Light Reflective Values: The Importance of Contrast

LRVs

Light Reflective Values are a measure of how much useful light is reflected by individual coloured objects in an interior space. Rather than a measure of colour; it's a measure of light and dark. The scale runs from 0 to100 with black being 0 and white, 100. Different colours could have similar LRVs. Darker colours will tend to absorb more light rather than reflect.

Contrast is a fundamental element of interior design as it adds visual interest to a space to make it connective and impactful. Colour is one way of providing this contrast. Whilst good design should create a sense of relaxation, too much of the same colour can confuse and create a dull space. In care homes, the need for good levels of contrast is even more important, especially for those living with sight impairment or dementia. Working with LRVs helps designers to create spaces with clear contrast. Particularly focused on hard surfaces such as floors, doorways, walls & ceilings, LRVs can also be applied to plain fabrics used for soft-furnishings, within a commercial space. Knowledge of the LRV measure aids designers in creating beautiful, relaxing spaces, where fabrics can assist navigation and movement around the space to meet the needs of the resident/ user. Texture also plays an important role in defining objects and edges within a space.

Skopos use specialist equipment to provide LRV readings for all of their plain fabrics. These readings cannot be accurately applied to heavily patterned fabrics, though readings could be taken on a dominant colour within a patterned design. For LRVs of our current collections, please visit our collection pages. The chart shows LRV values for Divo fabrics.



DIVO BLACKOUT

COLOURWAY	LRV
D23 CHALK	80.5
D24 RICOTTA	70
D9798 MIST	51
D9799 ECRU	65
D9329 FRAPPE	37.5
D9769 GRIS	20.5
D9411 SAND	51
D9797 DOVE	42.5
D9577 STOAT	20
D9578 FLINT	11
D9848 HONEY	51.5
D9796 CLOUD	35.5
D9847 MOCHA	12
D9795 PITCH	5
D9629 ANTIQUE	
GOLD	35.5
D9832 TRUFFLE	22
D9846 CAROB	8
D9656 RASPBERRY	9
D9852 KIWI	45.5
D9849 TAGINE	20.5
D9853 STORM	26.5
D9850 PLUM	13
D9851 PETROL	15
D9813 PANNA	71



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