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## Overview

The standard covers the skills and knowledge required to produce lined and interlined curtains.

This includes:

1. selecting materials
2. producing the curtains
3. finishing
4. attaching linings

The 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. identify and confirm specification for 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. select suitable fabrics for curtain construction following standard operating procedures
6. select fabric types for curtain lining following standard operating procedures
7. cut fabric and lining to specified measurements
8. construct curtains using measurements and methods following standard operating procedures
9. apply suitable stitch, tension and method to machine finish sections of curtains following company procedures and manufacturers instructions
10. perform machine stitching to specified measurements following company procedures and manufacturers instructions
11. check there is no visible disturbance to curtain fronts when stitching following standard operating procedures
12. perform hand stitching to specified measurements following company procedures
13. finish all stitching following company procedures
14. apply locking stitching to secure lining and interlining to the main fabric following standard operating procedures
15. construct hems following standard operating procedures
16. secure hems without visible disturbance to curtain fronts following standard operating procedures
17. measure, space and construct hand-stitched curtain headings following standard operating procedures
18. identify problems and deal with them according to standard operating procedures
19. 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 specifications
4. fabrics, lining and interlining used for curtain construction
5. how to cut fabrics to specified measurements
6. how to construct the curtain using exact measurements and methods
7. how to insert and secure appropriate lining and interlining
8. appropriate stitch, tension and method to machine finish curtains
9. method and tension of stitching to create no visible disturbance to the curtain fronts
10. how to hand stitch to specified measurements
11. how to secure and finish linings and interlinings to fabrics
12. the construction of hems
13. fabric requirements for a range of different hand-stitched pleated headings
14. construction of false mitres
15. how to measure, space and construct a range of different hand-stitched headings, including double, triple, goblet and cartridge pleats
16. type of problems that can occur and the standard operating procedures for dealing with them
17. information systems that should be used and why it is important to record information
18. the requirements of domestic and commercial fire regulations relating to curtains

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