

## Made for hidden depths

Carlow brings fascinating new colour blends and hidden detail to our portfolio of panel fabrics. It is a synthetic, dobby weave panel fabric which is brought to life in 25 brave and intriguing colour mixes.

Carlow echoes the calm, gentle landscape of its Celtic namesake in rural Ireland. The fabric, like the county, invites you to escape into a place of tranquillity, discovering and exploring its hidden gems scattered throughout a vibrant textile tableau. With its acoustically transparent properties, the fabric helps maintain interior serenity, easy on both the eye and the ear.

## **Hidden gems of colour**

Carlow offers a new interpretation of the classic 'plain' weave fabric. From a distance the fabric looks understated and minimalist but up close the colour mixes are revealed with intriguing and curious blends.

Each colourway consists of between three and six different yarns making every one unique and creating a completely diverse colour mix. Our designers experimented with various combinations, vibrant yarns and more subtle blends, to identify the appropriate yarns to use in the fabric palette. Overall, the team designed over 200 yarn shades in our spinning plant in order to select the best yarn combinations. Across the 25 colourways a total of 52 yarns are used.

Having woven three colour blankets showing an array of colour combinations, the designers worked painstakingly through the options to select the final shades to make it into the collection.

## **Designed by Jess Walker and Catherine Counsell**

Jess joined Camira in 2015 straight from college and completed her Level 3 Design and Textile Manufacture apprenticeship within her first year. She has worked across design and product management, with previous fabric developments including Code and Touch, both for North America.

Catherine worked closely with Jess on this development. Her entry into the company over 20 years ago was as a yarn designer so she has enjoyed going back to her roots and being so hands on in the creation of this fabric, working with Jess directly on our own yarn spindles to create these exciting colour combinations.



