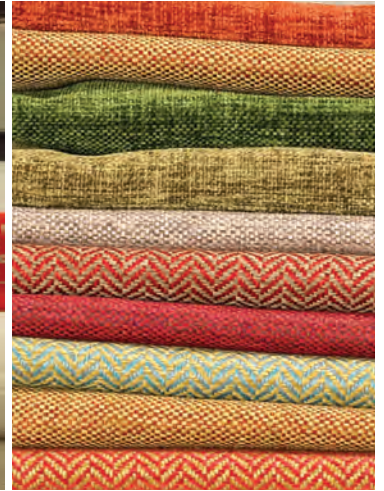


FR Fabrics and Furnishings for Caring Interiors



Skopos is renowned for providing high quality FR fabrics and furnishings, perfect for all types of Care environments. With expertise in design, Skopos provide printed and woven products for drapery, bedding and upholstery. Fabric only or full service, the Skopos offer is about choice and flexibility.



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Skopos Collections

Skopos was founded by designers. Reflecting this, our signature collections provide real design excellence and diversity.



New collections launched each year embrace interior trends and keep the look fresh, current and inspiring. Whether aspiring to a sophisticated hotel look or homely interior, our portfolio of collections showcase ideas to create individual and eye catching interiors. Stunning prints provide versatility with a choice of base cloths for different end uses, whether bedding, drapery or upholstery and have the practical benefit of easy aftercare, as washable products.

For added luxury, the weave collections are a popular solution. Weaves provide texture and interest, enabling you to layer with voiles at the window or add texture with velvets, chenilles or matt qualities inspired by wool.

For Drapery, Bedding...

Supporting the design led signature collections, Skopos have a colour led portfolio of plains, textures and small motif qualities in the Accents range. This extensive spectrum gives you the ideal foil to mix with signature designs to create a unique look that is always fit for purpose. The Skopos product portfolio enables you to create balanced interiors with elements from different collections to fulfil your brief, whether the lead focus is colour or a definitive creative direction. The final outcome are interiors which look stylish and withstand practical demands.



At Skopos we recognise the increasing involvement of designers across projects and interior schemes for Care.



Interior Designers' input is pushing interiors for Care towards schemes reminiscent of hotel interiors or high end domestic spaces, a welcome move away from hospital or healthcare cues. Schemes often include luxurious weave textures, even velvets, beautiful fabrics that are washable, durable, but not lacking in style.

... and Easy-clean Upholstery

The Care environment is particularly challenging for upholstery fabrics. Skopos are experts in developing qualities appropriate for care. Stylish, comfortable and functional, Skopos' design and technical team work with upholsterers and specialists to develop fabrics that are waterproof, antimicrobial and durable, whilst still looking great!

Knowing that your furniture is fit for purpose and easy to clean provides one less thing to worry about!



Decorative bird design printed on fabric for side panel



Logos translated onto quilted bedcovers and counterpanes
Clavadel Care Facility

Upholstery—meeting the requirements for Care situations:

- FR - Inherent or Crib 5 Backing
- Durable - Over 40,000 Rubs
- Easy clean - Soil & Stain Resistant
- Waterproof
- Antimicrobial

Wherever you see this symbol, you can be assured that our fabrics have been tested and conform to contract FR standards for upholstery. All upholstery fabrics are severe contract, that means they will perform to over 40,000 martindale rubs (some over 100,000) and many have a waterproof layer for specialist Care environments. We can also print on an antimicrobial base cloth, creating more design options for fabulous interiors.



Bespoke can be used in many ways; to assist residents and visitors to identify their location within the building via design or colour, to create a unique interior - pulling on shapes within architecture, or possibly to reinforce a corporate brand or logo. It can also be a considered design element to add atmosphere or stimulation to a scheme.

Simple or complex, you will be pleasantly surprised how easy the process is, and how rewarding the result can be.

MEMORIES

LANDMARKS

COLOUR SCHEMES



Design and Colour - Exclusive to Your Project

Our Bespoke service provides you with the opportunity to create your own design or adapt a Skopos design, developing interior fabrics of your own, to meet your exacting requirements. We will design and produce unique prints or weaves to meet your brief, budget and interior scheme. The fabric specification can also be developed to meet your precise needs.

