Drapery Measurement Forms

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Using forms on which to write down the measurements of your windows is not just a fancy way of doing it.

When making drapery the worst mistakes to make are taking incorrect measurements!

They can be the very costly for the following reasons:

1. You calculate the incorrect amount of fabric, so you have too much (you pay more than you needed to), or you don't have enough and have to buy more.
2. Your drapes don't fit. They can be too large, so you have to remake them, or too small which is even worse and can result in starting from the beginning again.

Professional workrooms have methods in place to avoid mistakes. Too many mistakes and they can go out of business. And the first rule is to write down the correct measurements.

Concentrate on measuring, ignore everything else.

This should be done in a detached way. By that I mean don't just take the measurements you think you'll need and ignore the others. Write down all of them.

This is where a form is very useful. While you're taking measurements don't even think about the drapery design you plan to use. Just fill in the measurements one by one.

You probably won't need all of them, and you may think some of them are not necessary. For example, why note down the height of a window, its distance from the ceiling and floor, and then take another measurement from floor to ceiling? The reason is that making a note of as many measurements as possible allows you to double check them. If the three window measurements don't add up the the total distance from floor to ceiling, then one of them is wrong.

Using the forms

You'll probably use the 'Standard window' form for most windows. If you plan to install one pair of drapes on a window it doesn't matter how many sections there are. For windows which reach to the floor such as patio or French windows just ignore the measurement boxes which don't apply.

In some countries hot water radiators are used for heating, and for technical reasons these are often situated under windows. They can be a nuisance when you come to installing floor length drapes because of their 'projection' out from the wall. One solution is to make the drapes so they finish an inch or so above the sill.

Sills also project into the room, and in older properties the window frame itself can be quite deep. This is why there's a table for the Window frame, Sill and Radiator projection measurements. (See this page on the website for more details.)

Bay or bow windows sometimes have a ceiling with is lower than the rest of the room, so there are forms for these as well.

The center area of the form contains the window sketch and the boxes for entering the measurements. The square boxes are the actual window measurements, the rounded corner boxes show the relationship of the window to the rest of the room.

The ‘Free Space’ boxes are for the distances from the widow to the nearest item such as a wall, bookcase, wall unit, picture, wall light, etc. Drapes need ‘stackback’ room, so you need to know if you have enough either side of the window. This is particularly important in kitchens and bathrooms, where wall units are often fitted close to windows.

The bottom part of the forms is for making your own notes and sketches.

Printing the forms

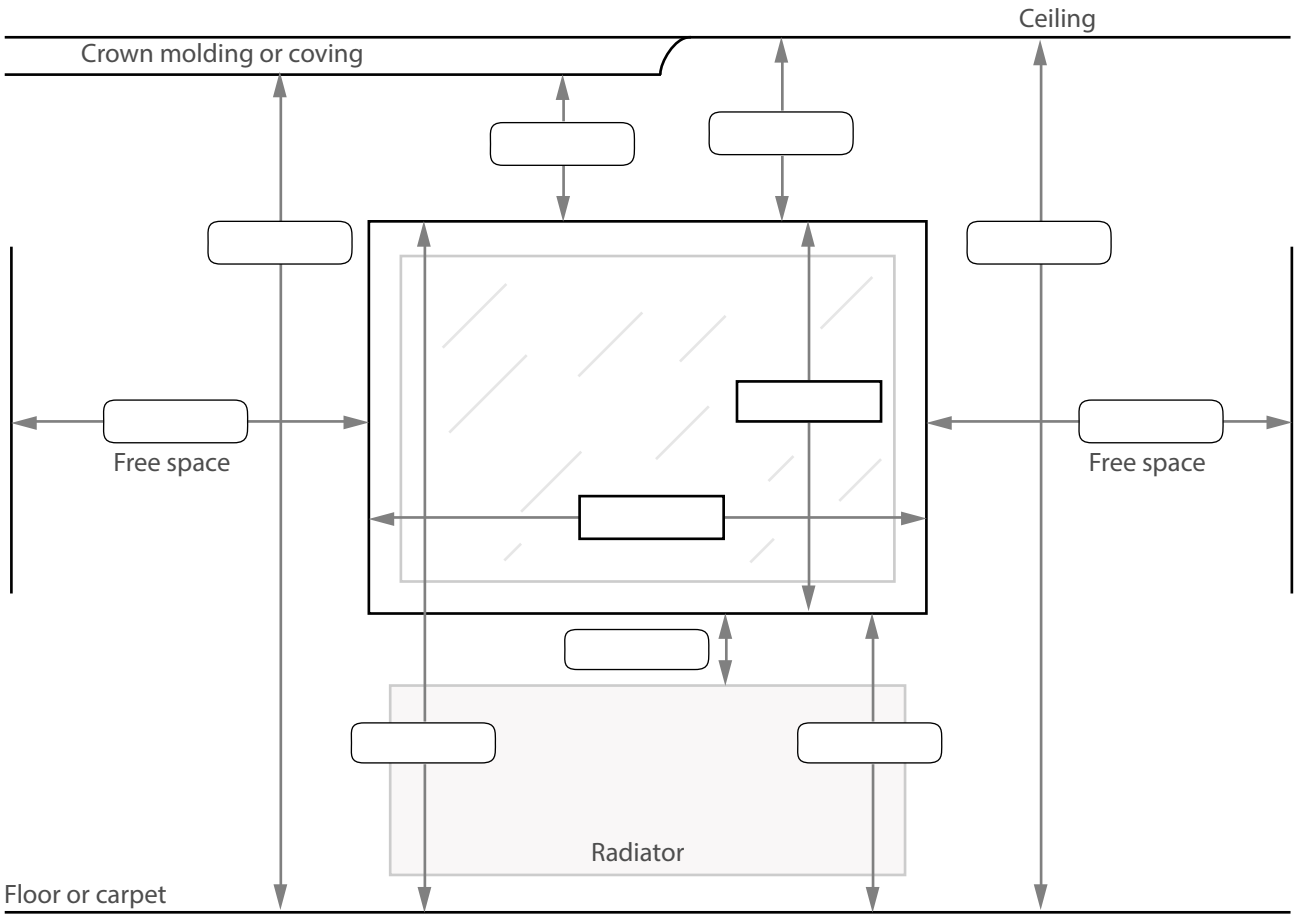
You can just print off the form you need for your window, so if you need the Standard form, only print page 3.

