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Help! How Much Should I Buy?

Quick Cheat Sheet for Estimating Fabric Yardage

You're in a fabric store. A special fabric jumps out and says "Buy Me!". But how much do you buy?

This Quick Yardage Cheat Sheet will assist. It's based on an approximate height of 5'4"-5" (153-154 cm) of average build. Other factors will affect requirements such as actual body circumferences. Depending on additional height, plan to add between 1/8 to 1/4 yard (.114 to .23 m). For one-way designs or napped fabric, add 1/4 yard (.23 m) for each yard recommended. For plaids, add the length of 1 plaid repeat for each yard recommended.

Pattern Choice	Fabric Width 36 inches	Fabric Width 44-45 inches	Fabric Width 54 inches	Fabric Width 60 inches
Blouse/Shirt with long sleeves	2 1/2 yd. (2.3 m)	2 1/8 yd. (1.9 m)	1 3/4 yd. (1.6 m)	1 5/8 yd. (1.5 m)
Blouse/Shirt with short sleeves	2 yd. (1.8 m)	1 5/8 yd. (1.5 m)	1 3/8 yd. (1.3 m)	1 1/4 yd. (1.1 m)
Camisole/Tank Top	1 1/3 yd. (1.2 m)	1 1/3 yd. (1.2 m)	1 1/8 yd. (1 m)	1 yd. (.9 m)
Skirt, straight	2 yd. (1.8 m)	1 5/8 yd. (1.5 m)	1 3/8 yd. (1.3 m)	1 1/4 yd. (1.1 m)
Skirt, A-line or softly gathered	2 1/4 yd. (2.0 m)	1 3/4 yd. (1.6 m)	1 1/2 yd. (1.4 m)	1 3/8 yd. (1.3 m)
Dress, short sleeves with straight skirt	4 1/4 yd. (3.9 m)	3 1/8 yd. (2.9 m)	2 5/8 yd. (2.4 m)	2 3/8 yd. (2.2 m)
Dress, long sleeves with straight skirt	5 yd. (4.6 m)	3 5/8 yd. (3.3 m)	3 1/8 yd. (2.9 m)	3 yd. (2.7 m)
Pants, long (add 1/4 yard for cuffs)	3 1/4 yd. (3.0 m)	2 5/8 yd. (2.4 m)	2 1/4 yd. (2.0 m)	2 1/4 yd. (2.0 m)
Pants, cropped	2 3/4 yd. (2.5 m)	2 1/4 yd. (2.0 m)	2 yd. (1.8 m)	1 1/2 yd. (1.4 m)
Shorts, just above knee	2 1/2 yd. (2.3 m)	2 1/8 yd. (1.9 m)	1 3/4 yd. (1.6 m)	1 1/4 yd. (1.1 m)