Why Wyzenbeek ?

Upholstery fabric should be as tough as it is attractive. Here's an insider's way to know when it is:

Ask the sofa salesperson for its "Wyzenbeek." "What's that?" many salespeople will respond. Here's the fascinating back story.

Andrew Wyzenbeek (1888-1984) worked as a mechanical engineer, manufacturer & inventor. He devised a very useful method to test fabric strength. Wyzenbeek's invention, a clever machine, counts how many "double rubs" ("DRs" or one complete motion back & forth) swatches of fabric withstand before tearing. This critical Wyzenbeek rating may appear on the fabric's swatch tag.

15,000 Wyzenbeek: Sofa makers allow this low rating with cheaper sofa fabrics for residential use.
40,000 Wyzenbeek: Businesses require this rating w/ heavier commercial fabrics on office chairs & sofas.
100,000 Wyzenbeek: Officials specify this rating for high use fabrics in theaters, schools, buses & trains.

In addition to the Wyzenbeek rating, swatch tags may contain other helpful information, such as pilling, staining, and color fastness. They also typically list the fabric's fiber content and cleaning instructions.

Fabrics don't need to be natural to be excellent. Recent "Performance Fabrics" deliver many super advantages. For example, microsuedes [which are felted polyester fiber] are stain resistant, long-wearing and practically cat-proof. On the other hand, natural fibers such as silk are delicate and are best saved for rooms that get little use.

Weigh these practical factors with your own home needs, and you'll choose a great sofa fabric.





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R-Performance Chenille Colors- Margarita Green Smoke Gray Prussian Blue -More colors available	Durability-120,000 Wyzenbeek DR 100% polyester is " Easy-Care" Nylon backed for strength. Machine-wash cold water, air dry.	Micro Rib Chenille Plain
Nevada Mohair Colors- Sage Green, Dark Chocolate, Burgundy Red	Durability-80,000 Wyzenbeek DR 100% Mohair Pile Overall Comp: 61% Mohair 29% Nylon, 8% Polyester Professionally Dry Clean.	Mohair Plain
R-Regal Flax Color- Linen	Durability-55,000 Wyzenbeek DR 100% polyester is " Easy-Care" Nylon Backed for strength. Machine-wash cold water, air dry.	Textured Woven Plain
R-Basketweave Colors- Iron Grey Citron Yellow Silver Grey	Durability-50,000 Wyzenbeek DR 100% polyester is " Easy-Care" Nylon backed for strength. Machine-wash cold water, air dry.	Basketweave Texture
Soft Chenille Colors- Sage Green Beige Merlot Red Doeskin Tan	Durability-40,000 Wyzenbeek DR 100% polyester is " Easy-Care" Nylon backed for strength. Machine-wash, cold water, air dry.	Plain Chenille
R-Watson Diamond: Color- Grey	Durability-40,000 Wyzenbeek DR 100% polyester is "Easy-Care" Nylon backed for strength. Machine-wash, cold water, air dry.	Diamond on Textured Warp
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