

# 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 supporting local & sustainable business practices and helping to improve the environmental quality of your home.

Industry customers may find working with Ink & Spindle fabrics a little different to synthetic or machine manufactured fabrics. Or, 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. By accepting your quote you are confirming that you have read and accepted the information provided below.*

## 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](http://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 narrower than 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 - we cannot take responsibility 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. 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 interlocking of repeats may be more visible on our small scale designs. Please email us if you'd like more information.

## BASECLOTHS

### SUITABILITY

Please refer to the chart below to determine the most suitable applications for each of our basecloths:

	CURTAINS	BONDED ROLLER BLIND	SHEER STIFFENED BLIND	ROMAN BLIND	UPHOLSTERY MEDIUM DOMESTIC
OATMEAL LIGHTWEIGHT LINEN 160GSM	✓	*	*	**	
BASALT & TERRACOTTA LIGHTWEIGHT LINEN 160GSM	✓	✓	✓	**	
CREAM ORGANIC COTTON/HEMP 200GSM	✓	✓	✓	***	
NATURAL 100% LINEN 200GSM	✓	✓	✓	***	
MEDIUM-WEIGHT OATMEAL & FLAX ECO-LINEN 250GSM	✓	✓	✓	***	
WASHED LINEN IN SPINIFEX, SPICE, PACIFIC, HONEY & GRANITE 290GSM	✓	✓	✓	✓	
HEAVY-WEIGHT OFF-WHITE LINEN 370GSM	✓			✓	****
HEAVY-WEIGHT OATMEAL & FLAX ECO-LINEN 370GSM	✓			✓	✓
HEAVY-WEIGHT WASHED LINEN IN INDIGO, SPINIFEX, SPICE, HONEY & GRANITE 400GSM	✓			✓	✓

\* Suitable for single width roller blinds (less than 1350mm wide), unless print has a high ink coverage which will disguise any shadow lines along the vertical seams

\*\* We recommend avoiding lightweight linens for Roman Blinds as they risk having a creased appearance.

\*\*\* Medium weight linens are still slightly prone to creasing especially in homes that have poor insulation / high humidity. Creasing can be more noticable on prints with pale inks (eg Snow, Washed White) or prints with low ink coverage.

\*\*\*\* For upholstery we recommend our darker, heavier weight cloths which are more robust and hide any discolouration that may form from everyday use.

### 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, 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. There is usually minimal visual difference between rolls.

## UV EXPOSURE

Linen, organic cotton and hemp are all natural fibres, as a result they will eventually degrade when exposed to harsh UV light for long periods of time. The qualities we love about natural fibres (the fact that they can biodegrade and return to the earth at the end of their life) can also be their shortcoming. Windows that receive prolonged periods of direct sunlight (North or West facing windows without sufficient shading) are most at risk. For these windows we recommend a protective lining such as our Oeko-tex certified blackout lining or light-weight cotton/poly lining. As much as we celebrate and embrace natural fibres we also believe that the longevity of your product is of equal importance.

## ROLLER BLINDS - ADDITIONAL INFORMATION

Stiffened blinds are not recommended for high UV exposed windows because they cannot be lined.

Roller blinds must be “normal roll” rather than “reverse roll” to help protect the fabric from UV. Normal roll features the roll at the front, with the blind at the back, closest to the window. We only allow blinds to be reverse rolled in specific circumstances where the blind can be sufficiently sheltered from UV.

**Not all ink colours are suitable for bonded blinds**, particularly blinds wider than 1350mm which require vertical seams to make up the required width. Highly pigmented inks can ‘migrate’ when heat, moisture & pressure are applied when pressing & adhering seams on bonded blinds. For a list of suitable ink colours, please contact the studio prior to placing your order.

## RUB RESISTANCE & WEAR

When specifying Ink & Spindle textiles for any upholstery project it is important to keep in mind that you are purchasing a hand-printed product made with natural fibres. As such our fabrics do not have the same durability & rub resistance as you would experience with a synthetic product. Unlike furnishing fabrics made with a Jacquard / Dobby / Tapestry weave, our designs are printed onto the surface of the fabric. This means that over time the ink will show signs of wear, which may not be to everyone’s taste. We ourselves love the patina that develops over time as our textiles are loved, lived with and worn-in, speaking to the characteristics of the hand-printed process. Rub ratings for each of our basecloths can be found on our website.

Certain ink colours are more likely to show signs of wear over time, such as high contrast colourways and warm ink colours with a high proportion of red pigment. Opaque colour such as our Snow and Cream inks will also tend to show up dirt accumulated from everyday use.

## 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.

Ink & Spindle fabrics can also be dry cleaned, and this is recommended for our curtains to prevent shrinkage. Blinds can be kept clean by vacuuming or wiping down with a slightly damp cloth.

Please wash our fabrics 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.

Do not tumble dry, instead dry your fabric flat in a shaded location.

To reduce shrinkage you can stretch the fabric back over its insert (in the case of scatter cushions, seat cushions and bedheads) whilst still slightly wet before drying completely.

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. You may also like to invest in a non-toxic fabric waterproofing spray (eg ‘ProtectMe’ fabric spray) to help protect against spills.

## COLOUR SAMPLING

Colour sampling is highly recommended - please either purchase colour samples via our website 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 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, pelmets 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 to avoid any such complications.

Any alterations or remake costs incurred are to be covered by the customer if the issue is a result of mismeasurement, obstructions or mounting issues.

Please refer to our website for more information on measuring: [\*\*www.inkandspindle.com/window-furnishings\*\*](http://www.inkandspindle.com/window-furnishings)

## ORDER CONFIRMATION

For custom orders of fabric or window furnishings it is the customers responsibility to check over all details & measurements on the invoice provided and ensure they are correct. We take no responsibility for changes made via email or phone where no written confirmation has been received.

## FURTHER INFORMATION

For more information on our custom printed meterage: [\*\*www.inkandspindle.com/customise\*\*](http://www.inkandspindle.com/customise)

For more information on our custom made window furnishings: [\*\*www.inkandspindle.com/window-furnishings\*\*](http://www.inkandspindle.com/window-furnishings)

Inspiration gallery: [\*\*www.inkandspindle.com/inspiration\*\*](http://www.inkandspindle.com/inspiration)

We look forward to working with you!

-Lara & Caitlin