Drapery Measuring Form

Standard window - sill or floor length

Date	
Location	

Window frame projection:	
Sill projection:	
Radiator projection:	

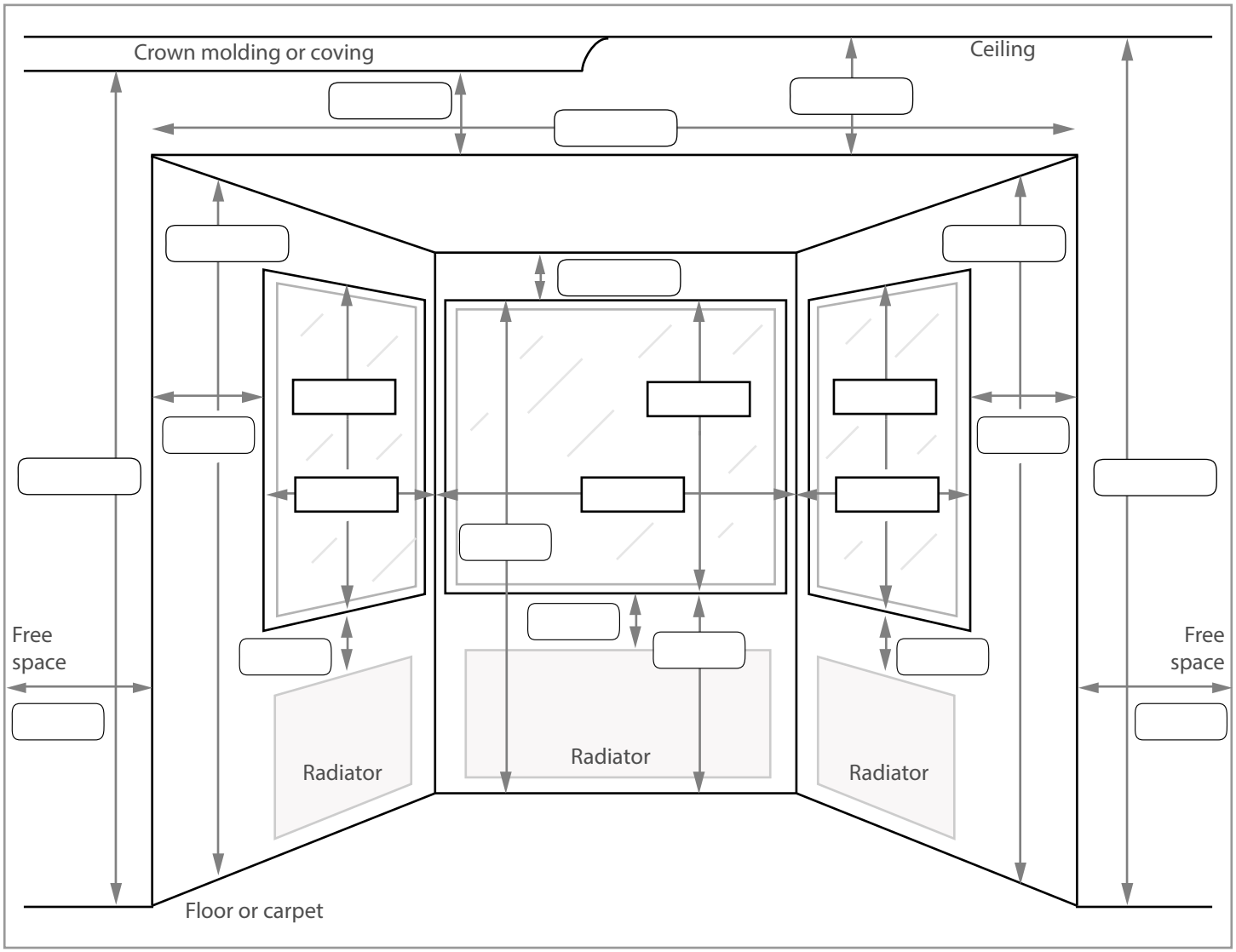


Drapery Measuring Form

Bay window 3 sections - sill or floor length low ceiling

Date	
Location	

