
Overview

The standard covers the skills and knowledge required to complete lined curtains with heading tape, mitres, hand stitching and pattern matching

This includes:

1. producing precise mitred corners
2. positioning and securing weights
3. positioning and securing lining
4. applying hand-stitching techniques
5. producing pattern match samples

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 the specification for the work being undertaken
3. work with colleagues to achieve the specification
4. carry out your work to the required quality and output to meet production schedules and targets
5. select suitable fabrics for curtain construction to specification
6. select suitable curtain lining to specification
7. evaluate materials for their suitability for use in the construction of a pattern match curtain
8. evaluate patterns on fabric in order to provide suitable positioning on finished curtain
9. sew multiple widths of fabric in the same direction following standard operating procedures
10. construct the curtain using exact measurements and methods following standard operating procedures
11. machine finish using the stitched, tension and method to the sections of curtains following standard operating procedures
12. construct true mitred corners using precise measurements following standard operating procedures
13. cover weights following standard operating procedures
14. position and secure weights to curtain corners and seams following standard operating procedures
15. position and secure lining with interlocking stitching following standard operating procedures
16. construct a hem without visible disturbance to the front of the curtain following standard operating procedures
17. check there is no visible disturbance to front of the fabric
18. apply slip-stitching following standard operating procedures
19. apply ladder stitching to mitred corners following standard operating procedures
20. apply herringbone stitching following standard operating procedures
21. finish all stitching following standard operating procedures
22. pattern match fabric following standard operating procedures
23. secure the heading tape to the main fabric following standard operating procedures
24. secure draw string under the end of the tape leaving the opposite end free to gather up the curtain following standard operating procedures
25. stitch through layers of fabric without causing disturbance to quality and

- finish of the fabric following standard operating procedures
26. press fabric seams using suitable iron temperature for the fabric following standard operating procedures
 27. carry out your work to the required quality and output to meet production schedules and targets
 28. identify any problems and deal with them according to standard operating procedures
 29. 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 the specifications for the work being undertaken
3. the level of detail required in a specification
4. the use of true and false mitred corners
5. how to construct a true mitred corner using precise measurements
6. commercially covered weights
7. suitable stitch, tension and methods to hand finish samples
8. materials used for the construction of a pattern match
9. materials and their suitability for use in the construction of a pattern match sample
10. how to evaluate patterns on a fabric in order to provide suitable positioning on a finished curtain
11. how to press fabric seams using suitable iron temperature for the fabric
12. type of problems that can occur and the standard operating procedures for dealing with them
13. information systems that should be used and why it is important to record information
14. suitable fabrics for curtain construction
15. suitable curtain linings to use
16. methods and measurement used to construct curtains
17. the stitched, tension and method of machine finishing
18. the positioning and securing of lining with interlocking stitched
19. methods to construct a hem without visible disturbance to the front of the curtain
20. construction of slip-stitching, ladder stitching & herringbone stitching
21. how to secure heading tape to the main fabric and the types of heading tapes available
22. method of securing the draw string under the end of the tape leaving the opposite end free to gather up the curtain

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