

Framing your view

Discover an Aladdin's cave of fabrics in the Wiltshire countryside. Perfect for those curtains...

Many Bath residents will be familiar with one of the few downsides of living in Bath – having to buy curtains for those huge Georgian windows!

It's not just the number of metres of fabric you need, which is daunting in itself. It's the envisaging, from a small sample, exactly how that fabric will look when you've got long lengths of it hung around the room.

The team at Loose Ends Fabrics based at Hankerton, just north of Malmesbury, know exactly what you're facing.

"Because of where we are, our customers have windows from Cotswold cottages to grand Georgian to modern open plan, so we're well prepared for all eventualities," declares Loose Ends owner Sheira Brookes.

By far the easiest way, Sheira explains, for 'grand Georgian' window owners to make a sensible choice is to simply borrow a roll of fabric, take it home, hold it up and take a proper look.

"We have masses of stock on rolls, and show lengths, which are three metres long, to choose from. And you'll get a much better idea of how the fabric will work around the window, and with the rest of your furniture, carpets and wall colours, if you see a large piece in situ," she explains.

"Not everyone can carry patterns and colours in their heads and the wrong curtains for Georgian windows can be an expensive mistake."

Loose Ends Fabrics has been described as 'an Aladdin's Cave' and 'a treasure trove of fabrics' by delighted customers who visit its workshop and showroom tucked away in the Wiltshire countryside.

It keeps pattern books from such designer names as Chess Designs, Fibre Naturelle, Malabar, Swaffer, Titley and Marr and Voyage Decoration and also specialises in selling designer name ends of ranges or overstocks, such as Andrew Martin, Garin, Monkwel, Prestigious Textiles, Ramms Son & Crocker and

Warwick at prices well below average high street – bringing those 'grand Georgians' well within reach.

"Our customers do tend to find us by friends and family recommendation," says Sheira, "Particularly as we offer a full making up service as well, so we can take all the pain out of updating or changing a room's look."

The team at Loose Ends also offers advice on buying the correct amount of fabric and linings for your needs and can make up

loose and fitted chair covers, padded bed heads, cushions and upholstery.

So from the heaviest tapestry door curtain to keep the drafts out to the merest wisp of cotton for modesty's sake just visit Loose Ends Fabrics!

Open Monday to Saturday 9am-4pm

For directions and more information about our fabrics and services please visit www.looseendsfabrics.co.uk or give us a call on 01666 575300.

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