Window frame projection:	
Sill projection:	
Radiator projection:	



Drapery Measuring Form

Bay window 5 sections - sill or floor length low ceiling

Date	
Location	

Window frame projection:	
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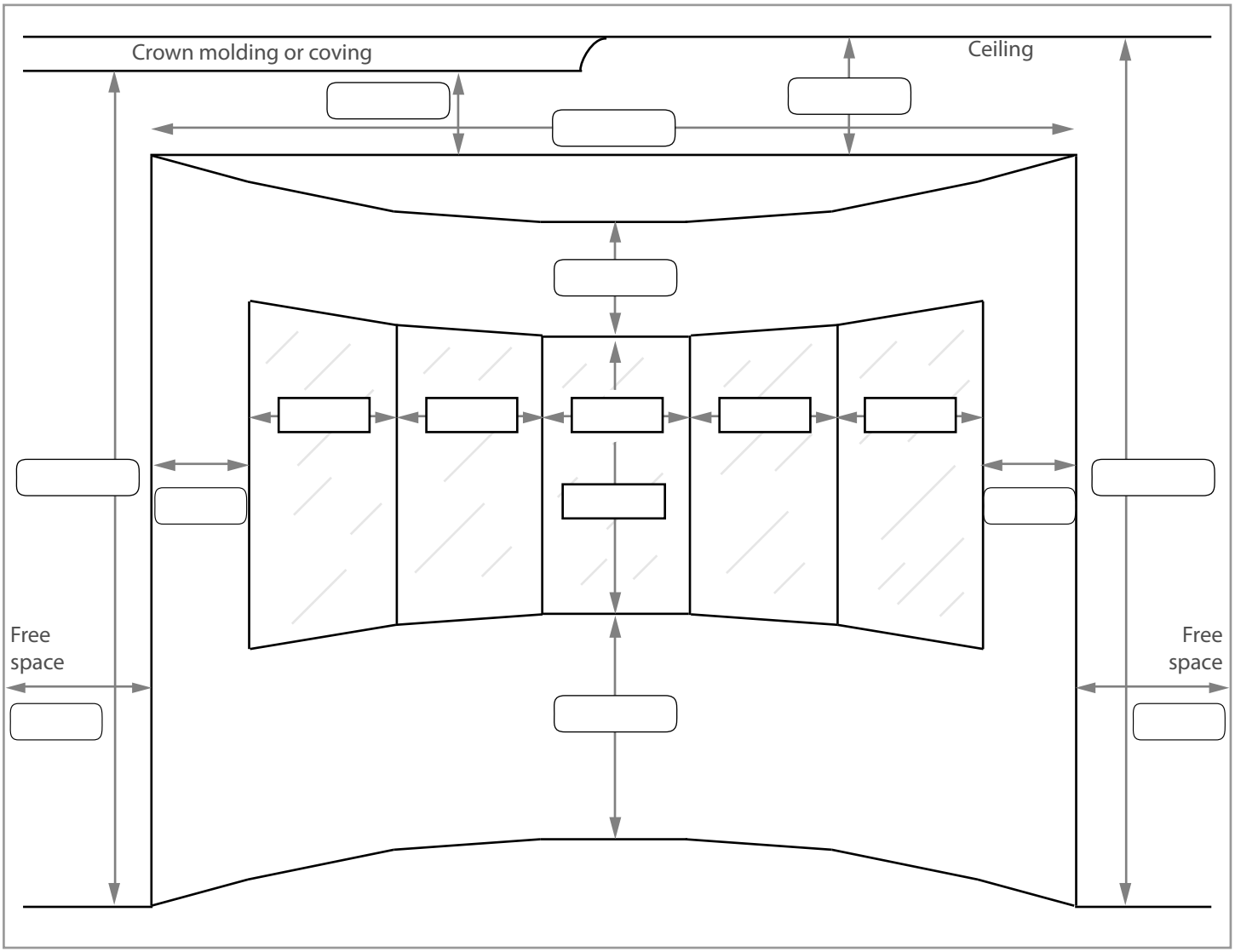
Radiator projection:	



