

Produce lined curtains with heading tape

Overview

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

This includes:

- producing precise mitred corners
- positioning and securing weights
- positioning and securing lining
- applying hand-stitching techniques
- 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 and safety requirements and procedures at all times
2. obtain specifications and requirements of the items to be produced following standard operating procedures
3. carry out your work to the required quality and output to meet production schedules and targets
4. select fabrics for curtain construction to meet specifications
5. select curtain linings to meet specifications
6. evaluate materials for their suitability for use in the construction of pattern match curtains
7. evaluate patterns on fabric in order to provide the appropriate positioning on a finished curtain
8. sew multiple widths of fabric in the same direction to meet specifications
9. construct curtains using exact measurements and methods
10. apply stitched, tension and method of machine finishes to the sections of curtains following standard operating procedures
11. construct true mitred corners using precise measurements to meet specifications
12. cover weights following standard operating procedures
13. position and secure weights to curtain corners and seams following standard operating procedures
14. position and secure lining with interlocking stitched positioned following standard operating procedures
15. construct hems without visible disturbance to the front of curtains following standard operating procedures
16. check there is no visible disturbance to the front of fabrics
17. apply slipstitching following standard operating procedures
18. apply ladder stitching to mitred corners following standard operating procedures
19. apply herringbone stitching following standard operating procedures
20. finish all stitching to meet specifications
21. pattern match fabrics following standard operating procedures
22. secure heading tapes to main fabrics to meet specifications
23. secure draw strings under the end of the tape leaving the opposite end free to gather up the curtain

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24. stitch through layers of fabric without causing disturbance to quality and finish of fabrics
 25. press fabric seams using the appropriate iron temperature for fabrics
 26. carry out your work to the required quality and output to meet production schedules and targets
 27. identify any problems and deal with them according to standard operating procedures
 28. record information in the appropriate information systems
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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. the use of true and false mitred corners
5. how to construct true mitred corners using precise measurements
6. commercially covered weights
7. appropriate stitches, tension and methods to hand finish samples
8. materials used for the construction of pattern matches
9. materials and their suitability for use in the construction of pattern match samples
10. how to evaluate patterns on fabric in order to provide the appropriate positioning on finished curtains
11. how to press fabric seams
12. type of problems that can occur and the standard operating procedures for dealing with them
13. information systems used and why it is important to record information
14. selection of suitable fabrics for curtain construction
15. selection suitable curtain linings
16. construction of curtains using exact measurements and methods
17. stitched, tension and methods of machine finishing
18. positioning and securing of lining with interlocking stitch
19. methods to construct hems without visible disturbances
20. construction of slipstitching, ladder stitching and herringbone stitching
21. securing heading tapes to fabric and types of heading tapes available
22. method of securing draw strings

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