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SOFT FURNISHINGS

FOR KITCHEN AND DINING

Types • Uses • Fabrics • Care and Maintenance



Introduction

The role of textiles in kitchen and dining spaces

Soft furnishings are textile products used to support everyday kitchen activities and dining arrangements.

CLEANLINESS

Help maintain hygiene by providing washable cloths and separate towels for different tasks.

PROTECTION

Protect clothing, appliances, furniture and work surfaces from spills, dust and stains.

DECORATION

Add colour, texture and a coordinated appearance to the kitchen and dining area.

Importance and Characteristics

Practical furnishings for areas exposed to frequent use

Withstand heat, spills, daily washing and repeated use.

Protect surfaces and appliances from dust, stains and scratches.

Support hygiene by using separate textiles for different tasks.

Improve organization and make daily work easier.

Add decorative appeal through colour, pattern and texture.

KEY SELECTION FACTORS

- Purpose of use
- Absorbency and durability
- Ease of washing and drying
- Stain resistance
- Match with kitchen décor

Types of Kitchen Linens

Kitchen linens are textiles designed for food preparation, cleaning and appliance protection

Kitchen towels

Drying, wiping and covering

Aprons

Protecting clothing during work

Dishcloths

Washing dishes and cleaning

Hand towels

Drying hands

Fridge covers

Protecting refrigerator surfaces

Mixer and grinder covers

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Kitchen Towels

A versatile textile used for drying, wiping and temporary covering

COMMON FABRICS

- Cotton
- Waffle-weave fabric
- Microfibre
- Terry cloth

USES AND CARE

Uses: dry washed vessels, wipe counters, clean spills and temporarily cover utensils.

Care: wash regularly with warm water, avoid fabric softeners and dry thoroughly in sunlight or a well-ventilated area.

Aprons

Protective garments worn while cooking or cleaning

Main styles

Waist apron

Bib apron

Full-length apron

FABRIC CHOICES

Cotton, denim, canvas, polyester blends and suitable waterproof materials.

FUNCTION AND CARE

Protects clothes from stains and spills; pockets add convenience. Wash after regular use and treat oil stains with mild detergent.

Dishcloths and Hand Towels

Separate textiles for different hygiene tasks

DISHCLOTHS

Purpose: washing dishes, wiping wet surfaces and cleaning stovetops.

Fabric: absorbent, quick-drying cotton or microfibre.

Care: rinse thoroughly after use, wash separately and replace frequently.

HAND TOWELS

Purpose: drying hands after washing.

Fabric: terry cloth, soft cotton or cotton blends.

Care: wash daily, dry completely and keep in a well-ventilated place.

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