

Produce table treatments

Overview

This standard covers the skills and knowledge required to prepare components and produce table treatments.

This involves:

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

This standard is aimed at people working in the upholstery and 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 work being undertaken
3. work with colleagues to achieve specifications
4. organise materials, tools and equipment and keep the work area tidy
5. plan cutting of fabric to minimise waste and take account of the design characteristics and handling implications 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 suitable for type of component following standard operating procedures
14. attach components securely and to the required shape and finish following standard operating procedures
15. attach lining following standard operating procedures
16. check there are no loose threads on the finished table treatment
17. check the visual appearance of the table treatment meets the specification
18. assemble components following standard operating procedures
19. attach components following standard operating procedures
20. position trimmings and decorative finishes to give the required visual appearance following standard operating procedures
21. attach trimmings and decorative finishes giving required durability and appearance following standard operating procedures
22. apply trimmings or decorative finishes in sequence following standard operating procedures
23. carry out work to required quality and output to meet production schedules and targets
24. identify problems and deal with them according to standard operating procedures

25. record information in the appropriate information systems

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 table treatments
5. handling and cutting characteristics of different types of materials used
6. measurements and dimensions needed to ensure accurate cutting and fitting in respect of different types of component
7. markers appropriate to use for different types of fabric
8. cutting tolerances for different types of component 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. functions and uses of different types of measuring and marking tools
13. steps taken to protect fabric from damage
14. why the sequence in which components are attached is important to the efficiency of the process and the quality of the outcome achieved
15. sewing methods used
16. how different trimmings and decorative finishes are applied
17. how to confirm that the outcome quality matches the specification
18. trimmings and decorative finishes used and why
19. type of problems that can occur and the standard operating procedures for dealing with them
20. information systems that should be used and why it is important to record information

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