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- A method of forming and dyeing cushion articles.
- A novel process is disclosed for forming cushion articles with a cloth covering dyed and set as the cushion forms a male mold for the covering. The process entails placing unfinished cloth over a three-dimensional mold and dyeing and teating the cloth while on the mold so that the cloth will be colored and will retain the predetermined shape when removed from the mold. The cloth may be an undyed polyester product which is dyed by optionally first chemically treating the cloth to lower the fabric heat history characteristics and hence its ability to absorb dye and then by dipping the cloth and mold into a dye bath. The dye bath may be heated above the heat set threshold of the polyester fabric so that the dyeing step is performed at the same time as the step to effect the set or dimensional stability of the fabric.

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