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LINEN AND BEDDING TERMINOLOGY

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THREAD COUNT

Thread count is the number of yarns woven into one square inch (approximately 2.5cm²) of fabric. This number is based on the threads woven horizontally ("weft") and vertically ("warp"). When buying sheets, don't be tempted by high thread counts (200 to 400 is perfect, very soft and beautiful). Some manufacturers use a method called double insertion, in which two or four threads are twisted together before weaving. This produces more threads per inch but makes the fabric denser and heavier. This is why the idea that high counts equal better quality isn't really accurate.

FABRICS/FIBRES:

Microfibre - 100% Polyester is soft, smooth and highly durable. It's a great choice for bedding since it's wrinkle-resistant, quick drying, machine washable and requires minimal ironing. Microfibre is also great for allergy sufferers.

Polycotton is made from yarns which are a blend of polyester and cotton that is easy care wrinkle-resistant, durable (polyester lasts longer than cotton), and relatively inexpensive (up to half the cost of pure cotton).

100% cotton is lightweight, soft and breathable, meaning it keeps warm during cold seasons and stays cool in the summer. You'll hardly ever wake up clammy on cotton sheets, since the fibre absorbs moisture away from your skin. Cotton sheets are less likely to stain than polyester blends; as a water-loving fibre, cotton releases dirt easily when wet. The negative on cotton is that it wrinkles easily so needs ironing.

Egyptian cotton is ideal because since it's produced from longer fibres, when you spin the yarn it gives it strength. The long fibres give a more luxurious feel to the fabric and it's also highly absorbent material.

Weave: The weave affects the way a sheet feels, the way it looks, its longevity, and its price.

Percalé is a balanced weave, 180 thread count or higher and is, sort of like a basket weave. It is known for its longevity and cool feel. It's also less likely to pill than cotton sateen because it has a denser weave. It is less expensive than sateen and is more durable and feels crisper.

Sateen is cotton cloth made with a satin weave, a weave that has more vertical than horizontal yarns. The higher proportion of vertical threads results in an extremely soft fabric that is a little warmer than percale, but one that is more apt to pill and tear than a plain weave. It's a weave that produces a very soft, lustrous feel but can be somewhat less durable than a denser weave.

Jacquards are intricate weaves; it feels textured due to pattern alternating from satiny soft to coarser and nubby. They can be as durable as plain weaves, but they are made on special looms and are considerably more expensive.

DUVET COVER SETS

Different styles:

Standard

Oxford straight stitch

Closing:

Normally studs

Buttons (specialty fabrics, T400 and above)

50cm flap closing _ This is used in hospitality instead of buttons or studs due to use of industrial laundry and ease when changing bedding.

FITTED SHEETS

Elasticated all the way round

Depth: 30 or 35cm. For a proper fit, the depth of the fitted sheet should be 3 to 5cm deeper than the depth of the mattress. This will allow a little extra for tucking under the mattress, yet not so much that it causes wrinkling and bunching in the sleep surface.

MATTRESS PROTECTORS

A mattress protector is made with an elasticized edge (effectively a fitted sheet) that hugs your mattress in order to protect it from allergy-causing dust. A mattress protector also prevents the mattress from absorbing perspiration, which may cause it to deteriorate more quickly.

Quilted: The quilted mattress protector is made from microfibre fabric with a polyester filling for maximum comfort. It is also moisture absorbent; breathable and fully machine washable.

Terry towelling is a type of knitted fabric with a plush texture that is soft to the touch and has highly absorbent qualities.

Waterproof: The waterproof mattress protector is made of a soft and absorbent towelling fabric, laminated with a waterproof yet breathable polyurethane coating on the underside. This protects the mattress from water spill or damage.

PILLOW PROTECTORS

These covers, which go over the pillow, keep allergens at bay while shielding pillows from hair and body oils, which can soak into the filling.

Quilted, Towelling & Waterproof

DUVET INNERS AND PILLOWS

Hollowfibre: The hollowfibre duvet inner comprises of 200g hollowfibre batting, housed in a durable 100% polyester casing.

Best suited for people seeking a light weight yet warm and breathable inner.

Features:

Lightweight

Durable

Retains warmth

Advantages:

Anti-allergenic synthetic filler prevents allergic reactions

Microfibre: The microfibre duvet inner comprises of the finest quality lightweight microfibre, housed in a durable 100% cotton downproof casing – making it perfect for the hospitality industry or households insisting on quality.

The main characteristics that elevate this quality microfibre duvet inner into a class of its own, is its extraordinary softness and lightness.

Features:

Ultra-lightweight Microfibre filling.

Pure Goose-down feel.

100% cotton downproof blocked casing.

Advantages:

Ultra-lightweight construction provides medium warmth without the heaviness.

Anti-allergenic synthetic filler prevents allergic reactions.

The softest and lightest duvet inner we offer.

Duck feather: This duck feather duvet inner is filled with a combination of 90% duck feather & 10% duck down and housed in a 100% cotton downproof casing. The down contains no quill, so unlike feathers they don't stick out and are wonderfully soft. Additionally, because of their construction, they trap air which creates the insulation thereby retaining the heat. Our duck feather and down duvet inners are stitched in a box-construction, ensuring that the feathers are kept perfectly in place and will not migrate to the end or edges of the duvet inner over time.

Features:

Soft duck feather and down filling.

100% cotton downproof block casing.

Advantages:

Excellent loft properties

Retains warmth

Naturally drapes around your body to minimize cold spots

Cotton – The cotton inner is a combination of pure cotton batting filler and a 100% cotton percale casing. It is the perfect solution for ensuring sleeping comfort on those warm summer nights. Not only does cotton's moisture management properties & breathability ensure that you don't get too hot, it also ensures sufficient warmth in the colder early hours of the morning.

The cotton inners can also be used in winter as a "blanket" to lay over the top of a standard duvet to give that extra bit of warmth that is needed on those really cold nights.

Features:

Quilted 100% cotton

100% cotton percale casing

Advantages:

Breathability ensures sleeping comfort on warm summer nights.

Thread Count

Simply put, thread count is the number of threads woven into one square inch (approximately 2.5cm²) of fabric. This number is based on the threads woven horizontally ("weft") and vertically ("warp"). Extra threads can also be woven into the weft threads to increase the thread count. These added threads are called "picks" and are added in the overall count, which is how some sheets end up having thread counts in the thousands.

Generally, the higher the thread count, the softer the sheet, and the more likely it will wear well, or even soften, over time. Good sheets range anywhere from 200 to 800, although you will occasionally see numbers over 1000.

OXFORD SATIN STITCH DUVET COVER SET

200 Thread count 100% cotton percale

The oxford border adds a crisp finish to the duvet cover set. The colour accent added by the satin stitch elevates the classic look. Perfect plain design to bring sophistication into your bedroom.

Bed linen made from 100% cotton is highly durable and will retain its luxurious feel wash after wash. The pure and natural nature of cotton will keep you cool in summer and warm in winter.

More bedding info can be found at <https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Bedding>

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