

## Hand side stitch mattresses

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### Overview

This standard covers the skills and knowledge required to hand side stitch mattresses to meet specifications.

This standard is aimed at those working in bed making.

## Performance criteria

### *You must be able to:*

1. comply with health and safety requirements and procedures at all times
2. obtain specifications and requirements of the items to be produced following standard operating procedures
3. obtain equipment and materials required to carry out the job following standard operating procedures
4. check equipment is set up and in good working order following standard operating procedures and any manufacturer's instructions
5. check all materials required are to specification and free from faults following standard operating procedures
6. place borders around mattresses to specification following standard operating procedures
7. insert backing/wadding to specification following standard operating procedures
8. check border is square, true and central and meets specification following standard operating procedures
9. gauge borders and mark for stitching to specification following standard operating procedures
10. stitch borders to specification following standard operating procedures
11. carry out quality checks to specification following standard operating procedures
12. correct any faults following standard operating procedures
13. pass onto next stage following standard operating procedures

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### Knowledge and understanding

*You need to know and understand:*

1. relevant health and safety responsibilities
2. meaning of terms used in specifications
3. how to check equipment is set up and is in good working order
4. how to check materials and the common faults that can occur
5. how to place borders around mattresses
6. how to insert backing/wadding
7. how to check borders are square, true and central and why this is important
8. how to gauge borders and mark for stitching
9. how to stitch and knot
10. quality checks and why these are important
11. common faults and the process for correcting these

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