

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 to 100 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. 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 Encanto fabrics.

ENCANTO COLLECTION

DESIGN	COLOURWAY	LRV
LOCO	E1 NARWHAL	9
LOCO	E2 PIRATE	13
LOCO	E3 MARINA	23.5
LOCO	E4 ANGEL	34
LOCO	E5 OPAL	30.5
LOCO	E6 COTTON	42.5
LOCO	E7 CROCODILE	14.5
LOCO	E8 DRAGON	7
LOCO	E9 INDIGO	8
LOCO	E10 RIO	12
LOCO	E11 INFINITY	33.5
LOCO	E12 GOLD	25.5
LOCO	E13 ANNATTO	14
LOCO	E14 SMOKED PAPRIKA	10
ONDA	E15 SPEAR	16.5
ONDA	E16 SUGAR	33.5
ONDA	E17 CACTUS	8.5
ONDA	E18 SAVANNAH	15.5
ONDA	E19 SKY GARDEN	9
ONDA	E20 LAGUNA	15
ONDA	E21 BLUE SALT	27.5
ONDA	E22 BANANA	24.5
ONDA	E23 NARANJA	18



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