

Overview

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

This involves:

1. measuring
and cutting fabric
2. sewing
the 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 fabrics to minimise waste and take account of design characteristics and handling implications of fabric used
6. measure and mark out components within acceptable tolerance limits
7. check fabric placement and alignment is appropriate for type and number of components required and fabric characteristics
8. protect fabrics from damage following standard operating procedures
9. check components are marked to meet specifications
10. place materials and components in position to meet specifications
11. align and orientate components to meet fabric, pattern and design requirements
12. attach components in an efficient sequence to meet specifications
13. use sewing methods appropriate to the type of components
14. attach components to the required shape and finish
15. attach lining components to meet specifications
16. check there are no loose threads on the finished table treatments
17. check visual appearance of table treatments meet specifications
18. assemble components to meet specifications
19. attach components using appropriate sewing methods
20. position trimmings and decorative finishes to give the required visual appearance
21. attach trimmings and decorative finishes using methods which will give the required durability and appearance
22. apply trimmings or decorative finishes following an efficient sequence
23. carry out your work to the required quality and output to meet production schedules and targets
24. identify any 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. 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. meaning of terms used in technical specifications
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 fabrics
8. cutting tolerances for different types of component and in what ways this may be influenced by fabric type
9. implications of not properly placing and aligning fabric before cutting
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. why the sequence in which components are attached is important to the efficiency of the process and the quality of the outcomes achieved
15. sewing methods used
16. how different trimmings and decorative finishes are applied
17. how to confirm outcomes quality matches specifications
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 used and why it is important to record information

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