

# 30 Types of Fabric

Fabric Cheat Sheet:  
What to Use & When

## Essential Cotton Fabrics (Best for Almost Any Project)

- **Cotton:** Lightweight, breathable, and easy to sew. Ideal for casual wear, home decor, and quilting.
- **Cotton Poplin:** Smooth, crisp, and easy to handle. Ideal for blouses, dresses, and lightweight shirts.
- **Chambray:** Light and breathable like denim, perfect for shirts, skirts, and dresses.
- **Broadcloth:** Lightweight and tightly woven. Best for shirts, skirts, and dresses.
- **Cotton Lawn:** Soft, lightweight, and perfect for dresses, tops, and skirts.
- **Cotton Voile:** Lightweight and slightly sheer. Great for summer tops and dresses (may need lining).
- **Brushed Cotton:** Soft and cosy. Ideal for pajamas, shirts, and blankets.
- **Gingham:** Woven checked cotton fabric. Perfect for dresses, shirts, and skirts.
- **Muslin:** Inexpensive cotton fabric used for testing garments. Great for practicing sewing techniques.

## Sturdier Cotton Fabrics (For More Structured Projects)

- **Twill:** Durable with a slight diagonal weave. Perfect for skirts, jackets, and trousers.
- **Seersucker:** Puckered cotton, great for summer dresses, shirts, and shorts.
- **Denim (Light to Medium Weight):** Lighter denim is beginner-friendly for skirts, dresses, and lightweight jackets.
- **Canvas:** Sturdy and holds its shape. Ideal for tote bags, home decor, and structured garments.
- **Duck Cloth:** Softer than canvas, great for aprons, bags, and cushion covers.
- **Corduroy:** Textured fabric with ridges. Great for trousers, skirts, and jackets.

## Linen & Blended Fabrics (Breathable & Easy to Work With)

- **Linen:** Breathable and perfect for summer clothes like dresses and shirts. Can be tricky due to wrinkles and fraying.
- **Linen-Cotton Blend:** Easier to sew, wrinkles less, and great for lightweight dresses and skirts.
- **Double Gauze:** Soft and crinkly fabric, great for baby clothes, dresses, and tops.

## Beginner-Friendly Knit Fabrics (Soft, Stretchy & Easy to Wear)

- **Cotton Jersey:** Stable and easy to handle. Perfect for t-shirts, dresses, and leggings.
- **Ponte Roma:** Soft, stable knit fabric that doesn't curl. Ideal for skirts, dresses, and trousers.
- **Sweatshirt Fleece:** Soft with a fleecy back. Great for hoodies and loungewear.
- **French Terry:** Lighter than sweatshirt fleece, perfect for joggers, hoodies, and dresses.

## Soft & Plush Fabrics (For Cosy Projects)

- **Fleece:** Soft, warm, and doesn't fray. Great for hoodies, jackets, and blankets.
- **Terry Cloth:** Easy to sew, great for bathrobes, beach cover-ups, and baby bibs.
- **Quilted Fabric:** Pre-quilted fabric makes jacket, gilet, and coat projects easier.

## Specialty & Coated Fabrics (For Bags & Home Decor)

- **Oilcloth:** Waterproof and easy to sew, perfect for tablecloths, aprons, and bags.
- **Waxed Cotton:** Waterproof and easy to sew. Great for jackets, bags, and hats.
- **Velveteen:** Cotton-based fabric with a velvet look. Ideal for special occasion garments.
- **Canvas:** Sturdy and holds its shape. Ideal for tote bags, home decor, and structured garments.
- **Felt:** Doesn't fray and easy to sew. Great for crafts, bags, and decorations.
- **Vinyl:** Durable and water-resistant. Best for bags and wallets (use a Teflon or walking foot for easy sewing).