

WHAT YOU NEED  
TO KNOW ABOUT

## RAILROADED FABRIC

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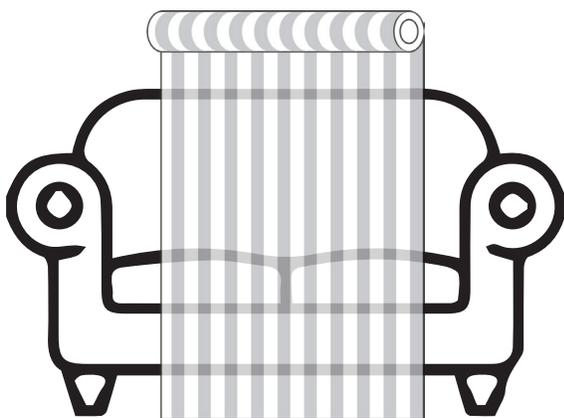
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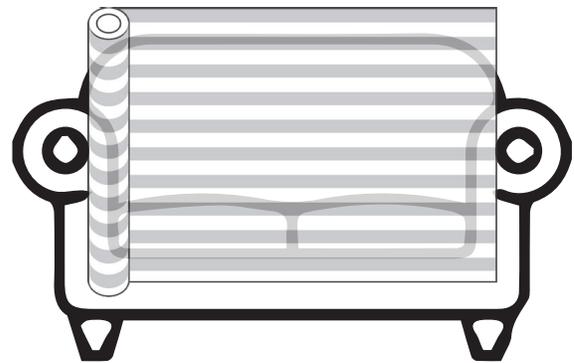
*Railroaded fabric refers to the way a fabric, particularly a pattern or stripe design, is milled. Usually fabric patterns are woven or printed to run up the roll, meaning the pattern repeats parallel with the selvage edges. On a fabric that is railroaded, the pattern or stripe runs across the roll, perpendicular to the selvage.*

### WHEN IS RAILROADED FABRIC HELPFUL?

When upholstering, it generally looks best to run a patterned or striped fabric across the roll so there aren't seams or pattern breaks across the piece of furniture. Imagine upholstering a sofa with striped fabric, it would look best for the stripes to be continuous, without seams on the front or back of the sofa.



**NON-RAILROADED**  
Pattern runs up the roll



**RAILROADED**  
Pattern runs across the roll

## WHAT YOU NEED TO REMEMBER ABOUT RAILROADED FABRIC

Many fabrics can be applied railroaded or non-railroaded, this is known as a non-directional fabric. There are exceptions like chenille and velvet fabrics which should not be applied against their stated direction due to the appearance and nap. Issues may arise when you are looking to upholster a piece of furniture which the length of the piece is longer than the width of a particular fabric (generally 54"). If the pattern is not railroaded, you will need at least one seam to match cuts of fabric when upholstering. It is usually not an issue to side match cuts of fabric, but in the case it may be due to a directional patterned fabric, a railroaded or non-directional pattern will work better. It is the responsibility of the designer to specify intended fabric direction to workroom prior to application.