Drapery Measuring Form

Bay window 3 sections - sill or floor length

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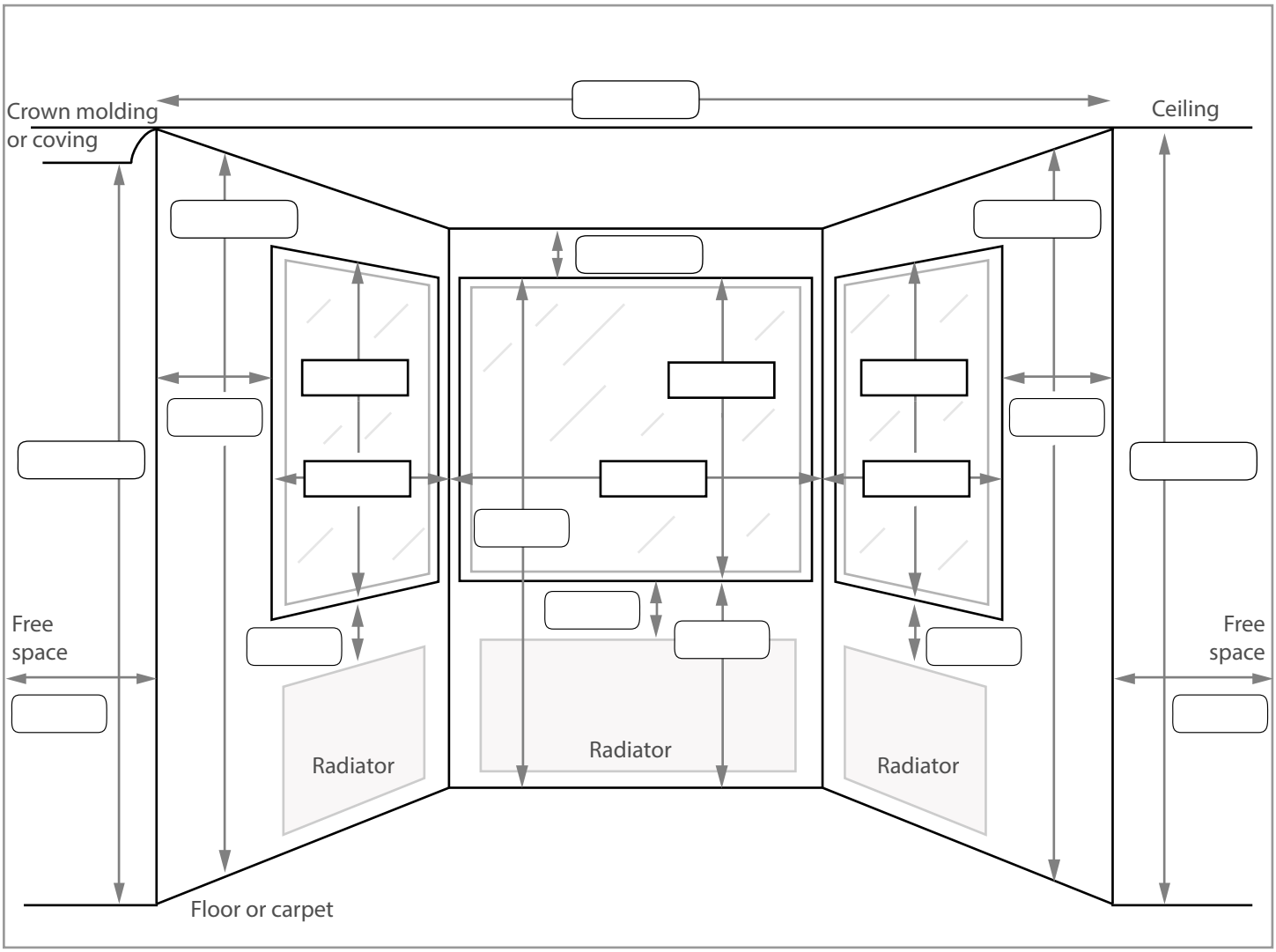
Location	

