

TECHNICAL TUESDAYS

TOPIC: Sheeting Fabrics

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What is sheeting fabric?

Sheeting fabric has extra width and is most often used to make bed linen due to its light weight. 100 % cotton is the preferred substrate owing to enhanced breathability.



Characteristics of sheeting fabrics:

Sheeting fabric is a durable, machine-washable and dryable fabric that comes in widths large enough for bed sheets, quilt backs and other projects in which the fabric should not be pieced together.

It is often treated with Flame Retardant and Wrinkle-Free finishes and available in a wide variety of colors and prints.

Fibre content in sheeting fabrics:

Sheeting fabric can be 100 percent cotton or a blend of polyester and cotton. Although 100 percent cotton is more absorbent and breathable, it wrinkles easily and will need to be preshrunk before cutting or sewing.

Adding polyester to cotton makes it more stable, reducing shrinkage and wrinkles.



Thread count of sheeting fabrics:

Thread count is an indication of how soft and strong a fabric is. Generally, the higher the thread count, the finer the fabric. Sheets that are breathable and lightweight have a thread count of 200 to 500.

End uses of sheeting fabrics:

- Quilt backs
- Drapery linings
- Tablecloths
- Tents

Wishing you a great week ahead!

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