Bespoke is a great way of creating exactly what you want within your interior scheme at reasonable cost.

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... are a Yorkshire company with over 40 years' experience of providing contract fabrics, furnishings and installations to Care Interiors.

Skopos Fabrics...and more...

Customer Service delivered with passion and expertise.

We are proud to deliver outstanding quality and service to all our customers. The Skopos brand is synonymous with the highest standards and reliability. With specialist design and craftsmanship, and over 4 decades of experience, we champion skills and expertise in all areas from design through to customer service, delivery and on-site installation.

Our ongoing success is down to the fantastic team involved in every part of the process.



Our care fabrics are all designed to be:

- ISO9001 quality assured, monitored by vigorous inspection procedures
- Available on a wide choice of print base cloths – giving you many options of use
- Adaptable by our bespoke design service
- Washable and easy to clean (many to 71 deg C)
- Antimicrobial and stain resistant (upholstery qualities)
- A lasting legacy of our passion and expertise

Designing for Care

Intelligent, thoughtful design plays an important role in creating care environments that work well for residents, carers and visitors. The needs of these individuals are varied and Skopos’ sector knowledge and expertise in design embraces the complexity of catering for all these ideals.

Understanding the needs of residents

Care home residents cannot be easily categorised. Some care homes specialise in younger residents, rehabilitation or in dementia care.

With careful consideration of the residents you can select signature designs, along with accents and textures to create schemes that are stylish yet balanced and unfussy.

Understanding the needs of the carers

There are two key aspects to consider here – firstly providing the staff with visually pleasing interior schemes and secondly ensuring the product performance meets their expectations. All Skopos care fabrics are designed to meet the most stringent care routines, with clear aftercare information available you can have every confidence that Skopos fabrics will look great throughout a life of use.

Understanding the needs of visitors.

It is important that resident’s family and visitors also enjoy the atmosphere of the care home, as they have such an important impact on the mood of residents and carers. Good quality, well maintained soft furnishings enhance everyone’s sense of care and wellbeing as well as making them feel welcome and relaxed. Skopos provides good quality performance fabrics which look great, helping everyone to feel happier.



Designing for Dementia

Keep rooms bright and uplifting or calm and relaxing.

Skopos are experts at designing fabrics for Care settings, considering aspects such as impaired sight or dementia which can lead to confusion. Understanding and discovering more about your residents and their life helps the designer connect. People with visual impairment often have difficulty seeing the blue/green end of the spectrum. Bolder colours can be stimulating, though we need to remember that some colours can have a negative association (purple for funerals). Ideally the soft furnishings need to provide an environment of calm and relaxation but also stimulation in the right areas.



General colour rules:

- Colours from nature can be beneficial and are regarded as calming
- Midtone colours provide warmth
- Bolder colours can be used as accents to create signposts and depth within interiors
- Contrast is needed to define furniture and furnishings for people with sight issues

General pattern rules

- Use discreet pattern to create a homely feel
- Avoid busy, large designs and very bold stripes and waves
- Be sensitive to any specific or personal issues
- Create interest within a room

Feeling intimidated?

If this all seems very confusing and complicated, it really isn’t!

Simplicity is key. Use plains and textures to work in harmony with a key design theme and consider elements such as wall and floor colours and finishes. Avoid dull and bland choices but seek harmony and stimulation – it’s all about balance.

Our Skopos sales team are experienced in putting schemes together and would be happy to help.

Pattern

Pattern in Elderly Care settings can also be a challenge. Plain fabrics do not cause specific dementia issues but can lead to an unstimulating institutionalized environment. Designers can choose textures and patterns that are calm yet uplifting, with some interest. There are some known associations with bold patterns which we need to be wary of when designing for Elderly Care environments. To some residents bold stripes can look like bars, waves can look like snakes and we need to watch out for these aspects when selecting designs. Realistic imagery (flowers) can create a talking point. Design schemes should be homely and bring about a feeling of security.

