

## Overview

This standard covers the skills and knowledge required to prepare components and produce advanced bed treatments including producing fitted valances and decorative bedspread/bed throws.

This involves:

1. measuring and cutting fabrics
2. sewing components
3. trimming and finishing

This standard is aimed at those working in soft furnishings.

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## Performance criteria

You must be able to:

1. comply with health, safety and environmental requirements, relevant statutory regulations and industry standards/codes of practice at all times
2. confirm the specification for the work being undertaken
3. work with colleagues to achieve the specification
4. carry out work to required quality and output to meet production schedules and targets
5. cut fabric taking account of design characteristics and handling implications to minimise waste,
6. measure and mark out components within accepted tolerance limits following standard operating procedures
7. check fabric placement and alignment is suitable for type, components and characteristics following standard operating procedures
8. protect fabric from damage
9. mark components following standard operating procedures
10. align and orientate components to meet fabric, pattern and design requirements following standard operating procedures
11. attach components in sequence following standard operating procedures
12. use sewing methods which are suitable following standard operating procedures
13. attach components to required shape and finish following standard operating procedures
14. assemble components following standard operating procedures
15. attach components using suitable fixing method following standard operating procedures
16. position finishings to design specification
17. attach decorative finishings using methods which will give the required durability and appearance following standard operating procedures
18. attach decorative finishings following sequence following standard operating procedures
19. confirm there are no loose threads on the finished bed treatment
20. confirm the visual appearance of the bed treatment meets the specification
21. identify problems and deal with them according to standard operating procedures
22. record information in the appropriate information systems

## Knowledge and understanding

You need to know and understand:

1. the relevant health, safety and environmental requirements, statutory regulations and industry standards/codes of practice that have to be complied with
2. how to confirm specifications for the work being undertaken
3. the level of detail required in a specification
4. the meaning of technical terms used in specifications
5. how to take account of design characteristics such as pattern repeats and pile direction in planning and cutting
6. type of markers to use and how to mark the material
7. the handling characteristics of different materials and how this can affect their behaviour during positioning and fixing
8. why the sequence in which components are attached is important to the efficiency of the process and the quality of the outcome achieved
9. sewing methods to use in each stage of the specification
10. why it is important to protect the material from damage
11. when and why to carry out checks to confirm that there are no sharp or protruding fixings
12. how to confirm that the outcome quality matches the specification
13. trimmings and decorative finishings used in bed treatments and why
14. when and why different fixing methods are used for bed treatments
15. how to make sure that patterns and spacing of decorative finishings are accurate and what role the sequence of application plays in that
16. when to use lining fabric
17. type of problems that can occur and the standard operating procedures for dealing with them
18. information systems that should be used and why it is important to record information

Produce advanced bed treatments

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