

INK & SPINDLE

TECHNICAL DATA & CARE



IMPORTANT INFORMATION FOR CUSTOMERS AND SPECIFIERS

INTRODUCTION

Thank you for choosing Ink & Spindle for your next project. By specifying Ink & Spindle textiles you are helping to improve the environmental quality of your home or that of your customer. You are also supporting local and sustainable business practices.

Industry customers may find working with Ink & Spindle fabrics a little different to synthetic or machine manufactured fabrics. If you are a retail customer this may be the first time you have ordered custom printed meterage.

Please read all sections below and take note of any that apply to you, before confirming your order.

HORIZONTAL AND VERTICAL REPEATS

Our collection of hand-printed meterage features both horizontal and vertical repeats which allow for pattern matching. Information on each design and it's individual pattern repeat can be found on our website at www.inkandspindle.com/customise

It is important to note that both the horizontal and vertical repeat varies between designs. The *useable width* of the fabric is almost always wider than the horizontal repeat, which can be up to 200mm in from the selvedge edge. This allows us the flexibility to print on different width cloths. Please check that the horizontal repeat is narrower than the width of the chosen basecloth - no responsibility will be taken for pattern matching issues due to this oversight.

PATTERN MATCHING & PRINT QUALITY

Every length of meterage is hand-printed in our studio. It is a purely manual process and is therefore subject to subtle variations. Although we go to great lengths to ensure consistent output, it is impossible for hand-printed fabric to match the machine precision of manufactured fabrics.

PATTERN MATCHING

Furnishings greater than approx 1300mm wide will require multiple drops which will be pattern matched side by side. Roman or roller blinds will feature a full width centre drop, with two narrower drops on either side for symmetry. Due to the hand-printed nature of our fabrics there may be small inconsistencies in this pattern match - particularly with two colour prints. Below are some images to illustrate:



PRINT QUALITY

Your custom printed length of fabric may exhibit some subtle imperfections in print quality. This is part of what gives hand-printed fabric its charm and beauty. There may be small areas which have slightly lighter or heavier ink coverage, or there may be minute variations in the ink colour as each batch of ink is mixed to a recipe by hand. The joining of repeats may be slightly visible on our small scale designs. Please email us if you'd like more information.

BASECLOTHS

SUITABILITY

Not all basecloths are suited to all window furnishings. Curtains, roman blinds and stiffened blinds can be made using any cloth in our range. Bonded blinds can be made using any of our medium weight organic cotton/hemp cloths, or our oatmeal eco-linen. Our flax eco-linen is not suitable for bonding.

MOVEMENT

As our fabrics are made with natural fibres there may be seasonal movements and slight stretching over time. Blinds or curtains that meet the floor or sill need to be measured and/or mounted to allow for a small amount of stretch over time (up to 10-20mm). Bonded blinds may experience some seasonable movement and may exhibit a small amount of “cupping” down the sides during warmer months, particularly for long and narrow blinds.

COLOUR CONSISTENCY

Our collection of basecloths are all made with natural fibres, most in their raw form with no dyeing or bleaching involved. As such there can be slight seasonal colour variations between rolls of cloth. Our rolls are approximately 50m in length. Where possible we will complete each job from a single roll of cloth. However we cannot guarantee basecloth matching for jobs requiring greater than 50m, or the matching of products created at an earlier date. The visual difference between rolls is usually minimal.

CARE INSTRUCTIONS

All Ink & Spindle textiles are printed onto natural fibres which are prone to shrinkage when wet (approx 3 - 6%). Prior to manufacturing please pre-wash any items that you wish to machine or hand wash in future.

Please wash this fabric by hand with cool water, or machine wash on a gentle cycle, using a mild, earthy friendly detergent. For large quantities please allow the fabric plenty of space to move within the water - any hard folds in the wash may leave crease lines in the print. Ink & Spindle fabrics will soften with repeat washing and the print may fade slightly or develop a patina, which we love. If spot cleaning, please rub gently to avoid fading the print. Keep out of direct sunlight.

Ink & Spindle fabrics can also be dry cleaned.

COLOUR SAMPLING

Colour sampling is highly recommended - please either request colour samples or visit our showroom to view colours in person, as we cannot perfectly render our colours across all digital devices. Please note that the basecloth selection can slightly alter the appearance of a colour, so it is best to order colour samples on your basecloth of choice.

WINDOW FURNISHINGS - SELF MEASURING

If you are supplying your own window measurements please note that we cannot take responsibility for any mismeasurements or complications that have not been communicated prior to manufacturing. You are responsible for notifying us of any potential obstructions (furniture, fixtures etc). If you are unsure as to how or where your blind will be mounted please talk to us and ensure you are fully informed. Retail customers providing their own measurements are encouraged to supply an image of each window.

Please refer to our website for more information on measuring: www.inkandspindle.com/window-furnishings

FURTHER INFORMATION

For more information on our custom printed meterage: www.inkandspindle.com/customise

For more information on our custom made window furnishings: www.inkandspindle.com/window-furnishings

Inspiration gallery: www.inkandspindle.com/inspiration

We look forward to working with you!

-Lara & Caitlin