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TEXTILES

An essential guide to selecting textiles for
commercial or residential interior design project

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Purpose

Understanding the purpose of the textiles is an essential consideration when selecting textiles for a commercial interior design project. The purpose of the textiles will help determine their functional requirements and can impact their aesthetic qualities. Here are some questions to consider when determining the purpose of the textiles:

1. What role do the textiles play in the overall design of the space?
2. Are the textiles intended to provide functional benefits, such as sound absorption or light filtering?
3. Are the textiles primarily decorative, intended to add visual interest and texture to the space?
4. Are the textiles intended to provide a specific tactile experience or sensory quality, such as softness or warmth?
5. Are the textiles intended to provide privacy or visual separation between different areas of the space?
6. Are the textiles intended to protect other surfaces or furnishings in the space, such as upholstery or flooring?
7. Are the textiles intended to convey a specific brand image or aesthetic?

By considering these questions, you can determine the purpose of the textiles in the commercial interior design project and ensure that the textiles selected are appropriate for the intended use and functional requirements of the space.

Aesthetic

The desired aesthetic qualities of the textiles will vary depending on the overall design goals and style of the commercial interior space. Here are some questions to consider when defining the desired aesthetic qualities of the textiles:

1. What is the overall design style of the space?
2. What is the color scheme of the space?
3. What mood or atmosphere is desired in the space?
4. What patterns or textures are desired?
5. What type of fabrics or materials will complement the other design elements in the space?
6. Are there any specific design motifs or themes that should be reflected in the textiles?
7. Is the space intended to be formal or casual?
8. What is the intended use of the space and how will that influence the textile selection?

Considering these factors will help you determine the desired aesthetic qualities of the textiles and ensure they are in line with the overall design vision for the commercial interior space.



Color Scheme

Understanding the color scheme of the space is an important consideration when selecting textiles for a commercial interior design project. The textiles selected should complement the existing color scheme and contribute to the overall visual harmony and balance of the space. Here are some questions to consider when evaluating the color scheme of the space and how the textiles will fit in:

1. What is the dominant color or color scheme of the space?
2. Are there any accent colors or secondary color schemes in the space?
3. Will the textiles be used as a neutral backdrop or as a pop of color or pattern in the space?
4. Will the textiles need to coordinate with other decorative elements in the space, such as wall coverings, flooring, or artwork?
5. Will the textiles need to complement any existing furniture or upholstery in the space?
6. Will the color of the textiles impact the perceived mood or atmosphere of the space?
7. Are there any specific color associations or meanings that need to be considered when selecting textiles for the space?

By considering these questions, you can ensure that the textiles selected for the commercial interior design project contribute to the overall aesthetic of the space and complement the existing color scheme. This will help to create a cohesive and visually pleasing environment.





Life Span

The intended lifespan of textiles in a commercial interior design project is an important consideration for several reasons. It affects the durability, maintenance, and replacement schedule of the textiles, and it can also impact the overall project budget. Here are some questions to ask when determining the intended lifespan of the textiles:

1. How long is the commercial interior design project intended to last?
2. What is the expected foot traffic or use of the space?
3. What is the typical lifespan of the type of textiles being considered?
4. Will the textiles be exposed to direct sunlight or other environmental factors that could affect their lifespan?
5. What is the maintenance schedule for the textiles, and how will that affect their lifespan?
6. What is the replacement schedule for the textiles, and how will that impact the overall project budget?

By considering these questions, you can determine the intended lifespan of the textiles in the commercial interior design project and select textiles that are appropriate for the expected use and duration of the project. This will ensure that the textiles meet the design goals while also being a practical and cost-effective choice.



Maintenance

Cleaning and maintenance requirements are important considerations when selecting textiles. Proper care and maintenance can extend the lifespan of the textiles and ensure they continue to look their best. Here are some questions to consider when evaluating the cleaning and maintenance requirements of the textiles:

1. What are the recommended cleaning methods for the textiles?
2. What kind of cleaning products are recommended for the textiles?
3. How often will the textiles need to be cleaned, and how will that impact their lifespan?
4. Can the textiles be cleaned on-site or will they need to be removed and cleaned off-site?
5. What is the expected drying time of the textiles after cleaning?
6. Are there any special precautions that need to be taken when cleaning or maintaining the textiles?
7. Does the textile manufacturer provide any warranties or guarantees regarding the cleaning and maintenance of the textiles?

Durability

Understanding the durability of textiles is an important consideration when selecting textiles for a commercial interior design project, especially in areas with high traffic. The durability of textiles refers to their ability to withstand wear and tear over time without showing signs of damage or deterioration. Here are some questions to consider when evaluating the durability of the textiles:

1. What is the abrasion resistance rating of the textiles?
2. Are the textiles suitable for high traffic areas, such as lobbies or waiting areas?
3. Will the textiles be exposed to sunlight or other environmental factors that may impact their durability?
4. Are the textiles easy to clean and maintain, which can impact their longevity?
5. Will the textiles require any special treatments or finishes to enhance their durability, such as stain resistance or water repellency?
6. Are the textiles constructed with high-quality materials and finishes, which can impact their overall durability?
7. Are there any warranties or guarantees offered by the manufacturer that can provide assurance of the textiles' durability?

By considering these questions, you can select textiles that are durable enough to withstand high traffic areas and other environmental factors, while still meeting the functional and aesthetic needs of the space. This will help to ensure that the textiles selected are both practical and visually appealing, and that they will remain in good condition over time.



Lead Time

Understanding the lead time for the textiles is an important consideration when selecting textiles for a commercial interior design project. The lead time refers to the amount of time required for the textiles to be produced, shipped, and delivered to the project site. The lead time can impact the project timeline and may influence the selection of materials and finishes. Here are some questions to consider when evaluating the lead time for the textiles:

1. How long will it take for the textiles to be produced, shipped, and delivered to the project site?
2. Will the lead time for the textiles meet the project timeline and deadlines?
3. Are there any seasonal or holiday constraints that need to be considered when selecting textiles?
4. Are there any additional time requirements for the textiles, such as customization or special finishes?
5. Will the lead time for the textiles impact other aspects of the project, such as installation or finishing?
6. Are there any supply chain issues or disruptions that may impact the lead time for the textiles?
7. Are there any contractual requirements or limitations that need to be considered when selecting textiles, such as specific delivery deadlines or timeframes?

By considering these questions, you can select textiles that have a lead time that meets the project timeline and deadlines. This will help to ensure that the textiles are available and ready for installation when needed and that the project progresses smoothly and efficiently.





Budget

Understanding the budget for textiles is an important consideration when selecting textiles. The budget will impact the range of textiles available and may influence the selection of materials and finishes. Here are some questions to consider when evaluating the budget for the textiles:

1. What is the overall budget for the commercial interior design project, and how much of that budget is allocated for textiles?
2. What is the per-item budget for individual textiles, such as curtains, upholstery, or accent pillows?
3. Are there any specific cost-saving measures or strategies that need to be considered when selecting textiles?
4. Are there any areas where cost can be reduced, such as by selecting a lower-priced fabric or by reducing the quantity of textiles used in the space?
5. Are there any areas where cost can be increased, such as by selecting higher-end materials or finishes, or by incorporating custom designs or patterns?
6. Are there any additional costs associated with the textiles, such as shipping or installation fees?
7. Are there any contractual requirements or limitations that need to be considered when selecting textiles, such as restrictions on the use of certain materials or finishes?

By considering these questions, you can select textiles that meet the budget requirements for the commercial interior design project while still meeting the functional and aesthetic needs of the space. This will help to ensure that the textiles selected are feasible and practical for the project.

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