

1. Fabrics

Natural Fabrics

Cotton	Soft, good absorbency, prints well, machine washable, strong breathable	Origins from the Cotton Plant.	Uses: Jeans, towels, Shirts, dresses, underwear
Wool	High UV protection, flameproof, breathable, durable insulating	Origins from Sheep.	Uses: Jumpers, Coat, blankets
Silk	Smooth, Soft, Strong	Origins from the silk worm.	Uses: Wedding dresses, lingerie.
Linen	Strong, cool in hot weather	Origins from the flax plant	Uses: Trousers, tops.
Leather/Suede	Strong, hardwearing, durable.	Origins from the skin of animals, mainly cows.	Uses: Jackets, Trousers, Shoes.

Synthetic fabrics

Polyester	Durable, wrinkle resistant, stain resistant	Uses: Shirts, jackets. Also used in safety belts, conveyor belts and tyre reinforcement.
Polyamide (Nylon)	Durable, high abrasion resistance	Uses: Sportswear, carpets.
Elastane (Lycra)	Stretchy, durable, high stain resistance	Uses: Sportswear, Swimwear, tights.
Viscose	Soft, comfortable, absorbent, easily dyed.	Uses: Dresses, linings, shorts, shirts, coats, jackets and outerwear.
Acrylic	Absorbent, retains shape after washing, easily dyed, resistance to sunlight.	Uses: Jumpers, tracksuits, linings in boots.

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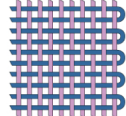
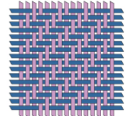
Blended and mixed Fabrics

These fabrics take on the positive characteristics of their combinations


Cotton/Polyester	Easy care and crease resistant	Uses: School shirts.
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2. Fabric Construction


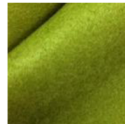
Woven

Plain Weave	Extremely strong and hard wearing	
Twill Weave	Extremely high strength and abrasion resistant.	

Knitted

Knitted fabrics	Stretchy, soft and comfortable.	
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Non-Woven

Bonded Fabrics	These are webs of fibres held together by glue or stitches.	
Felted Fabrics	Felt is made by combining pressure, moisture and heat to interlock a mat of wool fibres.	

3. Care Labels



Washing Label- will usually have a max. temp number included



Hand Wash only



Do not wring out



Tumble Dry



Iron on low heat. The more dots the higher the heat setting



Do not bleach