

# **THE FABRIC GUIDE**

## **Poly/Cotton Blend**

A Polyester cotton blend is a versatile blend that retains the coolness and lightness of cotton fibre but also adds strength, durability and wrinkle resistance of polyester. Poly/cotton blended products tend to hold their shape and colour longer than 100% cotton products. They are machine washable and require little if any ironing.

## **Cotton**

100% is most widely used because of its durability, affordability and versatility. The beauty of cotton is in its simplicity, comfort and easy care function. Cotton is absorbent and allows your skin to breathe. Because of its strength it maintains its structure even when washed at high temperatures. Cotton is woven into a fabric and the number of threads that are used in weaving are counted by the square inch. If you have a thread count of 180, that means there is a weave of 80 horizontal threads (weft) and 100 vertical threads (warp) per square inch. However, the thickness of the thread must also be taken into consideration, the higher the thread count generally means the finer the thread used and this gives a higher thread count. Of all the cottons available, Egyptian cotton is the finest grade. Egyptian cotton has the longest fibre which results in a smoother, finer and stronger yarn. Combed cotton goes through a combing process to remove the shorter fibres and impurities. This results in a much finer, softer yet stronger compact cotton fabric.

## **Cotton Percale**

Percale describes the woven quality of the fabric rather than the content. Percale is woven in a criss-cross weave. This results in a tighter, higher quality weave than that of standard fabric. A cotton percale sheet is made of 100% cotton with a thread count of 200 or more. A cotton percale fabric has soft almost “powdery” finish, very cottony. Because of the woven quality, percale is longer lasting, holds up better to washing, and is smoother and crisper to the touch. However, the higher the thread count, the finer the thread and this can result in the fabric wearing quicker. Cotton percale is a more luxurious product than standard cotton.

## **Cotton Sateen**

A cotton sateen is once again identified because of the weave structure. Sateen cotton is weaved using 4 threads over 1. This satin weave creates a smooth surface which reflects the light differently causing a soft sheen. A cotton Sateen fabric has a soft, silky, glossy finish on one side and a matt on the underside. Sateen is a fabric that has a luster and softness that make it an attractive choice for bed sheets. Although it has a satin smooth finish, it is not to be confused with satin which is usually made of silk and has a much higher gloss sheen.

## **Linen**

Linen is a beautiful and durable fabric that is made from the fibres of the flax plant. It is one of the oldest fabrics created by man. Linen is lightweight and comfortable, yet has strength and breathability. Natural Linen wrinkles easy but can easily be pressed flat with a hot iron. Although linen today is a more expensive fabric as it is more difficult to grow and weave than cotton, it is still widely prized for tablecloths, sheets etc. The real beauty of linen lies in its casual yet sophisticated stye.

## **Organic Cotton**

Organic cotton is the “green” cotton choice. Grown without the addition of toxic pesticides, fertilisers or other chemicals. This creates a cotton with natural hypoallergenic qualities. Buying organic contributes to protecting our enviroment. The consumer demand for organic and sustainable products is forever growing. Organic cotton is a soft, easily dyed and versatile fabric. Mother nature knows best!

BED SIZES	FITTED SHEET	FLAT SHEET	DUVET COVER
UK single	90 x 190/200 x 20	160/180 x 260	135 x 200
Euro single	90 x 190/200 x 20	160/180 x 260	150/160 x 200
US twin	100 x 193 x 20	160/180 x 260	150/160 x 200
UK small double	120 x 190 x 20	220 x 260	200 x 200
UK double	135 x 190 x 20	220 x 260	200 x 200
US double, full	137 x 193 x 20	220 x 260	220 x 200
Euro double + (ikea)	140 x 200 x 20	220 x 260	220 x 200
UK king	150 x 200 x 20	240 x 280	240 x 220
US Queen	152 x 203 x 20	240 x 280	240 x 220
Euro king + (ikea)	160 x 200 x 20	240 x 280	240 x 220
UK super king	180 x 200 x 20	260 x 280	260 x 240
US Californian King	183 x 213 x 20	280 x 290	260 x 240
US Eastern king	193 x 203 x 20	280 x 290	260 x 240
Euro super king	200 x 200 x 20	280 x 280	260 x 240