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Fabric Conversions

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Fabric Conversion Chart

Confused about how much fabric to buy when looking at different fabric widths?

Check out this chart and use it as a guide! A 60 inch fabric width is the standard, so if you're looking at pattern instructions and they only give 60 in or 45 in fabric widths; you can use this guide to determine the amount of fabric to buy.

Yardage Conversion Table										
35 inches	45 inches	50 inches	54 inches	60 inches	75 inches	92 inches	108 inches			
1¾	1%	11/4	1%	1	1/4	5/s	%			
2	1%	1½	1%	1¼	1	3/4	3/4			
21/4	1¾	1%	1½	1%	11/4	1/4	3/4			
21/2	21/6	1¾	1¾	1%	1¼	1	1/4			
31/8	21/2	21/4	2	1%	11/2	1¼	1			
3%	21/4	2%	21/4	2	1%	1%	11/4			
31/4	21/6	2%	21/8	21/4	1¾	1½	11/4			
41/2	3%	3	21/4	2%	21/4	1¾	11/2			
5	31/6	31/6	31/8	21/4	21/4	2	1¾			
51/4	41/6	31/4	3%	3	2%	1%	1%			
6¾	51/2	43/4	41/2	4	31/4	2¾	21/4			
8%	61/4	61/6	5%	5	41/4	3%	3			
101/2	81/4	71/4	6¾	6	51/4	31/4	31/2			
121/4	9%	81/2	71/4	7	61/4	41/2	41/6			
131/2	11	91/2	9	8	61/2	51/2	41/2			
15%	12%	10%	10%	9	7¾	51/4	51/4			

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Fabric Guide for Your Garments – also found at dummies.com

Garment	Fabric Width 35- 36 inches	Fabric Width 44- 45 inches	Fabric Width 50 inches	Fabric Width 52- 54 inches	Fabric Width 58- 60 inches
Pants, full length (add -1/4 yard for cuffs)	3-1/4 yards	2-5/8 yards	2-5/8 yards	2-1/4 yards	2-1/4 yards
Pants, Capri	2-3/4	2-1/4	2-1/8	2 yards	1-1/2
length	yards	yards	yards		yards
Shorts, Bermuda length	2-1/2 yards	2-1/8 yards	1-7/8 yards	1-3/4 yards	1-1/4 yards
Skirt, straight	2 yards	1-5/8 yards	1-1/2 yards	1-3/8 yards	1-1/4 yards
Skirt, A-line	2-1/4	1-3/4	1-5/8	1-1/2	1-3/8
	yards	yards	yards	yards	yards
Skirt, softly gathered	2-1/4	1-3/4	1-5/8	1-1/2	1-3/8
	yards	yards	yards	yards	yards
Shirt/blouse,	2 yards	1-5/8	1-1/2	1-3/8	1-1/4
short sleeves		yards	yards	yards	yards
Shirt/blouse,	2-1/2	2-1/8	1-3/4	1-3/4	1-5/8
long sleeves	yards	yards	yards	yards	yards
Blouse, long sleeves with tie	3-3/4	2-7/8	2-5/8	2-3/8	2-1/4
	yards	yards	yards	yards	yards
Blouse, capped sleeves	2 yards	1-5/8 yards	1-1/2 yards	1-3/8 yards	1-1/4 yards
Camisole, bias	1-1/3	1-1/3	1-1/4	1-1/8	1 yard
cut	yards	yards	yards	yards	
Dress, short sleeves with straight skirt	4-1/4 yards	3-1/8 yards	2-3/4 yards	2-5/8 yards	2-3/8 yards
Dress, long sleeves with straight skirt	5 yards	3-5/8 yards	3-1/4 yards	3-1/8 yards	3 yards