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Does fabric really make a difference with the end results?

Choosing the right fabric for a specific project is essential if you want to achieve good results and plays a critical role when you are wanting the right look in a garment. For example, you would not use thick wool for a floaty evening dress and you would not choose heavy leather for a nice dress shirt so it is very important that you get a nice blind with the right fabric and cloth weight with the right garment. As soon as you see a particular cloth in a fabric shop, most likely you already know in your mind what garment or project you are going to create with it. Most people who sew or tailor or both have a certain degree of design flare and a good imagination for design so choosing a cloth is always going to be an exciting thing to do.

We all make mistakes and the odd time we might buy a fabric and it doesn't turn out quite the way that it was intended for but these mistakes are always going to be quite rare and the more that you sew, the more experience you are going to get and so resulting in very few mistakes when it comes to choosing the right fabric for the task in hand. There is a basic rule that you can stick to when it comes to purchasing the right fabric for the project that you are going create and that is buy suiting's, linens and wools for tailored garments such as three piece and two piece suits, jackets, trousers, waistcoats, skirts and dresses, so your more classic formal wear. And buy floaty fabrics for dresses, skirts and generally feminine clothes for the ladies. Finally your lightweight, natural cloths such as cotton and linen are ideal for dress shirts and ladies blouses. If you stick to these basic guide lines then you are going to be on the right track to creating a wonderful garment and that it will turn out just as you intended it to.

There are also different elaborate fabrics such as silk, chiffon, lycra and leather etc. If you are going to create a garment in silk, then consider using raw silk for your tailored, more classic garments and a floaty silk for dresses and skirts. Chiffon again is used as a floaty cloth for floaty feminine garments where as lycra which is a stretch is used for sports wear. Leather would be used for a sturdy garment such as jacket or trousers, the trousers being in a more lighter leather.

A tip from the tailor

When it comes to creating a garment, most will have an interfacing which will need fusing into a garment. Always choose the correct interfacing for the fabric that you will be using so for instance the heavier the cloth, the more body it will need and so you would use a heavier interfacing.

Choosing the right fabric for the task in hand will become second nature to you as you create lots and lots of beautiful garments so if you make a mistake, don't dispare just keep at it and you will get there in the end.

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