



MINIMUM CONSTRUCTION STANDARDS

PRIVATE & EXCLUSIVE BRANDS HOME

KITCHEN & TABLETOP TEXTILES

All Private and Exclusive brands must follow Minimum requirements unless otherwise specified in the TP.



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Overview

The acceptance of an order placed by Kohl's for Private and Exclusive Brand products indicates that, as a vendor, you are aware of the technical and quality standards required by Kohl's, in addition to any applicable laws or regulations existing for this product category. It is your responsibility to supply product to Kohl's that meets those standards. Any variation from Kohl's established standards must be agreed upon in writing by Kohl's and the manufacturer and documented in the Technical Product Specification.

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REQUIREMENTS	Where QUALITY is the Major Consideration	Where PRICE is the Major Consideration
Section I. Fabric Layout and Cutting Requirements		
<p>All fabrics as specified, including but not limited to - content, yarn type, weave, weight, dye class & process, finish, etc</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none">• All parts of finished products must be compatible with prescribed care instructions• Combined fabrications must have compatible shrinkage• Cut product pieces on grain unless otherwise specified (length on warp• No selvage edges allowed as hems• Heavily napped fabrics, brushed fabrics and one-way prints - all product pieces cut in the same direction within a unit• Pattern Matching: Pattern/Plaid/Stripe match must be submitted to Design/Production/Technical Design for approval before final costing acceptance• No exposed drill holes, punch holes, or notches• Corners must be 90 degrees	1 way cut: Cut all products in the same direction within an entire program	2 way cut: Cut all pieces within a single unit and multiple components within a set in the same direction but it may be different between units/sets.



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Section II. Trims and Findings Requirements														
<p>Trims/Findings in children's products must meet CPSIA requirements</p> <p>Thread: Must source thread with Kohl's Preferred Supplier</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none">• No monofilament thread. Multi-filament is acceptable for specific uses <p>Embroidery Thread:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none">• Preference - Polyester - from Kohl's Preferred Supplier• Allowed - Polyester from a non-Preferred Supplier, contingent upon passing specific thread testing protocols• Allowed - Rayon - from a Kohl's Preferred Supplier <p>Bead/Sequin attachment thread. Very specific thread requirements</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none">• Refer to 'Bead & Sequin Attachment Guide' on K-link <p>Thread Color</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none">• Must match fabric ground unless otherwise specified. When in doubt, check with Design team.• All operations must use same color thread within internal seams <p>NOTE: Thread types/sizes may vary based on fabric characteristics and weight, and are subject to approval by TD. Seams must meet Kohl's strength and appearance requirements.</p> <p>Thread Size Chart by Fabrication:</p> <table><tbody><tr><td>Needle/Bobbin:</td><td>Looper:</td></tr><tr><td>• 2 - 4oz = Tex 18-21</td><td>Tex 18</td></tr><tr><td>• 4 - 6oz = Tex 21(spun) - 24(core)</td><td>Tex 27</td></tr><tr><td>• 6 - 8oz = Tex 27(spun) - 30(core)</td><td>Tex 30</td></tr><tr><td>• 8 - 10oz = Tex 40</td><td>Tex 27-30 or 35 (textured poly)</td></tr><tr><td>• 10 - 14oz = Tex 60</td><td>Tex 40</td></tr></tbody></table> <p>Looper Thread: Spun Polyester or Textured Polyester</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none">• Tex size of looper thread must be comparable with tex size of needle thread	Needle/Bobbin:	Looper:	• 2 - 4oz = Tex 18-21	Tex 18	• 4 - 6oz = Tex 21(spun) - 24(core)	Tex 27	• 6 - 8oz = Tex 27(spun) - 30(core)	Tex 30	• 8 - 10oz = Tex 40	Tex 27-30 or 35 (textured poly)	• 10 - 14oz = Tex 60	Tex 40	Needle & Bobbin Thread: Poly-wrap/Poly-core OR Cotton-wrap/Poly-core Decorative thread as specified	Needle & Bobbin Thread: Spun Polyester Decorative thread as specified
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Section II. Trims and Findings Requirements (cont'd)		
Trims/Findings in children's products must meet CPSIA requirements		
Embroideries <ul style="list-style-type: none">Must have suitable tear-away or dissolveable backing that must be removed after applicationStitching must be secured by stacking stitches with increased SPI (minimum 25-30), knotting, back-stitch (minimum 3 stitches), or bar-tackStitching must be knotted/secured every 3/4" with thread floats no longer than 3/4"Children's Products:floats no longer than 3/8"		
Bead/Sequin <ul style="list-style-type: none">No monofilament threadRefer to 'Bead & Sequin Attachment Guide' on K-linkSuitable stabilizer must be used with lightweight fabricsThread must be knotted off sufficiently throughout to prevent excessive beads/sequins from falling off		
Piping <ul style="list-style-type: none">Pre-shrunk cotton cord - smooth not braided. May be foam fillingMust not twist or kink inside piping coveringMaximum finished filled piping diameter - 6.35mm or 1/4"	Piping Cover must be bias cut unless otherwise specified	Piping Cover may be straight cut for straight edges but must be bias cut for curved/shaped edges
Binding <ul style="list-style-type: none">If layers must be stitched together prior to binding, must use a basting stitch with low SPI (4 or less)Raw edges of binding must be folded in and securely sewn into bindingIf self-bound (hemmed) - clean finished, double turned, single need lockstitchMinimal number of splices - directly proportional to the size of the productIf 3/4" or wider - stitch sides of binding closed	Preferred bias cut unless otherwise specified	May be straight cut for straight edges, must be bias cut for curved/shaped edges
Ruffles <ul style="list-style-type: none">Single ply or Double ply as specified	Gather ratio: 1.75:1 - 2:1	Gather ratio: 1.5:1 minimum

