

## **Handling & Care of our velvets**

### **Storage**

Always store a roll of velvet in a *horizontal* and *hanging* position, either in a special shelving system or in the original box within its suspension.

All our velvets are despatched suspended in boxes. Our boxes and packing methods have been developed to ensure our velvet products are successfully transported all over the world, arriving at their destination in perfect condition and ready for use. This packaging also provides our customers with ideal storage for the velvet.

### **Rolling**

Rolling a velvet, always with the pile surface on the inside and in the same direction as the pile.

### **Curtain making**

For curtain making we strongly advise to use the velvet with:

- pile upwards : for cotton velvets, Trevira velvets and velvets made of mixed yarns.
- pile downwards: for Shiny (viscose) velvets and velvets with a pattern

Making the curtain with the pile up gives a deeper and fuller colour, if you make the viscose velvet with the pile up you will lose a lot of the shiny effect. .

It is also strongly recommended to line the velvet curtains, this prevents pile-loss, and colour fading through sunshine. Lining also gives a far better draping and thus a nicer general appearance.

### **Upholstery of our velvets**

Make sure that the velvet you choose is suitable for upholstery and apply the right technique. This means; seaming the cutting-edges and folding the edge twice before nailing or stapling the velvet to prevent the fabric from unnecessary rupture and tearing. Do not process the velvet directly on the foam but use an interlining even if the velvet has been backcoated. The fabric will last longer and pile-loss will be limited.

### **Special care for cotton velvets**

A cotton velvet is a natural product. When made up for curtains or on a sofa, it will get its unique appearance after some time (due to gravity and the natural humidity of the surroundings). Pressure marks, rolling stripes and smaller irregularities, which are inherent for the product, will disappear in a ventilated and relatively humid environment.

Steam or distilled water through a sprayer will enhance this process (not to be used on flame retardant cotton velvets) To get the pile back in its original direction, please brush it with a soft brush.



### **Flame retardant (FR) cotton velvets**

Do not apply moisture and liquids on FR cotton velvets. They will cause stains which cannot be removed by dry cleaning! Please keep in mind that a velvet curtain has a likely chance of fading when subjected to intense periods of sunshine, especially with flame retardant cotton velvets.

### **Cleaning instructions**

Dry cleaning only for most velvets, some Trevira velvets can be machine washed gently at 30 C. Please be careful by using a tumble dryer. The best way to dry the curtain after washing is a natural drying process.

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