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OUR MISSION

Q Collection has been called a pioneer. Why? When we opened our doors in 2004, we were one of the first fabric companies dedicated to healthy and eco-safe home furnishings. We continue to be an industry leader in this arena. At Q Collection, our mission has always been at the forefront of everything we do. Our products continue to be the healthiest choice for...

you & your home

Many fabrics are made with fibers, finishes and dyes that pollute indoor air quality. Ours are free of these chemicals. You can rest assured that the air you breathe will not be harmed by our products.

our planet

Just because you will be done with your fabrics one day doesn't mean our planet will be. That's why we use only 100% biodegradable or recyclable materials in our fabrics.

ABOUT US

Our to-the-trade fabrics are available at premier showrooms across the U.S. and Canada. In the past five years, we have garnered substantial press, appearing in over 150 magazines, news print, blogs and television.

eco & health story

THE GOAL

Our primary goal is the elimination of all toxic chemicals that pollute indoor air quality. The EPA has ranked indoor air quality 2-5 times worse than outdoor air quality. One of the largest contributors is home furnishings. On the following pages you'll read about specific problematic materials and our solutions.

Our team, with the help of our expert advisory board, has thoroughly researched a wide selection of potential materials and carefully selected the healthiest available.

WHAT IS SUSTAINABILITY?

We define sustainability as...

"acting today in a manner to protect and preserve our planet for tomorrow."

Some of the benefits of buying and using sustainable products are:

- * reduction of climate change and acid rain
- * improvement of indoor and outdoor air quality
- * conservation of water and improvement of water quality
- * waste reduction
- * reduction or elimination of pollution
- * conservation of energy
- * improvement of human health and the environment
- * preservation and restoration of habitat
- * reduction of environmental liability
- * increased social equity

The points mentioned above are our long-term goals. We understand that our first generation products must focus on the areas of highest concern.



fabric story

THE PROBLEM

Fabric can negatively impact human health and the environment, mostly through the use of toxic chemicals that are known to affect the human immune system. Health effects resulting from a weakened immune system have been found to include increased frequency and duration of colds and flu, allergies, asthma and autoimmune disorders such as diabetes, lupus and others. Research is also beginning to show how children with weakened immune systems are contracting cancer at much higher rates than children with stronger immune systems.

The production and dying process of fabrics typically uses many harmful chemicals. Mill workers and the surrounding communities are most at risk. Once in the home, toxic materials such as PDBE's (brominated flame retardants) and formaldehyde can be released into the air and negatively affect the user - known as "off-gassing". Ideally, fabrics should be 100% biodegradable or 100% recycled and recyclable.

OUR SOLUTION

We believe that our fabric line is the most thoughtfully designed. We have successfully addressed the most pressing health and environmental issues while achieving an award winning level of design and quality.

Our residential fabric line includes a full range of biodegradable, environmentally-safe fabrics made with natural materials such as alpaca, bamboo, Oeko-Tex certified cotton, hemp, leather, linen, viscose and wool. Our contract line is made from either recycled polyester or Eco-Intelligent polyester and is MBDC Cradle to Cradle certified. Our fabrics and leather are dyed with either natural dyes or low-impact, non-toxic, heavy-metal free colorants. All are free of any toxic finishes or treatments.

On the next page, you will learn more about the benefits of our unique materials.



fabric materials

Below is a list of harmful materials typically used in fabrics and how we have either eliminated or replaced them . . .

No brominated flame retardants

Brominated flame retardants (BFRs) have been banned in Europe but are still being used extensively in U.S. upholstery manufacturing. BFRs have been linked to brain disorders and birth defects.

No formaldehyde

Formaldehyde is considered one of the most toxic chemicals to humans. The World Health Organization (WHO) says that it causes cancer in humans.

No toxic stain resistant chemicals

Health experts believe that stain resistant chemicals such as Teflon (PFOAs) have a similar toxic profile to DDT and PCBs.

No chlorine or dioxin

In addition to being a by-product of furniture production, dioxin is a contaminant in fabrics that have been “whitened” using chlorine and is known to negatively affect the human immune system.

Organic or European Ecological cotton

Cotton is the world’s most polluting crop because of enormous levels of pesticides & herbicides used in growing.

Non-toxic, low-impact fabric dyes

Fabric dyes often contain toxic chemicals that are suspected to cause cancer and/or reproductive or developmental damage.

No heavy metals

The process of tanning leather is the most harmful of all fabric production because of the reliance on harmful heavy metals like chromium 6.



press



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