

# SILK

- The only natural filament fiber.
- The caterpillar eats only mulberry leaves + converts the leaves into the shiny, white silk fiber used to make its cocoon.
- The fiber is coated with a substance called sericin, which acts as the glue to hold the cocoon together.
- Most of our silk comes from Japan, Thailand, Italy, + China.

## PROPERTIES:

- Breathable.
- Absorbs perspiration quickly without feeling damp to the skin.
- Thermal retention (warm in cool climates).
- Wrinkles, does not bounce back quickly.
- Low resistance to damage from abrasion.
- Does not build up static.
- Reacts to bleach, damaged by sunlight.
- Flame retardant.

## CARE:

- Dry clean or handwash - use a mild detergent.
- Do not spot treat - rubbing one area of silk can cause lightening in just that spot; wash the entire garment.
- Do not wring or twist the fabric as this can damage the fibers.
- Lay flat to dry.
- Iron on a low temperature or silk setting.

