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MSFSF2017 Construct unlined curtains and drapes

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Modification History

Release 1. Changes to code, application, elements, performance criteria, assessment requirements. Foundation skills added. Range of conditions removed. Assessment requirements changed.

Application

This unit describes the skills and knowledge required to construct and machine sew unlined, pleated and gathered curtains and drapes. Workers with this competency follow established procedures in the soft furnishing industry.

No licensing or certification requirements exist at the time of publication. Relevant legislation, industry standards and codes of practice within Australia must be applied.

Competency Field

Soft Furnishing

Elements and Performance Criteria

Elements	Performance Criteria
Elements describe the essential outcomes.	Performance criteria describe the performance needed to demonstrate achievement of the element.
1. Establish task requirements and prepare for task	1.1 Determine task requirements from work documentation 1.2 Identify and follow work health and safety requirements 1.3 Identify heading type and consequent requirements for measuring, calculating, sewing, folding and finishing 1.4 Identify correct side of fabric, naps, direction of pattern and pattern matches to inform lay out 1.5 Check drapery panels for faults 1.6 Select and thread appropriate needle types for fabric
2. Lay out work to be sewn	2.1 Fold top fabric, bringing edges to be seamed together and matching any pattern and maintaining an appropriate finished length in accordance with workplace quality requirements 2.2 Hold fabric together using pins or other workplace-approved methods
3. Stitch seams and form	3.1 Hold curtain fabrics to suit right- or left-handedness of sewer, and manipulation requirements for bulk and slipperiness of

corners	materials 3.2 Complete machine sewing operations in accordance with workplace procedures 3.3 Fold and form corners to match task requirements, inserting any required weight bags 3.4 Complete hems using any required weights, stitch type and appropriate sewing method 3.5 Stitch and finish corners and trim any loose threads in accordance with quality standards
4. Construct curtain headings	4.1 Attach curtain heading tape in accordance with workplace-approved method and task instructions 4.2 Keep sewn pleat spaces uniform within drops and to specification 4.3 Fix care labels to heading or hem of curtain in accordance with workplace standards
5. Finish work	5.1 Check finished curtain panels including stitch length, end finishing and final length of finished curtain panels against work requirements 5.2 Press work in readiness for next work stage in accordance with workplace procedures 5.3 Repair any parts of the work that do not comply with work order in accordance with workplace procedures
6. Complete work for next process	6.1 Complete and store required workplace documentation in accordance with workplace procedures 6.2 Fold, protect and dispatch finished work to next process in accordance with workplace procedures

Foundation Skills

This section describes those language, literacy, numeracy and employment skills that are essential to performance but not explicit in the performance criteria.

- Reading skills to interpret familiar workplace procedures and work documentation
- Writing skills to communicate information in familiar workplace documents
- Numeracy skills to measure and calculate area and estimate material requirements.

Other foundation skills essential to performance are explicit in the performance criteria of this unit.

Unit Mapping Information

Release 1. Supersedes and is equivalent to MSFSF2007 Construct unlined curtains and drapes.

Links

Companion Volume implementation guides are found in VETNet – -

<https://vetnet.gov.au/Pages/TrainingDocs.aspx?q=0601ab95-583a-4e93-b2d4-cfb27b03ed73>

Assessment Requirements for MSFSF2017 Construct unlined curtains and drapes

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Performance Evidence

There must be evidence the candidate has completed all the tasks outlined in the elements and performance criteria of this unit, and demonstrated the ability to:

- measure and construct to workplace standards at least 4 different types of pleated or gathered curtains or drapes using industrial sewing machines and pressing equipment.

Knowledge Evidence

There must be evidence the candidate has knowledge of:

- equipment and procedures for sewing
- fabric types, common faults and inspection procedures
- risks to health from repetitive actions and prevention strategies
- workplace standards and procedures for construction of curtains and drapes
- types of curtain heading styles, including at least 3 of the following:
 - gathered
 - slotted (rod pocket)
 - pencil pleat and pinch pleat (may include tab top)
 - knife pleat
 - goblet pleat and cartridge
- the function of tools and equipment commonly used to construct curtains and drapes, including:
 - sewing machines
 - hemming machines
 - overlockers
 - pleating machines
- interpretation of work documentation, including requirements for:
 - widths and numbers of finished curtain panels, heading style, number and spacing of pleats
 - finishing and any filling of curtain headings
- materials commonly used to construct curtains and drapes, including:
 - interlining and curtain fabrics
 - fasteners

- threads
- techniques for marking out:
 - returns
 - overlaps
 - pleats
 - spaces
- machine sewing procedures, including:
 - straight stitching along marked pleat line from the top of the heading to the lower edge of the stiffening material or vice versa
 - securing beginning and end of threads of the stitching with even and appropriate seam stitch type, length and visibility
 - using flat seams
 - attaching care labels and fibre content labels
 - ensuring finished components match task requirements
- work health and safety requirements, including personal protective equipment (PPE), ergonomic work practices and manual handling procedures.

Assessment Conditions

Skills must have been demonstrated in the workplace or in a simulated environment that reflects workplace conditions and contingencies. The following conditions must be met for this unit:

- use of suitable facilities, equipment and resources required for performance evidence, including:
 - work orders
 - sewing machine and consumables
 - PPE
 - fabrics
 - workplace procedures, manufacturing specifications, codes, standards, manuals, and reference materials.

Assessors must satisfy the NVR/AQTF mandatory competency requirements for assessors.

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