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Should I always buy the most expensive cloth?

What cloth is best for me?

When it comes to creating a garment, the fabric is the most important factor in terms of look, feel and most crucial that you like it, but the most expensive fabric does not always play the biggest role. You can go into a fabric shop and see hundreds and hundreds of fabric roles on display, some do not appeal, some are not suitable to the kind of sewing that you do and some you just don't like but then a particular cloth will catch your eye, its perfect in weight, you love the feel and most important you like the look of it. When you look at the price tag you are surprised to find that it really is not that expensive compared to some of the other fabrics including some that you did not even like in the first place. The point is that if you are browsing for a fabric, go for the cloth that you like best and do not be swayed by price.

Dont buy a cloth just because it is expensive!

There are thousands of different fabrics out there, some are very cheap, some are very expensive and some even more expensive again, but you must always go for the cloth that suits the garment that you are going to create. For example if you were going to a hot climate and you are going to create a pair of trousers then a white linen would be the ideal choice rather than a wool worsted suiting. And most probably the wool worsted suiting is going to cost a lot more than the linen. If you decided to go with the wool worsted just because it is more expensive, then good luck because when you are wearing a pair of worsted trousers in a hot climate, firstly they are going to look wrong and secondly they will make you feel very uncomfortable and spoil your time there where as the linen on the other hand is very breathable so you will not perspire so much and being white will reflect the light keeping them cool.

The tailors last word!

The most expensive cloth that I have come across in my years of tailoring is a diamond chip wool suiting with actual diamonds embedded in the cloth. I can get this fabric for about £3500,00 per metre which is just over \$5000,00. You will need about 5 meters on average for a nice two piece suit so that will come to about \$25000,00 just for the outer fabric, that's not including the lining, buttons, interfacings and canvases. This fabric will make beautifully as you can imagine, but for me my favourite fabric is linen and always has been. I can get linen for about £7.50 per meter, maybe going up to £12,00 depending on its properties so as you can see the cost of fabric doesn't always play the largest role when it comes to choosing the right fabric.

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