
Overview

This standard covers the skills and knowledge required to prepare components and produce standard scatter, box and bolster cushions.

This involves:

1. measuring and cutting fabrics
2. sewing components
3. trimming and finishing working in ways which maintain your own and others' safety

This standard is aimed at people working in the soft furnishings industry.

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. organise materials, tools and equipment so you can work effectively and keep the work area tidy
5. plan cutting of fabrics to minimise waste and take account of the design characteristics and handling implications of fabric following standard operating procedures
6. measure and mark out components within acceptable tolerance limits following standard operating procedures
7. ensure fabric placement and alignment is suitable for type and number of components required and fabric characteristics following standard operating procedures
8. protect fabric from damage
9. mark components following standard operating procedures
10. place materials and components in position following standard operating procedures
11. align and orientate components to meet fabric, pattern and design requirements following standard operating procedures
12. attach components in sequence following standard operating procedures
13. use sewing methods which are suitable for type of components following standard operating procedures
14. attach components to required shape and finish following standard operating procedures
15. fit closure components following standard operating procedures
16. check there are no loose threads on the finished cushions following standard operating procedures
17. check visual appearance of cushions meet specifications
18. assemble components following standard operating procedures
19. attach components following standard operating procedures
20. position closures, trimmings and decorative finishes to give required visual appearance following standard operating procedures
21. attach closures, trimmings and decorative finishes using methods which will give required durability and appearance following standard operating procedures
22. apply closures, trimmings and decorative finishes following standard operating procedures
23. carry out work to required quality and output to meet production schedules

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24. identify problems and deal with them according to standard operating procedures
 25. record information in the appropriate information systems
 26. use fire safe cushion pad materials following standard operating procedures
 27. ensure that finished cushions comply with Furniture & Furnishings (Fire)(Safety) Regulations

Knowledge and understanding

You need to know and understand:

1. the relevant health, safety and environmental requirements, relevant statutory regulations and industry standards/codes of practice that have to be complied with
2. how to confirm specifications for work being undertaken
3. the level of detail required in specifications
4. the meaning of terms used in technical specifications for cushion treatments
5. handling and cutting characteristics of different types of materials used
6. measurements and dimensions needed to ensure accurate cutting and fitting for different types of component
7. markers to use for different types of fabric
8. cutting tolerances for components and in what ways this may be influenced by fabric type
9. the implications of not properly placing and aligning fabric before cutting it
10. why it is important to minimise waste
11. how to take account of design characteristics such as pattern repeats and pile direction in planning cutting
12. the functions and uses of different types of measuring and marking tools
13. steps taken to protect fabric from damage
14. handling characteristics of different fabrics and how this can affect their behaviour during positioning and sewing
15. composition of various fabrics
16. why the sequence in which components are attached is important to efficiency of process and quality of outcome achieved
17. how different trimmings and decorative finishes are applied
18. sewing methods used
19. methods of closures used
20. how to confirm the outcome quality matches specifications
21. trimmings and decorative finishes used and why
22. closures used for producing scatter, box and bolster cushions
23. type of problems that can occur and the standard operating procedures for dealing with them
24. information systems that should be used and why it is important to record information
25. requirements of the Furniture & Furnishings (Fire)(Safety) Regulations

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Produce scatter, box and bolster cushions



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