



**MINIMUM CONSTRUCTION  
STANDARDS**

**PRIVATE & EXCLUSIVE BRANDS HOME**

# **SHOWER CURTAINS & LINERS**

**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 Kohl's Tech Pack.

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<b>Section I. Fabric Layout and Cutting Requirements</b>		
All fabrics as specified, including but not limited to - content, yarn type, weave, weight, dye class & process, finish, etc		
<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• All parts of finished products must be compatible with prescribed care instructions</li><li>• Combined fabrications must have compatible shrinkage</li><li>• Cut product pieces on grain unless otherwise specified (length on warp)</li><li>• No selvage edges allowed as hems</li><li>• Heavily napped fabrics, brushed fabrics and one-way prints - all product pieces cut in the same direction within a unit</li><li>• Pattern Matching: Pattern/Plaid/Stripe match must be submitted to Design/Production/Technical Design for approval before final costing acceptance</li><li>• No exposed drill holes, punch holes, or notches</li><li>• Corners must be 90 degrees</li></ul>	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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<p><b>Section II. Trims and Findings Requirements</b></p> <p>Trims/Findings in children's products must meet CPSIA requirements</p>														
<p>Thread: Must source thread with <a href="#">Kohl's Preferred Supplier</a></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>No monofilament thread. Multi-filament is acceptable for specific uses</li> </ul> <p>Embroidery Thread:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Preference - Polyester - from <a href="#">Kohl's Preferred Supplier</a></li> <li>Allowed - Polyester from a non-Preferred Supplier, contingent upon passing specific thread testing protocols</li> <li>Allowed - Rayon - from a <a href="#">Kohl's Preferred Supplier</a></li> </ul> <p>Bead/Sequin attachment thread. Very specific thread requirements</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Refer to '<a href="#">Bead &amp; Sequin Attachment Guide</a>' on K-link</li> </ul> <p>Thread Color</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Must match fabric ground unless otherwise specified. Bedskirt thread color to match skirt/drop, not platform</li> <li>All operations must use same color thread within internal seams</li> </ul> <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><b>Thread Size Chart by Fabrication:</b></p> <table border="0"> <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> </table> <p>Looper Thread: Spun Polyester or Textured Polyester</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Tex size of looper thread must be comparable with tex size of needle thread</li> </ul>	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	<p>Needle &amp; Bobbin Thread: Poly-wrap/Poly-core OR Cotton-wrap/Poly-core</p> <p>Decorative thread as specified</p>	<p>Needle &amp; Bobbin Thread: Spun Polyester</p> <p>Decorative thread as specified</p>
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<p><b>Section II. Trims and Findings Requirements (cont'd)</b></p> <p>Trims/Findings in children's products must meet CPSIA requirements</p>		
<p>Interlining (self-fabric, non-woven, light weight woven, etc)</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>No heavy buckram allowed</li> <li>Header/Headering must be interfaced/lined to support grommets/buttonholes</li> <li>Interlining type assigned by shower curtain fabrication. Refer to the Technical Product Specification for additional information</li> </ul>		
<p>Hardware (buttons, grippers, snaps, eyelets, grommets, weights, suction cups)</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Must be secured through minimum two layers of fabric</li> <li>Must use 12 grommets/buttonholes in the header for proper hanging</li> <li>Must be <b>evenly spaced</b> on width of panel and centered in the header between the top edge/top stitching and the top hem stitching line</li> </ul> <p><b>Children's Products:</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Functional buttons must be 4-hole and sewn with locking cross stitch, with a minimum of 16 stitches</li> <li>Decorative buttons can be 2-hole button, sewn with a minimum of 8 stitches</li> <li>Buttons must be sewn with shank height suitable for fabric thickness</li> <li>Covered buttons must be made from a 'kit' and be securely assembled</li> <li>Buttons must be sewn with shank height suitable for fabric thickness</li> <li>Metal components must be plated, lacquered, or enameled to be corrosion resistant</li> <li>Corrosion proof as specified</li> <li>Bottom weights/magnets must be completely sealed from any contact with moisture to prevent corrosion</li> <li>Suctions cups: as specified by style. Refer to the Tech spec for additional information</li> </ul>	<p>Recommended: Sew 4-hole buttons with locking cross stitch</p> <p>Buttons must have a thread wrapped shank.</p>	<p>Allowed: Sew 4-hole buttons with parallel stitch (excluding children's products)</p>



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<b>Embroideries</b> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Must have suitable tear-away or dissolvable backing that must be removed after application</li> <li>• Stitching must be secured by stacking stitches with increased SPI (minimum 25-30), knotting, back-stitch (minimum 3 stitches), or bar-tack</li> <li>• Stitching must be knotted/secured every 3/4" with thread floats no longer than 3/4"</li> <li>• <b>Children's Products:</b> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• floats no longer than 6.35mm or 1/4"</li> </ul> </li> </ul>		
<b>Bead/Sequin</b> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Refer to <a href="#">'Bead &amp; Sequin Attachment Guide' on K-link</a></li> <li>• Suitable stabilizer must be used with lightweight fabrics</li> <li>• Thread must be knotted off sufficiently throughout to prevent excessive beads/sequins from falling off</li> </ul>		
<b>Piping</b> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Pre-shrunk cotton cord - smooth not braided. May be foam filling</li> <li>• Must not twist or kink inside piping covering</li> <li>• Maximum finished filed piping diameter - 3/8"</li> </ul>	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
<b>Ruffles</b> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Single ply or Double ply as specified</li> </ul>	Gather ratio: 1.75:1 - 2:1	Gather ratio: 1.5:1 minimum



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



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Header/Heading: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Header construction is assigned by fabrication and Kohl's Brand. Refer to the Tech Spec for additional information</li> </ul>		
Bottom Hem <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Bottom corner construction is assigned by fabrication and Kohl's Brand to accurately represent the quality and price point. Refer to the Tech Spec for additional information</li> <li>Sealed bottom weights/magnets applied to shower curtain assigned by fabrication</li> <li>Refer to the Tech Spec for additional information for bottom weight placement and application</li> </ul>	Hemmed bottom corners: Mitered	Hemmed bottom corners: Lapped Hem top and bottom then sides
Side Hems <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Side hem construction is assigned by fabrication and Kohl's Brand. Refer to the Tech Spec for additional information</li> </ul>		





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<b>Section IV. Measurement Tolerances</b>						
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"> <li>• Component variation must not exceed individual measurement tolerances as specified               <table style="margin-left: 20px; border: none;"> <tr> <td style="padding-right: 10px;">Length (at center)</td> <td>+/-1/2"</td> </tr> <tr> <td>Width (at center)</td> <td>+/-1/2"</td> </tr> </table> </li> </ul>	Length (at center)	+/-1/2"	Width (at center)	+/-1/2"		
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<b>Section V. Product Labeling</b>						
For a full details regarding labeling, please refer to the Kohl's <a href="#">Labeling Guidelines for Home Textiles</a> , on K-link: <i>Resources &gt; Private and Exclusive Brands &gt; Performance Testing &gt; Soft Home - Home Textiles &gt; "Labeling Guidelines" under Regulatory Compliance &amp; Safety subheading</i>						
Label Placement <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Follow instructions as specified in the Kohl's Tech Pack</li> <li>• For a complete list of label placements, reference the below guides available on K-link:</li> <li>• <i>Resources &gt; Private and Exclusive Brands &gt; Global Technical Design &gt; Home &gt; Label Placement Guides subheading</i></li> <li>• <a href="#">Label Placement - Bath and Beach Products</a></li> </ul>						