



How to settle on a sofa fabric

Description

So you've settled on the shape of the sofa you envision in your living space – but what about the fabric? Whilst it's all too tempting to trust a digital image of a fabric swatch, fabrics aren't two-dimensional and many have subtle textures and sheens an image simply cannot reflect.

Here at Delcor, we recognise the importance of settling on the right sofa fabric for you and your living preferences – as it's imperative you get it right. A sofa is a big investment, and, when paired with a [50-year guarantee](#), it's important to carefully consider your fabric choice.

To help you make a decision on which fabric is best for you, we've put together a guide on how best to choose a sofa fabric, as well as providing a brief overview of some of our favourite fabric recommendations to help you get started.

What is the best type of fabric for a sofa?

While finding the right sofa fabric for you isn't a linear process – there are a number of questions to ask yourself before you decide.

Ultimately, the best fabric for your sofa depends on your individual living needs and how much wear your sofa will need to withstand. For example, if you're looking to invest in a chaise armchair to act as a distinctive piece of luxury in your bedroom, chances are you won't require as durable of a fabric in comparison to a sofa that is designed to sit as a focal point in a living room.

Will your pets claim a spot on your new sofa? Or will children see your new sofa as an excellent place to practice their latest wrestling moves? If the answer is yes, then a durable fabric would likely fit your requirements. Thankfully, at Delcor, we offer one of the UK's biggest fabric libraries to choose from, supplying our clients with everything from chenille to luxurious woven fabrics, providing lightweight and durable options that last. As well as an extensive catalogue of designer fabrics from sought-after textile specialists such as James Hare, [Linwood](#) and Sanderson Fabrics – we're positive our clients will settle on a fabric of true sophistication.

Which fabric is most durable for a sofa?

As a general rule of thumb, the more tightly woven a fabric is, the more it can withstand.

If you're looking for a durable material that can withstand regular usage, we would recommend [ordering a number of swatches](#) and stretching out the material yourself. If your chosen swatch gives little to no give, the fabric is likely to be strong and durable.

As we previously referenced in our [guide to reupholstering your sofa](#), we would also recommend our clients testing the durability of a fabric firsthand. Particularly beneficial if you have pets, try scratching at the fabric, or seeing how the fabric withstands against a number of spills to get an idea of general durability.

Below are a few of our favourite durable fabrics, available as part of our [5 free fabric sample swatches](#) here at Delcor:

Lindale Weave:

Our Lindale Weave fabrics at Delcor are a fine weave with a very subtle sheen. Available in various on-trend colourways with a sophisticated tailored finish, the Lindale Weave is an extremely strong and durable fabric. [***Order a Lindale Weave swatch online at Delcor.***](#)

Lindale Weave

About these fabrics



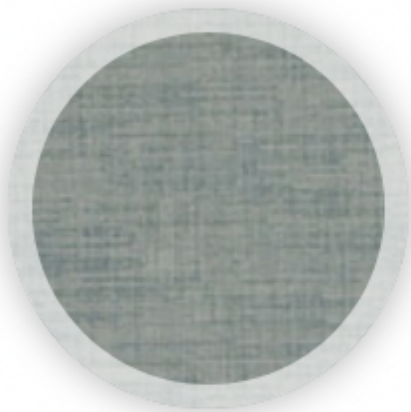
Lindale Bamboo



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Rye Chenille:

A soft, two-toned chenille built with AquaClean technology, which is a patented molecular fabric

protection, the Rye Chenille is an excellent, durable fabric designed for busy family homes and pet owners. Perfect for those looking for a reliable fabric that can bring a room to life for years to come, the Rye Chenille is available at Delcor in various colourways and styles. **Order a free [Rye Chenille fabric sample online](#) at Delcor.**

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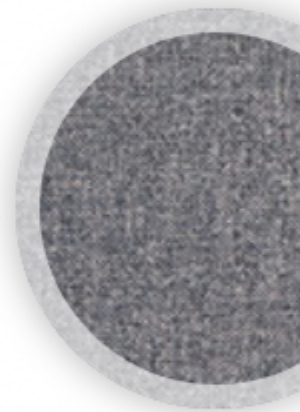
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Rye Putty



Rye Bracken



Rye Denim

Omega Velvet:

Looking for a sofa fabric that is durable, but adds a dimension of luxury to your interiors? The Omega Velvet range is a soft and opulent fabric guaranteed to see you through years of enjoyment. Finished in a luxurious matt-velvet range, the Omega Velvet benefits from a variety of rich, on-trend colourways. Mimicking a regular velvet feel, our Omega Velvet fabrics blend the best qualities of both to present an exceptionally hard-wearing fabric with a strong, stain-resistant quality. **Order a free [Omega Velvet sample online](#) at Delcor.**

