

# THE BEAUTY AND UNIQUE CHARACTERISTICS OF SILK FABRICS

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*Silk fabrics are known for not only their luxurious appearance, but also their striking colors and natural strength. Being that silk is sensitive to light, certain care and maintenance is suggested. Understanding the unique characteristics of silk insures that the proper applications will have longevity and be enjoyed for many years.*

## TEXTURE AND SHADE

The silk yarn is a natural protein fiber most commonly cultivated from the cocoon of the silkworm. Hence, it has natural characteristics like slubs, as well as thick and thin variation within the same yarn strand. These natural characteristics of the yarn lend a very natural and a unique surface interest to the fabric. The unique texture of silk is created due to the inherently irregular structure of these yarns.

Variations in surface textures—such as slubs, shading, uneven construction, and various inconsistencies—are the character and natural intrinsic beauty of silk, and must not be considered flaws or defects.

The raw silk yarn, due to its natural characteristics, has a unique mechanism for absorbing color, often creating a very unique texture and variations within the yarn itself as well as within the woven rolls. Shade and dye lot variation can occur between two rolls of the same color and can also occur within one single roll.

## APPLICATION

The attractive luster and drape of silk makes it suitable for many furnishing applications, one of which is window treatments. Due to the natural sensitivity to light, it is internationally accepted that 100% silk cannot be guaranteed against fading from sunlight and other bright, indoor light sources. We highly recommend that a good quality lining and interlining be used for a silk drapery application. Knit backing is recommended for light weight upholstery applications.

## CARE AND CLEANING

Caring for your silk fabric is extremely important to the longevity of your furniture and drapery applications. We only recommend that you use a professional, reputable dry cleaner that specializes in home furnishings.