

Curtains in miniature can be made with a variety of materials. Lace, trim, fabric and ribbon all can be considered. Corrugated paper is both an alternative that can be painted to use as is or fabric glued to it for shape. Cardboard and wood can be painted or glued to.

Here are some examples I considered for my 1:48 scale Shephard's hut.

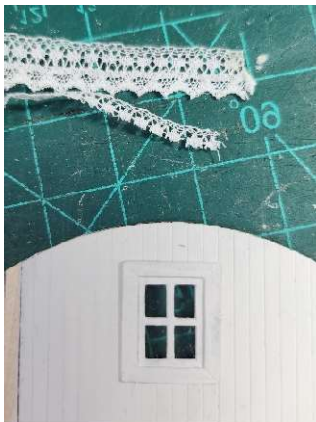
Lace and trim make easy valences. These can be glued directly around or to the window, or a piece of wood could be used to give it more depth. I recommend painting the wood the same color as the window frame.



Parts of lace can be used as well. Here I am considering parts.



This lace had been cut apart by me previously and it was the right size for my taste this time as well.



I decided I wanted to add to it and so pulled out my colored ribbons and added that.

The lace glued quite easily but the ribbon was much harder as it was stiffer. Gluing around the suggested block of wood might have helped.



Things to consider when choosing any fabric (or other materials):

- Natural fibers are easiest to work with.
- Glue on the back can be used to stop fraying. Use a tacky glue that has less water content especially for thin fabric like silk.
- Spread glue with an old credit card to get a thin layer.
- Before cutting printed fabric, a 'window' can be used to decide whether a print will work 'in scale'. Cut a square opening into a piece of card. For 1:48 scale use a 1/4-inch by 1/4-inch as this will represent a foot in real life. (1:24 scale needs 1/2-inch square and 1:12 scale needs 1 inch square.) Then use this 'window' card to hold over the print and see what it might look like in the miniature. Although in real life big prints can be found, they may seem out of place with the style one is going for. In addition to deciding if a print is too big, this 'window' card can also be helpful to find the perfect spot to cut out.
- Depending on what scale is being used, adding things like hems may be out of place particularly for smaller scales. This is when having added glue to the back keeps the fabric from fraying is so important as the cut edge will likely be cleaner. However, if it isn't, use glue to gently press the threads back in place.
- Iron the material before gluing in place if glue is not applied to the back. This makes it look neater.