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Colour and design are equally important in helping people to relax and engage.

Skopos provide a large range of printed designs and many textures and plains are perfect for environments caring for people with sight loss or dementia.

Designing for Care

Darrington Healthcare, Doncaster and Dewsbury



Architects and Designers, Alston Murphy, selected designs from the entire Skopos range, using colour to change the mood and pace in specific areas of the homes. By using printed designs, accented with textured weaves, creating bright, fresh interiors and more homely spaces the team have successfully developed affordable “home from home” experiences for residents. Practical yet luxurious the environment focuses on improving the quality of life for a range of care needs.



Seacroft Grange Care Village, Leeds

Owned by Springfield Healthcare, the village consists of standard bedroom and facilities and 11 new adjoining luxury care apartments, complete with ensuite bedrooms. It caters for a range of care needs from paraplegia to dementia.

Owner Kimberley Malcolm wanted to create a luxurious, yet practical, feel for residents – a home from home environment with a real focus on the quality of life. She wanted to provide residents with design choices that they would make in their own homes. The result, 11 luxury care apartments with interiors suiting the residents’ personal tastes. Skopos worked with the team providing interior solutions for the luxury apartments, as well as public areas and some standard bedrooms.



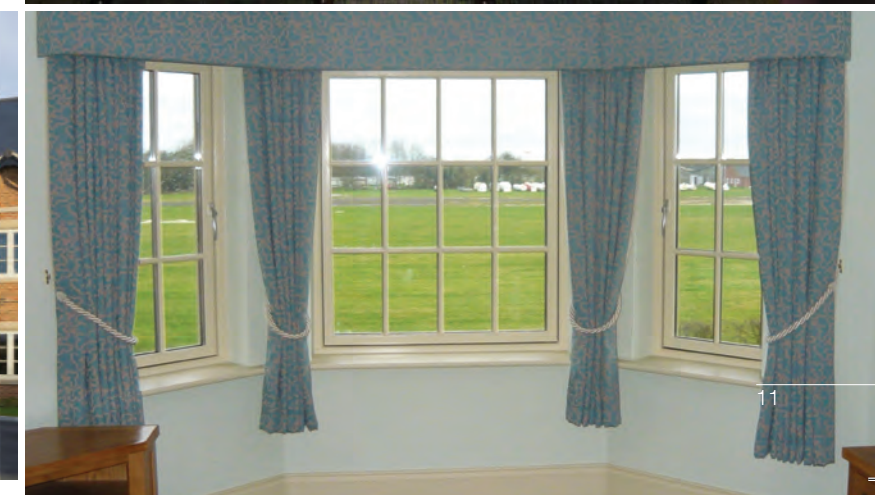
Clavadel Rehabilitation Centre, Surrey

Part of the Geoghegan Group, the Clavadel Centre is a fascinating and specialised retreat catering for all types of orthopaedic post operative care and rehabilitation. As such it has a younger resident base and the interior space and soft furnishings all reflect this. Sonar, a vibrant and contemporary design from our Formation collection was selected for the curtains and blinds, tie-backs and cushions. Upholstery fabrics chosen from the Chamonix collection were used in all the bedrooms in co-ordinating colours. Three colour-schemes predominate within the Centre, providing calming environments or more stimulating rooms.

A bespoke design was developed from the Clavadel logo and incorporated onto the bedspreads, giving the rooms a distinctive and unique look. Public areas incorporated an eclectic range of upholstery fabrics from luxury cut velvets to matt textures, with a strong colour theme linking them all and giving the large open plan lounge area a very modern atmosphere.

William Wilberforce Care Home, Pocklington

Purpose built to combine superior, hotel style accommodation with first class care, Rachel Maclane, Interior Designer based in Malton, utilised sculptured velvets from the Teatro collection in the public areas along with colourful printed curtains – creating a country hotel ambience. Other function rooms feature wing back chairs, upholstered in Contour, Harris and Dice - waterproof and stain resistant fabrics, combining comfort with easy aftercare. Curtain poles and pelmets upholstered in high quality weaves reinforce the feeling of quality.



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