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Museum Textile Services

Sheer Overlay Score Card

Score each type of overlay you are considering for your project from 1 to 3, with 1 being the lowest score and 3 being the highest. If the answer is yes, write in 3. If the answer is no, write in 0.

Object: Quilt with brown squares

	Nylon net	Polyester sheers	Silk crepeline
Variable factors:			
Transparency/weight	2	3	2
Sheen/finish	2	2	3
Matching color available (no need to dye)	3	3	3
Matching drape	3	3	3
Matching fiber content	0	0	0
Sub total	**10**	**11**	**11**
Non-variable factors:			
Ease of dyeing	2	1	3
East of cutting/finishing	3	2	1
Lightfastness/colorfastness	2	2	1
Availability	3	3	2
Cost	3	2	1
Sub total	**13**	**10**	**8**
Final score	**23**	**21**	**19**

Add both sub totals together to get the final score for each category. The overlay with the highest score is often the best choice.

NB: In some cases there is a single consideration that outweighs all others when choosing an overlay, such as availability or the need for custom-dyeing.