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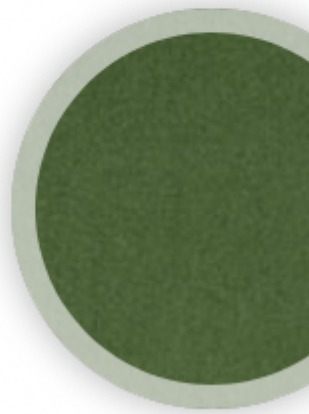
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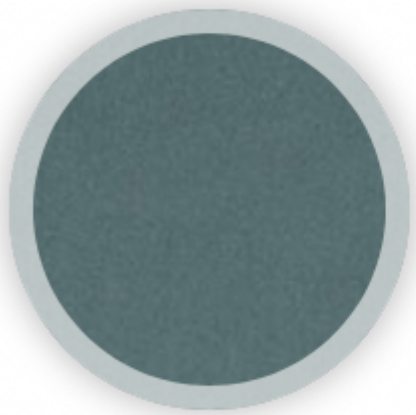
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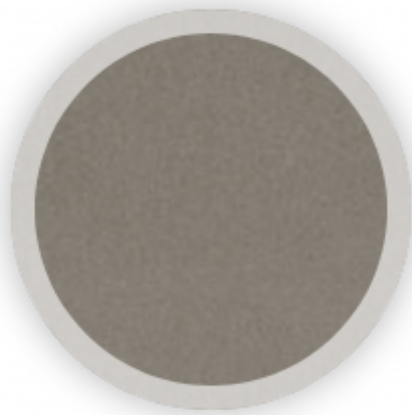
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Omega Green



Omega Lagoon



Omega Linen



Omega Mermaid

Linen feel – Helsinki:

Designed to imitate the properties of linen, without the natural wrinkling and constraints of pure linen, our 100% polyester blend, Helsinki, is a high-performance fabric available in an array of beautiful colourways. Providing a soft-washed linen look that is often favoured in neutral living spaces, this

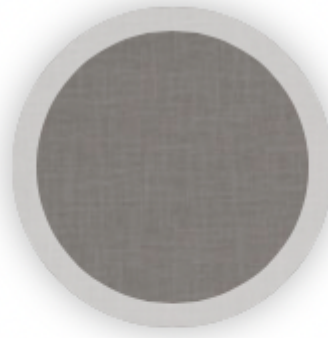
innovative fabric offers the strength and wearability of polyester – whilst being easy to clean, resistant to fading and abrasions. Order a [free Helsinki Linen Feel fabric sample](#) online at Delcor.

Helsinki - a linen feel

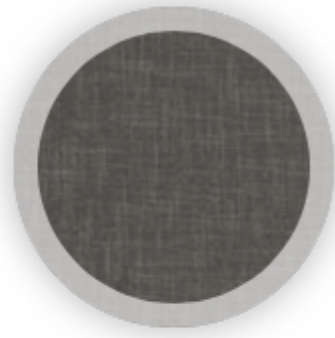
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Helsinki Calico



Helsinki Dove



Helsinki Granite

Dunbar suedette:

Dunbar Suedette

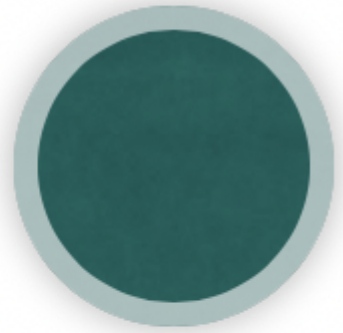
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Dunbar Stone



Dunbar Mole



Dunbar Teal

A knitted blend of polyester, our luxurious Dunbar Suedette is a modern take on natural suede that is super-soft to the touch but also extremely durable. Providing resistance to spills and mishaps whilst retaining all of the most-loved qualities of a regular suede, our Dunbar Suedette is recommended for busy family homes. Crafted with Aquaclean technology, we have an extensive library of Dunbar Suedette colourways available to peruse in our [signature Delcor Showrooms across the UK](#). **Order a [free Dunbar Suedette sample online at Delcor](#).**

Free Fabric Samples at Delcor

Here at Delcor, we only use the highest-grade of upholstery fabrics that meet our own strict standards of quality and longevity, which is why we recommend our clients take advantage of our free fabric sample service. If you're unable to pay a visit to one of our [bespoke furniture showrooms across the UK](#), our sample service allows clients to see their fabric options in person.

Our straight-forward, [online sofa fabric sample service](#) allows Delcor clients to choose up to five different swatches, completely free of charge. Showcasing some of our most popular designs, from our signature Dunbar Suedette, to our beautiful weaves and velours, simply add up to five samples to your basket and we'll take care of the rest. We also offer our clients the opportunity to request a [free furniture brochure](#) as they take advantage of our sample service, as our beautiful furniture brochures are designed to provide additional inspiration, bringing some of our favourite fabrics to life across bespoke Delcor furniture designs.



Visit a Delcor Fabric Library

Still not completely settled on a fabric for your new sofa? Each of our bespoke furniture showrooms across the UK features an unrivalled fabric library in our inspiration suites. Placed in each of our five showrooms across the country, our inspiration suites are manned by our talented designers and are completely at our clients disposal. Trained to offer impartial, expert advice, our Delcor designers are passionate about fabrics and provide excellent guidance on style, longevity and types of fabric that will best reflect your individual preferences.

Whether you're looking to source a fabric from a particular period to match your existing aesthetic, or you're simply looking to create a highly original look with a designer fabric, our specialist Delcor designers are on-hand to provide help, advice and interior inspiration at every stage of the decision making process. With over 10,000 fabrics and leathers in-store for our clients to browse through, no fabric request is too big or small for our team, as we offer the unique ability to source sofa fabric from any supplier – **worldwide**.

Ready to settle on a sofa fabric? Simply [book an appointment at personal design consultation](#) at your nearest Delcor showroom to guarantee a one-on-one experience with our talented specialists free of charge.