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## Overview

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

1. selecting materials
2. producing the 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 specification for work being undertaken
3. work with colleagues to achieve specifications
4. carry out work to required quality and output to meet production schedules and targets
5. select fabrics for curtain construction to meet specifications
6. select fabric types for curtain lining to meet specifications
7. cut fabrics and linings to specified measurements
8. construct curtains using measurements and methods to meet specifications
9. apply suitable stitch, tension and methods to machine finish sections of curtains following company procedures and manufacturers instructions
10. machine stitch to specified measurements to meet specifications
11. check there is no visible disturbance to curtain fronts when stitching following standard operating procedures
12. hand stitch to specified measurements following company procedures
13. finish stitching following company procedures
14. apply locking stitching to secure lining and interlining to the main fabric to meet specifications
15. construct hems to meet specifications
16. secure hems without visible disturbance to curtain fronts to meet specifications
17. measure, space and construct hand-stitched curtain headings to meet specifications
18. identify problems and deal with them according to standard operating procedures
19. record information in the appropriate information systems

## Knowledge and understanding

### *You need to know and understand:*

1. 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 work being undertaken
3. level of detail 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 appropriate linings and interlinings
8. stitch, tension and methods used to machine finish curtains
9. method and tension of stitching to create no visible disturbances to curtain fronts
10. hand stitching
11. how to secure and finish linings and interlinings to fabrics
12. construction of hems
13. fabric requirements for a range of different hand-stitched pleated headings
14. construction of false mitres
15. how to measure, space and construct a range of different hand-stitched headings, including double, triple, goblet and cartridge pleats
16. type of problems that can occur and the standard operating procedures for dealing with them
17. information systems used and why it is important to record information
18. requirements of current domestic and commercial fire regulations relating to curtains

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Produce lined and interlined curtains with hand stitched headings



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