
Overview

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

This includes:

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

The standard is aimed at those working in soft furnishings.

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 specifications for the work being undertaken
3. work with colleagues to achieve specifications
4. select fabrics, lining and interlining for curtain construction to specification
5. cut fabrics to specified measurements
6. construct curtains using measurements and methods to specification
7. insert appropriate interlining to specification following standard operating procedures
8. machine finish curtains applying stitch, tension and method to specification following standard operating procedures
9. check there are no visible disturbance to the curtain front following standard operating procedures
10. finish stitching to specification following standard operating procedures
11. apply contrast leading edges to curtains to specification following standard operating procedures
12. hand stitch to specified measurements following standard operating procedures
13. secure lining and interlining with interlocking stitches at intervals to specification following standard operating procedures
14. finish lining on contrast leading edge side of curtains to specification following standard operating procedures
15. stitch lining to main fabric on the outer edge of the curtain to specification following standard operating procedures
16. construct hems to specification following standard operating procedures
17. secure hems without visible disturbance to the curtain front to specification following standard operating procedures
18. construct false mitres to specification following standard operating procedures
19. measure, space and construct hand-stitched curtain headings following standard operating procedures
20. carry out work to required quality and output to meet production schedules and targets
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 details required in specifications
4. fabrics, lining and interlining used for curtain construction
5. how to cut fabrics to specified measurements
6. how to construct curtains using exact measurements and methods
7. how to insert and secure linings and interlinings
8. appropriate stitch, tension and method to machine finish sections of curtains
9. method and tension of stitching to create no visible disturbances to curtain fronts
10. how to apply contrast leading edge to curtains
11. how to hand stitch to specified measurements
12. how to secure and finish linings
13. construction of hems
14. fabric requirements for a range of different hand-stitched pleated headings
15. construction of false mitres
16. how to measure, space and construct a range of different hand-stitched headings, including double, triple, goblet and cartridge pleats
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
19. requirements of domestic and commercial fire regulations relating to curtains

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