

Title	Demonstrate knowledge of and hand cut leather for upholstery		
Level	4	Credits	6

Purpose	People credited with this unit standard are able to: demonstrate knowledge of leather used in upholstery; prepare to hand cut leather for upholstery; mark out and hand cut leather for upholstery; and complete leather cutting activities for upholstery.
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Classification	Furniture > Upholstery
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Available grade	Achieved
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Guidance Information

- 1 Legislation
Health and Safety at Work Act 2015.
- 2 Definitions
Accepted industry practice – approved codes of practice and standardised procedures accepted by the wider upholstery industry as examples of best practice.
Workplace procedures refer to documented policies and procedures set by the organisation carrying out the work, and to documented or other directions provided to staff, and applicable to the tasks being carried out. They may include but are not limited to – standard operating procedures, site specific procedures, site safety procedures, equipment operating procedures, quality assurance procedures, product quality specifications, references, approved codes of practice, housekeeping standards, environmental considerations, on-site briefings, supervisor’s instructions, and procedures to comply with legislative and local body requirements relevant to the industry sector.
- 3 Range
Competence must be demonstrated using at least one of the following cutting tools – shears, wheel cutter, cutting knife.
- 4 Assessment information
All activities and evidence must be in accordance with workplace procedures and accepted industry practice.

Outcomes and performance criteria

Outcome 1

Demonstrate knowledge of leather used in upholstery.

Performance criteria

- 1.1 The characteristics of corrected grain leather, full grain leather, semi-aniline leather, and aniline leather are explained in terms of their use in furniture making.
- Range durability, finishes.
- 1.2 Types of defects commonly found in leather are described in terms of acceptability for the job.
- Range brand marks, tick marks, healed and unhealed scars, holes, particles in top surface, variances in grain.

Outcome 2

Prepare to hand cut leather for upholstery.

Performance criteria

- 2.1 Job specifications are obtained and interpreted.
- Range leather to be used, furniture article, number of articles.
- 2.2 Tools and equipment for the job are obtained.
- 2.3 Leather is selected in accordance with job specifications and factors that influence template layout are identified.
- Range colour variations, defects, size of hide, meterage, parts of hide.
- 2.4 Templates are selected in accordance with job specifications.
- 2.5 Marking medium is selected in accordance with type of leather being used.
- 2.6 Cutting tool is selected.

Outcome 3

Mark out and hand cut leather for upholstery.

Performance criteria

- 3.1 Personal protective equipment is worn.
- 3.2 Templates are placed on leather to ensure optimal use of hide.
- Range minimise waste, upholstery panels matched to appropriate part of hide, unacceptable defects hidden from view on finished product or not used.

3.3 Marker is used to mark out leather and label panels in accordance with job specifications.

Range clear lines, line up with pattern or template, tolerances.

3.4 Leather usage is recorded while marking out.

3.5 Leather is cut in accordance with job specifications.

Range clean cuts, correct size, cut on line.

3.6 Leather panels are stacked ready to be sewn.

Outcome 4

Complete leather cutting activities for upholstery.

Performance criteria

4.1 Work area is cleaned and cleared of tools, debris, and any excess material.

4.2 Supervisor is informed of completion of job.

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Comments on this unit standard

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