




## Tactile textiles

**Australian company, Instyle, adds two bold new fabric designs to its collection of wool-blend contract textiles.**

Since its launch in 1987, Australian textile company Instyle has been supplying high quality wool-blend commercial fabrics to the design industry. The company has recently added Chunky and Feel Stripe to its collection of wool-blend fabrics – two new designs that are in keeping with current textile trends for tactile surfaces and bold, graphic patterns.

Characterised by a sequence of bright stripes of differing sizes, Feel Stripe is a wool, alpaca and nylon blend fabric. Applicable as upholstery, screens and wall panelling, the range achieves its rich hues through the use of an innovative new dyeing technique.

Chunky, meanwhile, is characterised by its thick, hand-woven texture. Produced by a local manufacturer, the fabric has a tactile surface, the look of which is intensified by the use of contrasting yarns and colour combinations.

These new designs, created by Instyle's in-house design team, continue Instyle's support of local materials and manufacture, a commitment made by company founder Michael Fitzsimons. Since 2004, the company has also been advancing its sustainability credentials through the development of its LIFE (Low Impact for the Environment) Textiles collection. The LIFE Textiles are produced using EthEco wool that is sourced from non-mulesed sheep raised on holistically managed farms with a responsibility to animal welfare, human health and environmental care. Through this collection, Instyle cements its position as a leading ethical and environmentally responsible textile supplier. 

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Above—The exaggerated texture of Instyle's new Chunky fabric, with Yesterday's News wallcovering behind