

PROSF381 (SQA Unit Code - FE5N 04) Produce advanced bed treatments to include producing a fitted valance and decorative bedspread



Overview

This standard addresses the competence required to prepare components and produce a standard bed treatment. This involves:

- 1 measuring and cutting fabric to make a fitted valance and decorative bedspread
- 2 sewing the components to make a fitted valance and decorative bedspread
- 3 trimming and finishing the fitted valance and decorative bedspread
- 4 working in ways which maintain your own and others' safety

There is also a scope statement which defines the coverage of this standard.

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Performance criteria

Prepare components for an advanced bed treatment

You must be able to:

- P1 organise the materials, **tools and equipment** you will need so that you can work effectively and keep the work area tidy
- P2 check that you have the required **work specification** and that it is clear and complete
- P3 plan the cutting of the **fabric** so as to minimise waste and take account of the design characteristics and handling implications of the **fabric** to be used
- P4 measure and mark out the **components** accurately, clearly and to within acceptable tolerance limits for the **fabric** being used
- P5 ensure **fabric** placement and alignment is appropriate for the type and number of **components** required and the **fabric** characteristics
- P6 deal promptly and effectively with any **problems** that occur
- P7 follow **safe** working procedures when using **sharp tools** and items of **equipment**
- P8 protect the **fabric** from damage while it is being worked on
- P9 make sure that the **components** are clearly and accurately marked where necessary

You must be able to:

Sew an advanced bed treatment

- P10 accurately place all materials and **components** in their correct position
- P11 make sure that **components** are correctly orientated and aligned to meet **fabric**, pattern and design requirements
- P12 attach the **components** in an efficient sequence.
- P13 use **sewing** methods which are appropriate to the type of **component**
- P14 attach the **components** together securely and to the required shape and finish
- P15 check and confirm that there are no loose threads on the finished bed treatment
- P16 check and confirm that the visual appearance of the bed treatment meets the **specification**
- P17 deal effectively with any **problems** which may arise
- P18 follow safe working practices when using fixing **tools and equipment**

You must be able to:

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- P19 organise the **tools and equipment** you will need to complete the **specification**
- P20 check that you have the required finishing **specification** and that it is complete
- P21 assemble **components** using appropriate method
- P22 attach **components** using appropriate **fixing method**
- P23 accurately position any finishings to give the required visual appearance

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- including decorative finishes according to design specification
- P24 securely attach the decorative finishings using **methods** which will give the required durability and appearance
 - P25 follow an efficient sequence when applying decorative **finishings**
 - P26 make sure that there are no loose ends or visible stitching
 - P27 deal effectively with any **problems** which may arise
 - P28 follow **safe** working procedures at all times

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Knowledge and understanding

You need to know and understand:

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- K1 the meaning of technical terms used in specifications, and how to interpret specifications
- K2 how to take account of design characteristics such as pattern repeats and pile direction in planning and cutting
- K3 what type of markers to use and how to mark the material clearly and accurately
- K4 the handling characteristics of different materials and how this can affect their behaviour during positioning and fixing
- K5 why the sequence in which components are attached is important to the efficiency of the process and the quality of the outcome achieved
- K6 which sewing method to use in each stage of the specification
- K7 why it is important to protect the material from damage while it is being worked on
- K8 what sort of problems may arise and how to deal with them, and who to report to if the problem cannot be solved and/or it is not your responsibility
- K9 when and why to carry out checks to confirm that there are no sharp or protruding fixings
- K10 how to confirm that the outcome quality matches the specification
- K11 your personal responsibilities with regard to health and safety

You need to know and understand:

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- K12 the handling characteristics of different fabrics and how this can affect their behaviour during positioning and fixing
- K13 why the sequence in which components are attached is important to the efficiency of the process and the quality of the outcome achieved
- K14 what sort of problems can arise and how to deal with them
- K15 when and why to carry out checks to confirm that there are no sharp or protruding fixings
- K16 how to confirm that the outcome quality matches the specification
- K17 your personal responsibility with regard to health and safety

You need to know and understand:

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- K18 what sorts of trimmings and decorative finishings are used in bed treatments and why
- K19 when and why different fixing methods are used for bed treatments
- K20 terms used in technical specifications for bed treatments
- K21 why the sequence in which the components are attached is of importance to the appearance of the finished bed treatment
- K22 how to make sure that patterns and spacing of decorative finishings are accurate and what role the sequence of application plays in that

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- K23 that appropriate lining fabric is used where appropriate
- K24 what sort of problems can arise and how to deal with them
- K25 who to report to with unsolvable problems
- K26 what your personal responsibilities are with regard to health and safety

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Additional Information

Scope

Components

The pieces of material from which a table treatment is fashioned by sewing and other fixing methods. Examples of sewing method could include straight, shaped sews and seams involving simple pleating.

Fabrics

The different forms of material used for making table treatments. These include a range of different fabric, including materials that require careful handling if an accurate cut is to be achieved and components properly aligned e.g. patterned/striped fabrics with a minimum pattern repeat of 25cm, plain and patterned pile, flat weave fabrics.

Fixing methods

This unit covers the use of hand sewing, including slip stitch, ladder stitch and hemming stitch. Machine sewing including flat, french and flat fell seams.

Problems

In relation to the cutting of fabrics, these will be to do with flaws, distortions and colour/pattern variations in the fabric, inaccurate measurements and mis-alignments. In relation to the assembly and sewing process, these will be to do with slipping, fraying, inaccuracies, poor seam quality and equipment faults. The person carrying out this role is responsible for rectifying these types of problems in ways which ensure that the quality of the outcome is not compromised.

Sewing

This unit covers both machine and hand sewing.

Specification

The set of instructions which describe the work to be carried out, including details of the materials to be used including fabric size, colour, and type. The specification will also detail the quality of outcome to be achieved and the time within which it must be completed. In the context of this unit, the outcome quality to be achieved requires that the following criteria be met:

1. material cutting and shaping accuracy is to within +/- 5mm, for both single-lay and multi-lay cutting
2. component marking is accurate to within +/- 3mm

Trimmings and Decorative Finishes

This unit covers the assembly and/or fixing of piping, braids, fringes, cords, flange cords and braids, applied and inserted into seams, hand and machine sewn. This unit also includes the use of other decorative detailing e.g. pleating, gathering, appliqué, tucks, smocking.

Tools and equipment

This unit covers the use of cutting, measuring and marking equipment and both hand sewing equipment including scissors, pins, needles, thread, tailor's chalk, and sewing machines.

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