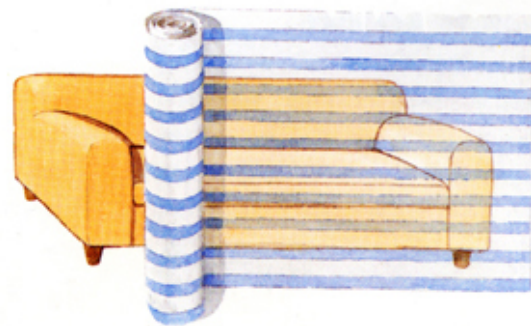


RAILROADED FABRICS

Railroading refers to the way a fabric, usually a pattern, is milled. Normally a bolt of fabric features the top of a pattern going up the roll. However, a railroaded fabric will have the top of the pattern going across the roll. This provides a continuous roll of the pattern, making it possible to upholster a large sofa, cushion, or draperies without creating seams or a break in the pattern.



fabric applied regularly



same bolt of fabric applied railroaded

Most upholstery fabrics are 54-60" in width and can be purchased by the yard. If you are choosing a railroaded fabric it may be necessary to purchase additional yardage. **Be sure to talk to your upholsterer before ordering.** Not all fabrics are railroaded. Solid fabrics without a nap like cotton, vinyl, and leather as well as small patterns may not require railroading. However, large patterns, stripes, and fabrics like velvet and chenille that have a nap often work better if railroaded.