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MSFSF2018 Construct lined 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 lined curtains and drapes, including detached and sewn-in linings. Work may include interlined loose-lined and bag-lined products. 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 in order to guide lay out 1.5 Identify lining attachment method and consequent requirements for attachments, fasteners, trims and sewing 1.6 Check drapery panels for faults 1.7 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 to match pattern where required and maintaining an appropriate finished length in accordance with workplace quality requirements

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	2.2 Lay out linings and any interlining materials and fold ready for sewing 2.3 Hold fabric together using pins or other workplace-approved methods
3 Stitch seams and form corners	3.1 Hold curtain fabrics to suit right- or left-handedness of sewer and manipulation requirements for bulk and slipperiness of materials 3.2 Sew in place linings to be bagged in accordance with requirements 3.3 Complete machine sewing operations in accordance with task requirements 3.4 Fold and form corners to match task requirements and insert any required weight bags 3.5 Complete hems using required weights, stitch type and appropriate sewing method 3.6 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 procedures and task instructions 4.2 Sew attached lining and interlinings into heading in accordance with task requirements 4.3 Keep sewn pleat spaces uniform within drops and to specification 4.4 Attach linings and interlinings to curtain backs by sewing or using appropriate fasteners 4.5 Fix care labels to heading or hem of curtain in accordance with task requirements 4.6 Sew separate linings using appropriate heading tape and attach to curtain in accordance with task requirements
5 Finish task	5.1 Check finished curtain panels including stitch length, end finishing and final length of finished curtain panels against task requirements 5.2 Press work in readiness for next work stage in accordance with workplace procedures 5.3 Repair in accordance with workplace procedures any parts of work that do not comply with task requirements
6 Complete work for next	6.1 Complete and store required workplace documentation in

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process	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 MSFSF2008 Construct lined curtains/drapes.

Links

Companion Volume implementation guides are found in VETNet –

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

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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 at least 2 different types of lined curtains or drapes to meet workplace standards 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 including lining and interlining materials, and their common faults and inspection procedures
- risks to health from repetitive actions and prevention strategies
- workplace standards and procedures for construction of curtains and drapes
- tools and equipment commonly used to construct curtains and drapes, including:
 - sewing machines
 - hemming machines
 - overlockers
 - pleating machines
- interpretation of work documentation, including:
 - 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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