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<p>Section III. Sewing and Construction Requirements</p> <p>Seams must meet Kohl's seam slippage and strength requirements</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Stitches per inch (SPI) of hem, seams, and topstitching as specified by brand and construction requirement • No exposed raw or pinked edges • No serged-only edges, hems, or seams • No adhesive used to construct products • Minimum 3/8" seam allowance. Maximum 3/4" seam allowance • Reinforcement Stitching: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Stitching must be secured at start and stop • Back-stitch (minimum 3 stitches), lockstitch thread tails trimmed close • Bar-tack • Latchback • Ends of stitching crossed by another seam or line of stitching • Stack stitches by increasing SPI for 1" (minimum 25-30 SPI) • Knotted ends (on running stitch only) • For internal seams only: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Overlock and Chainstitch leave tightly chained thread tails • Lockstitch thread tails reinforced and trimmed close • Button sew and Buttonholes: Lockstitched or locked chainstitched with 1/8" tail • Buttonholes must be stitched through two layers of fabric • Decorative whipstitch (over machine stitched hems only): Must be secured at start and stop by back-tack (minimum 3 stitches) • Children's Products: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Overlock stitch is required underneath any blanketstitch or whipstitch detail • All blanketstitching or whipstitching must be cut in 8" lengths and tacked or knotted at the end of each length • Line tack is to be perpendicular (non-parallel) to the edge of the product • Knotting is to be done on the backside of the product 	<p>SPI: 10 - 12</p> <p>Tail length: 1 1/2"</p>	<p>SPI: 8 - 10</p> <p>Tail length: 1"</p>

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Quilting & Fill <ul style="list-style-type: none">Please refer to Minimum Construction Standards - Filled Products on K-link		
Tablecloth (square/rectangle) <ul style="list-style-type: none">Hem width and construction is assigned by Kohl's Brand to accurately represent the quality and price point. Refer to the Kohl's Tech Pack.	Hem: Mitered	Hem: Lapped Hem long sides, then short sides
Placemat <ul style="list-style-type: none">Refer to the Kohl's Tech Pack for additional information		
Napkin <ul style="list-style-type: none">Hem width and construction is assigned by Kohl's Brand to accurately represent the quality and price pointRefer to the Kohl's Tech Pack for additional information	Hem: Mitered	Hem: Lapped Hem top/bottom, then sides

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Section IV. Measurement Tolerances		
All measurements as specified in the Kohl's Tech Pack. Tolerances apply to finished product dimensions only.		
Component Variation Within A Set <ul style="list-style-type: none">Component variation must not exceed individual measurement tolerances as specified <p>Length (at center) $+\!-\!1/2"$ Width (at center) $+\!-\!1/2"$</p>		
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Section V. Product Labeling		
For a full details regarding labeling, please refer to the Kohl's Labeling Guidelines for Home Textiles , on K-link: <i>Resources > Private and Exclusive Brands > Performance Testing > Soft Home - Home Textiles > "Labeling Guidelines" under Regulatory Compliance & Safety subheading</i>		
Label Placement <ul style="list-style-type: none">Follow instructions as specified in Kohl's Tech PackFor a complete list of label placements, reference the below guides available on K-link: <i>Resources > Private and Exclusive Brands > Global Technical Design > Home > Label Placement Guides subheading</i> Label Placement - Kitchen Products		

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