Window frame projection:	
Sill projection:	
Radiator projection:	



Drapery Measuring Form

Arch window - sill or floor length

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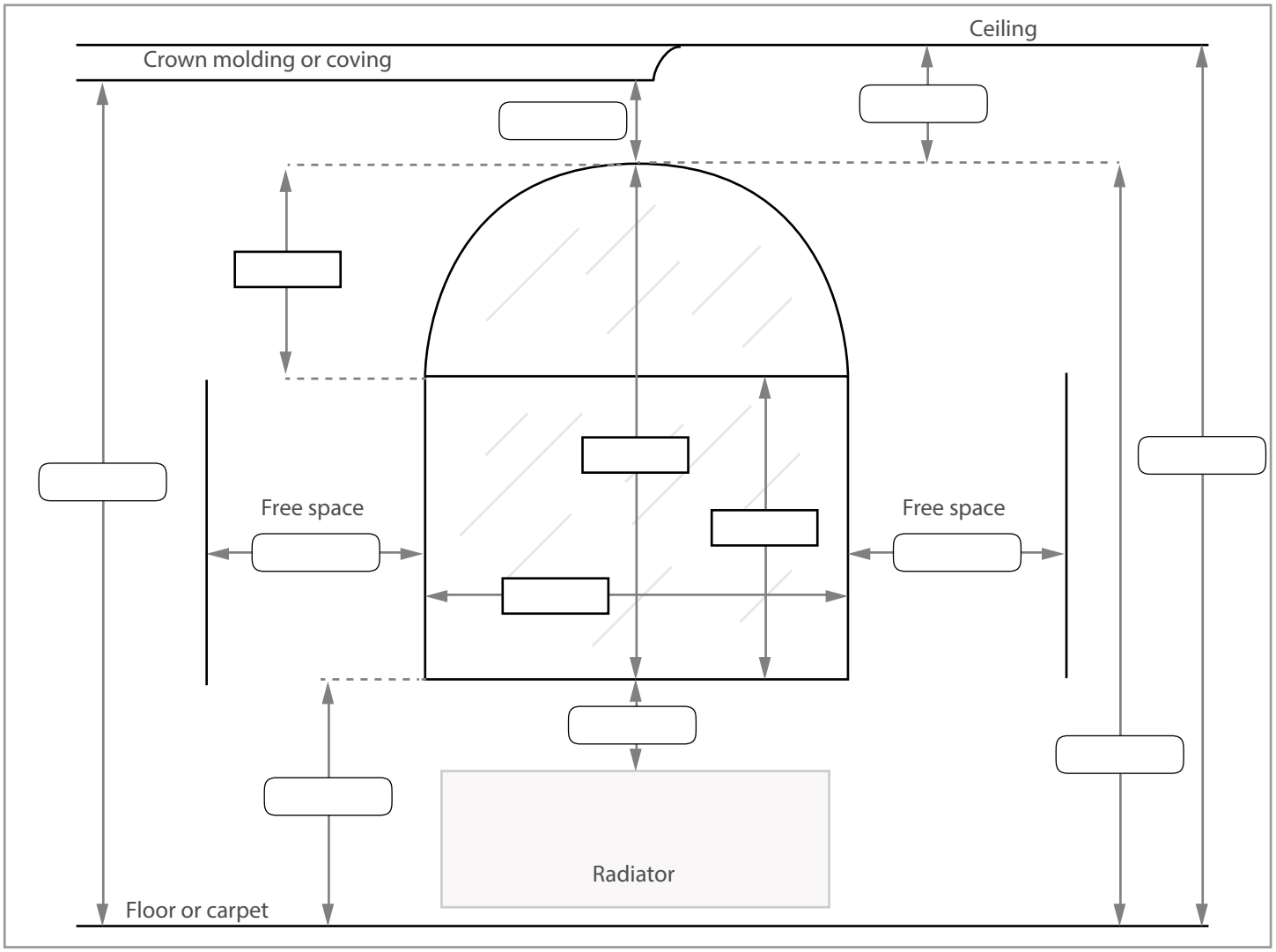
Location	

