

# 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. 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 Luna fabrics.

## LUNA BLACKOUT COLLECTION

COLOURWAY	LRV
L1 SEASALT	61.5
L2 PEARL	60
L3 SHALE	45.5
L4 SANDSTONE	41
L5 SABLE	26
L6 MULE	17
L7 CHAI	40
L8 PRALINE	18
L9 AMARETTO	34
L10 AMBER	29.5
L11 PERIDOT	42.5
L12 OCEAN ROAD	28
L13 NEPTUNE	12
L14 GARNET	4.5
L145 GUNMETAL	14
L16 GREYSTONE	40.5
L17 PEBBLE	26.5
L18 JUTE	45

