

Which Batting Should I Use?

When deciding which batting to use in your quilt, consider the following:

- What is the end use of my quilt? Will it be used on a bed as a wall hanging, table covering, baby gift etc?
- How frequently will it be washed?
- What method of quilting will I use, hand or machine?
- What size will my quilt be?
- What fabric(s) am I using?
- What kind of look do I want my quilt to have when I am done?

Once you have decided the answers to these questions you can choose from the large selection of battings that you will find at Pacific Fabrics & Crafts!

Natural fibers, such as Cotton, are the most popular with both hand and machine quilters, but other fibers such as Wool, Bamboo and Soy have now been added to the selection of battings to choose from. Polyester and other synthetic fibers are also good for certain projects. To help you make your selection, here is a list of the different battings you'll find at our stores, their characteristics and recommended uses.

Common Batting Terminology

- Needle punched : Layers of fiber are bonded together with multiple barbed needles
- Scrim : A thin, man-made fiber about the weight of a dryer sheet, needle punched into batting for strength
- Bonded or thermal bonded : Heating process used for polyester batting to prevent bearding
- Bearding: When bits of fiber work their way through the fabric surface, usually the result of loosely woven quilt fabrics

Warm Company

Warm and Natural

- 87.5 % cotton 12.5% poly, available by the yard in 90" or 120" widths.
- This is a needle punched batting that contains no glues or resins and has tiny plant particles which make it fun to use for other crafts as well.
- Quilt by hand or machine up to 10" apart. It will shrink up to 3% but batting can be pre-washed if a different look is desired.

Warm and White

- The same cotton/poly blend as Warm and Natural but it is made with a bleached cotton fiber so it will not darken white or pastel quilts. It is also comes in 90" or 120" widths by the yard.

Warm Tater

- This is a 100% cotton batting created to make quilted items that can be used in microwave ovens such as potato baking bags and roll warmers.

Pellon

Natural Cotton/ Bleached or Unbleached

- 100% cotton. Needle punched. 96" wide

Natural Cotton with Scrim

- 100% cotton. Unbleached. 96" wide

Natural Blend

- 80% cotton 20% poly. Needle punched. 96" wide

Natural Blend with Scrim™

- 80% cotton /20% poly. 96" wide

Dark Blend

- 70% cotton/30% poly. Needle punched to scrim binder.
- Quilts like the other cotton /poly blends but can be used in darker fabric quilts when white or unbleached batting might show through. Works great in quilted garments.

Soy Blend

- 50% Soy/50% cotton. Needle punched with scrim

Bamboo Blend

- 50% Bamboo/50% Cotton. Needle punched with scrim

Flame-Retardant Rayon Blend

- 50% Rayon/50% Cotton. Needle punched to Scrim binder

Wool

- 100% Super Wash wool. Thermal banded

Polyester

- 100% Fine Denier Silconized Polyester. Thermal bonded

Ultra-Thin

- 100% Polyester. Needle punched to scrim

Fusible Fleece

- 100% polyester. Needle punched to scrim
- We also carry fusible fleece from Bosal.
- A great alternative to basting or basting sprays. Works well in small quilts, table runners and purses.

Insul-Fleece Heat Resistant

- Needle punched Poly-Mylar batting.
- We also carry Poly-Therm batting by Bosal and Insul-Bright batting by Warm Company.
- Use in Pot Holders and Trivets to resist heat or in insulated lunch bags or picnic totes to keep food cool.

Quilter's Dream Batting

Dream Cotton

- 100% cotton. Hand or machine quilt up to 8" apart. Soft and flexible. Shrinkage is minimal - 1%, so no prewashing recommended.
- Good for crafts as well. Packaged in Crib, Twin, Queen and King sizes

Hobbs

Heirloom

- 80% cotton/ 20% polyester. Available 90" or 120" wide yardage or packaged in crib, twin, queen and king sizes.
- Strong and long wearing, lightly needle punched to provide stability. Good for hand quilting but will not stretch out if quilted by machine. Quilts from ¼ inch to 3 ½ inches apart.
- Will shrink slightly to create an antique look if not pre-soaked to prevent shrinkage.

Poly-Down Premium Polyester

- Packaged in Crib, Twin, Queen and King sizes.
- Easy to hand or machine quilt. Down-like softness, machine washable, and non-allergenic.

Mountain Mist Batting

Eco-Craft

- 100% Synthetic Ingeo™ Fibers made from renewable corn fiber.
- Has the look and feel of polyester batting but is better for the environment. Works for hand or machine quilting.
- Available packaged in Crib, Twin, Queen and King Sizes