Window frame projection:	
Sill projection:	
Radiator projection:	

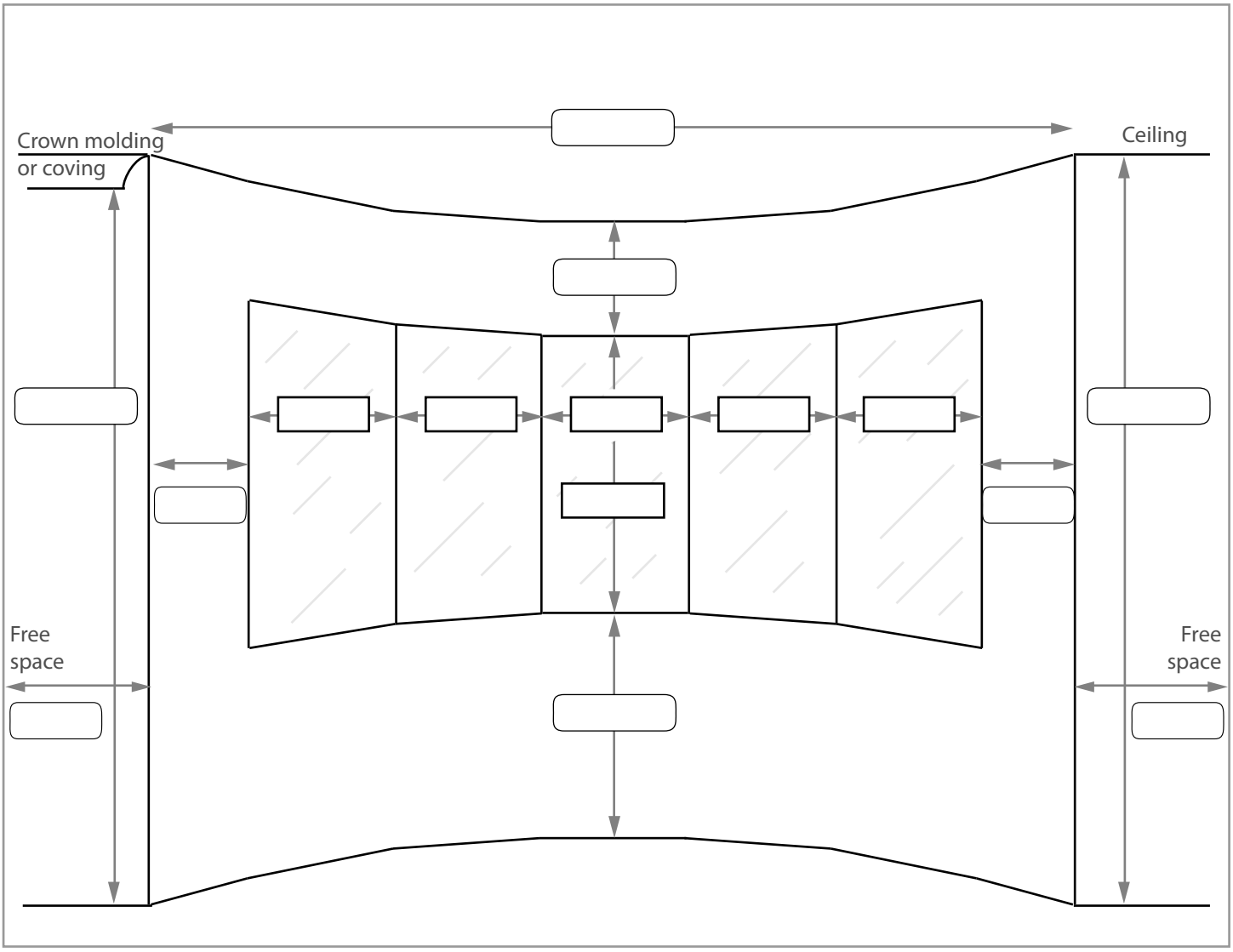


Drapery Measuring Form

Bay window 5 sections - sill or floor length low ceiling

Date	
Location	

Window frame projection:	
Sill projection:	
Radiator projection:	



Drapery Measuring Form

3 window central arch

Date	
Location	

Window frame projection:	
Sill projection:	
Radiator projection: