Natural Vs Synthetic Battings

  **PROS CONS:**

Wool - natural, easy to handle, warm $$, bearding, moths, hand

 wash only

Silk - natural, breathability, light weight $$$, scarce

Cotton - natural, machine quilts well, flat $$ tight finish quilting,

 when quilted, low bearding or pilling bleached VS natural

 launders well

Poly - $ good for allergies, wide finish quilting bearding, unstable

Bambo - natural, renewable, durable, breathability, drape bearding

Blends  - easy to work with, easy to care for and creates warm quilts.

**Batting Terms Defined**

* Bearding – fibers separate through fabric
* Scrim – thin stabilizer fibers attached to
* Loft – thickness or puffiness
* Bonded – Thermal Vs Resin
* Needle Punched – Mechanically Felted

**Loft**

 Low: Good for hand quilting, softer and more drape-able

Medium: Adds texture/puffy-ness to the finished product, warmer, not quite as drape-able if quilted too closely

High: Goof for highlighting detailed quilting, gives lots of texture, mimics the look of down, warmest, most often used for comforters, bedspreads or tied quilts, stays soft with very open or light quilting

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