

FIBER CHART

FIBER NAME	FIBER CHARACTERISTICS	CLOTHING USES	HOW THE FIBER AFFECTS THE CLOTHING CHARACTERISTICS
Cotton (cotton plant)	strong durable supports mildew growth absorbs moisture well does not spring back into shape	blouses dresses skirts underwear housecoats shirts jeans	An all cotton garment will be comfortable in warm weather. Wrinkle easily without special finish. Wash easily if color fast. Need to be ironed at a high temperature unless has wrinkle resistant finish. Very durable; withstand wear. Burn readily. Mildew if stored damp or in a damp place.
Flax (flax plant)	strong durable supports mildew growth absorbs moisture well	blouses dresses skirts suits	An all linen garment will be very durable; withstand wear; be comfortable in warm weather wrinkle easily without special finish. Wash easily if colorfast. Need to be ironed at high temperature unless it has wrinkle resistant finish. Burn readily. Mildew if stored in a damp place.

Ramie	strong, durable supports mildew growth.	sweaters dresses skirts	A ramie blend garment; will be very durable; will withstand wear; will have a silk like luster.
	absorbs moisture	suits	

Wool	warm durable returns to original shape quickly	knit garments sweaters gloves skirts	An all wool garment; will be warmer than cotton, silk or linen. Resist wrinkling.
	absorbs moisture	coats sportswear socks suits slacks	Absorbs odors; be durable; withstand wear. Need protection against insects (moths). Need care- ful handling if washed. Need to be pressed at low temperature.

Silk	smooth lustrous strong	skirts blouses dresses neckties scarfs	An all silk garment; will feel luxurious. Need ironing at low temperature Shows water spots unless it has a special finish Need to be hand washed and ironed or dry cleaned.
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