

TYPES OF FABRIC FOR SEWING CLOTHES, ACCESSORIES, HOME AND PARTY DECOR

PLEASE NOTE THERE IS A LARGE VARIETY OF FABRICS AVAILABLE, DIFFERENT PRINTS/DESIGNS/TEXTURES, ETC. AND DIFFERENT USES. THE LIST BELOW IS OF BASIC FABRICS & THEIR USES/PURPOSES, THAT I HAVE USED IN CREATING MY PROJECTS.

I USE A LOT OF SCRAPS WHICH ARE VARIOUS TYPES OF FABRIC – SO COLLECT ALL YOUR SCRAPS AND KEEP THEM IN A SAFE PLACE. ☺

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DISCLAIMER: Please note this is my very own guideline, there are so many guides and tips, use which one you feel works for you.

In my patterns, I have used a variety of fabrics. I love to experiment and try different fabrics, sometimes the experiments work and sometimes they don't, but often I have found a use for a fabric that I would never have thought of.

There is lots of advice on the internet on what fabrics need to be used. When making clothes, I would highly recommend you use the correct fabrics, but with projects such as placemats, hand bags, cushion covers, etc., be creative and experiment. For example I love chiffon, it is so soft and delicate, but frays so easily. Now I love the fact that it frays as this allows for us to create the most unique "tassel and feather look". Now you cannot use chiffon for a placemat or coaster, as the heat will make it crinkle.

You will notice from the images, that it is very difficult to see the distinct differences in each fabric, my suggestion is to visit a fabric shop and go and see and feel the fabrics. Or order the samples online and put them into a book.

NATURAL FIBRES – These fabrics are made from plants.

Cotton is a wonderful and versatile fabric to use. It is a durable fabric, does not tear easily, easy to sew with and is heat resistant. You get a variety of cottons, with different textures, quality and prices.

These are the ones that I commonly use in my projects:

100% cotton – As is states.



Basic Uses: 101 uses, you can use cotton with almost any project.

Quilting fabric – 100 % cotton, but stiffer than your standard cotton. I love using quilting fabric for several reason: there is such an incredible colour and pattern range; you can buy a variety of small pieces and it is great for adding the decorative detail.



Basic Uses: Multitude of uses – hand bags, home décor, aprons

Brushed Cotton/Flannel/Flanelette – this is a soft fabric and



Basic Use: Bibs, baby blankets and kids clothes.

Corduroy – Also a hard wearing fabric, with a “3D ribbed effect”



Basic Uses: Bunting; bibs, and clothing.

Denim – Don’t we all love denim, it never ages and has so many uses. It is a strong and durable fabric.



Basic Uses: Handbags, bunting, home décor – cushions and decorative pillows and clothing.

Jersey/Jersey Knit

This fabric is stretchy, but does not crease easily.



Basic Uses: Childrens clothing and dress up outfits – Pirate bandanas; Medieval outfits.

Linen – This is a strong, durable and heat resistant fabric. It is generally more expensive than cotton.



Basic Uses: Handbags, bunting, home décor – napkins, placemats, cushions and decorative pillows and more - and clothing.

Polycotton

Another fabric that I use a lot of, as it is cost effective, durable and comes in a variety of colours. This fabric is a mixture of polyester and cotton.



Basic Uses: Lining aprons, table décor – such as placemats and coasters, bunting. As it has a lovely shine to it, I use it a lot for children’s dress up outfits.

Satin/Sateen – I love this for its shine and softness.



Basic Uses: Dress up outfits, kiddies bags, adult quirky aprons.

Voile – This fabric is soft and flowy.



Basic Uses: Drapes, combining it with polycotton to create a gorgeous dress up outfit; creating frills on cushions, decorative pillows..

Velvet -

This is a lush, soft and shiny fabric. You get a variety of Velvet fabrics – Brocade, Crushed, Velvet shimmer to name a few.



Basic Uses: Home Décor – Cushions, Decorative pillows, Upholstery, draping, curtains, children's clothing and handbags.

Other cotton fabrics that I use and collect are: Broderie Anglaise; Calico; Gingham;

SYNTHETIC/MAN MADE FABRICS – These fabrics are created using various chemical processes.

Chiffon – This is a soft, light and flowy fabric with a slight sheen.



Basic Uses: Home décor – cushions, decorative pillows, draping, dress up clothing.

Fake Fur/Faux fur - Fake fur resembles animal fur and so much better than animal fur. It now comes in a range of colours and fur length.



Basic Uses: Cushions, pillows, toys, bags, dress up clothing.

Organza – Gorgeous shiny thin fabric, with a slight stiffness.



Basic Uses: Home décor – cushions, decorative pillows, draping, dress up clothing.

Sequined fabric – Need I explain this fun, glittery/sparkly fabric. Sequins vary in shapes and sizes, but not the easiest to sew with.



Basic Uses: Home décor – cushions, decorative pillows, draping, dress up clothing.

Taffeta – It has a similar look to satin, but not as soft. It is slightly stiffer, with a slight sheen, giving that glamorous look.



Basic Uses: Home décor – cushions, decorative pillows, curtains, draping, - bags, dress up clothing.

Tulle/Netting – Tulle has a fine mesh and sheer look to it. Some tulle fabrics are soft and others have a stiffness and scratchiness to them.



Basic Uses: Home décor – cushions, decorative pillows, draping, - wedding décor, aprons, veils, petticoats, dress up clothing.

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