



# SUITABLE FABRIC FOR OFFICE WEAR

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# How to buy fabric?

- ▶ There are so many types of fabrics available, it is very easy to feel lost in a textile showroom. Usually, it is the color and patterns that attract you first to a fabric. But that is only one element of the fabric.
- ▶ The way the fabric will feel against your skin, how it will behave when sewing, how it will drape against your body – all these are as important to your fabric buying decision as its color and designs.

# Type of Fabric

Colorfastness

Suitability & Location

Shrinkage

Color

Best fabric for making dresses

Fabric Prints & Patterns

Grain of the fabric

Fabric weight

The best fabrics for dress making – more details

Cotton

Silk

Linen

Satin

Polyester

Knit

Wool

Rayon


Blends

Lace

# Suitability to specific garment.

**Best Fabrics To Buy For Sewing Pants** – Choose Fabrics Which Are Not Too Hard Or Rigid Or You Wouldn't Be Comfortable In Them. Linen, Denim, Flannel, For Colder Climates Choose Wool (100% As Well As Wool Blends) – Wool Tweeds, Wool Crepe; Basically Depends On What Pants You Are Talking About – Tailored Trouser, Unstructured Pant, Combined, Jeans. For Tailored Pants, You Can Choose Wool Or Wool Blends (With Rayon) Corduroy Is A Comfortable To Wear Fabric To Choose For Pants.

**Best Fabrics For Sewing Skirts** – Lightweight Cotton Is My Favourite To Sew Skirts. Cotton Lawn Cloth In Pretty Prints Are Great. Silk Jersey Is A Great Fabric For Sewing Skirts, As Is Ponte Roma Knit Fabric. You Can Buy Printed Silk And Rayon In Crepe, Chiffon, Georgette And Charmeuse; Fine Knits In Rayon, Microfiber, And Silk. Also Drapey Rayons, Soft Wool, Lycra Blends And Stretch Velvets Are All Suitable To Sew Skirts.



**Best fabric for sewing Jackets** – Wool ( Wool crepe has a great drape and gives enough structure for jackets; wool tweeds are great as well), Linen & Flannel. Velvet ( Checkout the slouchy velvet blazer tutorial , by the way). Lightweight knits are good for free flowing jackets like this waterfall jacket pattern.

**Best fabric for making dresses**

Raw silk, satin, taffeta, velvet, Lace, silk chiffon, Organza are all great for making dresses. But then it depends on the type of dress too. For a fitting body con type dress you can buy medium weight fabrics with some spandex/elastane added. For drapey dresses you can choose light weight fabrics. Jersey has a drapey fit like this. Crepe, challis and charmeuse are all drapey fabrics suited for this style.

## Best fabrics for making lining inside clothes

Rayon Acetate and cotton lining materials are popularly used. Check out this post on lining and the fabrics used for making the lining for more details

## Best fabric for making blouses/shirts –

Lightweight cotton fabric Cambric, Chintz, Twill, Faille, Seersucker, Poplin, lightweight woven broadcloth, batiste, linen, eyelet. I love chiffon blouses. Silky satin fabric is good for making airy tops

# Fabric Prints & Patterns

When buying patterned fabric (most of the patterned fabric comes with a width of 45 or 54 inch). There will be pattern repeat in these fabrics and this should be taken into consideration when cutting fabric as well as buying them – i.e. if you want to match the patterns at the seams.

If you would like to know the names of the different types of fabric patterns check it out ; This post has the names of all the checkered patterns and this one, stripe patterns.

# Fabric construction

One major factor you consider in choosing the fabric for your clothes is the quality of the fabric. It has to be a good quality fabric without any tears or imperfections in the dye, print, fibers etc.

These include considerations like the fabric weave, thread count grain of the fabric, fabric weight etc.

You can learn more about thread count [here](#). Fabric weave may also be of much importance to you – I would choose a waffle weave fabric for making kitchen towels than any other because of its absorbency.



Types of fabrics	Fabric names
Lightweight Fabrics	cotton Lawn, Voile, Organdie, Silk chiffon, Crepe dechine, georgette, mulsin, Silk organza, Silk habotai cotton batiste, thai silk
Mesh Fabrics /Open work Fabrics	Tulle, Bobbinet, Assuit, Illusion (net fabrics) mesh knits Buckram, Eyelet fabric, Borderie Anglaise, Lace, Cape net, Tarlatan
Medium weight Fabrics	Poplin, Gauze, Damask, Chintz, Sateen. Flannel, Gabardine, Cashmere, cheesecloth, raw silk, Gingham, Crepe de china
Piled fabrics	Fur, Faux fur, Velvet, Chenille, Astrakhan, Plush, Velour, Velveteen, terrycloth, Boucle (loops) Mild soft pile - Flannel, Suede, Ultra suede, microfiber, flannelette, felt, brushed denim
Heavy weight Fabrics	Canvas, Denim, Fleece,, Tartan, Tweed, Towelling fabric, Upholstery fabric Chenille
Shiny glossy fabrics	Satin, silk ( and all its many types), sateen, polished cotton, cire
Ribbed fabrics	Denim, Gabardine, Corduroy, Grosgrain, Bengaline, Moire, Whipcord, Drill, serge, poplin (Broadcloth), Faille Taffeta, Pique, Bedford cord, Chino, Cavalry twill





**COTTON FABRIC**



**SILK FABRIC**



**LINEN FABRIC**



**KNIT FABRIC**



**Thank you**