

Fabrics

Fabrics that are often described by their fibers

1. Cottons: batiste, voile, organdy, poplin, denim, chintz, sateen, velveteen, gauze, percale, sheeting, shirting, gabardine...
2. Linens: handkerchief to butcher. It is labeled according to its weight
3. Silk: shantung, raw silk, satin, duchesse (peau de soie), habotai, pongee, taffeta, dupioni
4. Wool: challis, gabardine, flannel, suiting, crepe, jersey, twill...

Basic fabric types and their commonly used fibers

1. Crepes: crepe de chine, pebble crepe, flat crepe, satin; usually silk, polyester, or acetate
2. Velvets: velveteen (cotton), velour (cotton or rayon), panne (rayon, silk, acetate), corduroy (cotton), velvet devore *burnt-out velvet* (silk/rayon blend), velvet (rayon, silk, acetate)
3. Chiffons: Organza, marquisette, georgette; usually silk, polyester, or acetate
4. Knits: Jersey, double knit, tricot, rib, novelty; can be any fiber
5. Novelties: Brocades, lames, lace, fake fur, ultrasuede, vinyls, unwoven fabrics; usually synthetic fibers
6. Dots, Stripes: pin dots, coin dots, polka dots, roman stripes, pin stripes, candy stripes, ombre stripes
7. Plaids: tartan (typically wool or acrylic), glen, madras (cotton)