

<b>Title</b>	<b>Insert zips, top stitch, and sew gathering, tucks and darts, in heavy pile fabric or leather upholstery covers</b>		
<b>Level</b>	<b>3</b>	<b>Credits</b>	<b>6</b>

<b>Purpose</b>	People credited with this unit standard are able to: prepare to sew; insert zips into; demonstrate top stitching; sew gathering; and sew tucks and darts, in heavy pile or leather upholstery covers.
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<b>Classification</b>	Furniture > Upholstery
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<b>Available grade</b>	Achieved
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### Guidance Information

- 1 Assessment information  
This unit standard must be assessed against on-job.  
All activities and performance criteria must be carried out in accordance with worksite policies and procedures.
- 2 Competence must be demonstrated on upholstery covers for either armchairs or settees.
- 3 Where leather is used to demonstrate competence, gathering and dart and tuck seam allowances must be hammered flat before sewing.
- 4 Definitions  
*Darts* refer to tapering folds sewn into fabric.  
*Gathering* refers to a parallel row of running stitches, sewn along the edge of the fabric to be gathered. The stitching threads are then pulled, so that the fabric forms small folds between the stitches along the seam to create the gather. This technique is used for shortening a length of fabric, so that the longer length can be attached to the shorter length.  
*Heavy pile fabrics* refers to fabrics with long, thick pile. Examples include velour, dralon, and velvet. For the purposes of this unit standard heavy pile fabric does not include suede cloth.  
*Tucks* refer to folded pleats sewn onto fabric salvage, usually for the effect of creating a corner or rounded edge.  
*Worksite policies and procedures* refer to documented policies and to documented or other directions provided to staff. These may include, but are not limited to, ways of managing health and safety, environmental considerations, quality, and production, and must conform to legislation. Examples include standard operating procedures, company health and safety plans, on-site briefings, and supervisor's instructions.

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## Outcomes and performance criteria

### Outcome 1

Prepare to sew heavy pile fabric or leather upholstery covers.

#### Performance criteria

- 1.1 Job specifications are obtained and interpreted.
- Range item being sewn, number of items, sewing plan, zip type, fabric type, timeframe.
- 1.2 Materials for the job are obtained in accordance with job specifications.
- Range fabric or leather panels, zip, slider, thread, elastic or tape if required.
- 1.3 Machine is prepared in accordance with job specifications.
- Range threaded, foot changed, needle changed.
- 1.4 Test seam is sewn and stitch size and tensions are checked and adjusted if required.

### Outcome 2

Insert zips into heavy pile fabric or leather upholstery covers.

#### Performance criteria

- 2.1 Zip is cut to length in accordance with job specifications.
- 2.2 Zip is sewn to fabric or leather panels in accordance with job specifications.
- Range even seams, free from puckering, gathering, and stretching.
- 2.3 Fabric or leather is top stitched to zip in accordance with job specifications.
- Range even stitch size, seams parallel and even distance from zip, tidy back tack.
- 2.4 Slider is fitted to zip.
- Range fabric or leather panels even at ends, slider slides freely.

### Outcome 3

Demonstrate top stitching on heavy pile fabric or leather upholstery covers.

**Performance criteria**

3.1 Panels to be top stitched are selected in accordance with job specifications.

3.2 Panels are sewn together on reverse side in preparation for top stitching in accordance with job specifications.

Range free from puckering, gathering and stretching, even seam allowance, even stitch size.

3.3 Sewn covers are top stitched.

Range even stitch size, top stitching parallel to seam, tidy back tack or threads pulled through and tied, panel fabric/leather and seam salvage are pulled tightly away from seam and sit flat, free from puckering.

**Outcome 4**

Sew gathering in heavy pile fabric or leather upholstery covers.

**Performance criteria**

4.1 Panels that require gathering are selected in accordance with job specifications.

4.2 Gathering is sewn into panels in accordance with job specifications.

Range checkpoints matched, gathers even size, seam close to and parallel to salvage.

4.3 Gathered panels are sewn to panel in accordance with job specifications.

Range even seam salvage, previous stitching concealed, checkpoints matched, gathering even.

4.4 Work area is left clean, clear, and safe.

**Outcome 5**

Sew tucks and darts in heavy pile fabric or leather upholstery covers.

**Performance criteria**

5.1 Panels that require tucks or darts are selected in accordance with job specifications.

5.2 Tucks are folded into panels and sewn to marks in accordance with job specifications.

5.3 Darts are sewn into panels.

Range no pucker or dog ear at end of dart seam, dart salvage cut and overlocked or folded neatly, even seam allowance.

5.4 Work area is left clean, clear, and safe.

<b>Replacement information</b>	This unit standard and unit standard 25589 replaced unit standard 14363 and unit standard 14364.
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This CMR can be accessed at <http://www.nzqa.govt.nz/framework/search/index.do>.

#### Comments on this unit standard

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