

Produce simple bed treatments

Overview

This standard covers the skills and knowledge required to prepare components and produce simple bed 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. plan cutting of fabrics to minimise waste and take account of design characteristics and handling implications following standard operating procedures
5. measure and mark out components within acceptable tolerance limits following standard operating procedures
6. align and orientate components to meet fabric, pattern and design requirements following standard operating procedures
7. protect fabric from damage
8. mark components following standard operating procedures
9. place materials and components in position following standard operating procedures
10. attach components following standard operating procedures
11. use suitable sewing methods following standard operating procedures
12. attach the components to the required shape and finish
13. attach lining following standard operating procedures
14. check there are no loose threads or visible stitchings on the finished bed treatments following standard operating procedures
15. check the visual appearance of bed treatments meets specifications
16. assemble components following standard operating procedures
17. attach components following standard operating procedures
18. position trimmings and decorative finishes to give the required visual appearance following standard operating procedures
19. attach trimmings and decorative finishes using methods which will give the required durability and appearance following standard operating procedures
20. apply trimmings or decorative finishes in sequence following standard operating procedures
21. carry out work to required quality and output to meet production schedules and targets
22. identify problems and deal with them according to standard operating procedures
23. record information in the appropriate information systems

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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 bed treatments
5. the handling and cutting characteristics of different types of materials used
6. measurements and of which dimension are 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 different types of component and 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 fabrics from damage
14. handling characteristics of fabrics and how this can affect their behaviour during positioning and sewing
15. the sequence in which components are attached and importance to efficiency and quality of outcome achieved
16. different types of linings used in bed treatments
17. sewing methods used and why
18. how different trimmings and decorative finishes are applied
19. trimmings and decorative finishes used in bed treatments and why
20. why sequence in which the components are attached is of importance to the appearance of the finished bed treatment
21. type of problems that can occur and the standard operating procedures for dealing with them
22. information systems that should be used and why it is important to record information

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