands proud of the wall.
- [ ] Choose the heading style before calculating the curtain drop.
- [ ] Measure the drop from the fixing point to the floor, accounting for the heading's own depth.
- [ ] Use a pilot drill to confirm what is behind the plaster before committing to a bracket size.
- [ ] Check the fabric weight is appropriate for your chosen fixing method.