

Stone Fabrics

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Forecast for winter:

COLOUR



Navy is this season's chief colour; team with burgundy, teal, black and a pop of purple. For a feminine shot into your wardrobe choose something pink—from cranberry to sherbet or dusty rose. Another prominent colour has been green; from army to emerald, pick one to suit your hair colour, skin tone or personal style. Orange is still strong along with red (burgundy or vermillion can beat the most dismal of winter blues) or dress sublimely in winter white; your dry cleaner will love you.

Teal and peacock look great with subdued colours like charcoal or brown. Don't miss the chunky jumper knit #4190, or the John Kaldor lightweight viscose & wool jersey #4414. For a cosy light & airy boiled wool get #4308. We also have a super quality faux fur #3331, crushed velour #4439, and cotton rich lace #4473.

For just a hint of pink choose the blush wool crepe #0609 or embrace sherbet pink in a washable boiled wool #4534, or felted pink coating #3088. For a muted shade go for tweeds #1301 & #1306. Infuse pink into a Chanel suit or jacket with Linton Tweed #4061 or make a blouse with a soft pink feather printed georgette #3943.

Navy aficionados will love the resurgence in all things blue. We've many crepes and Worsted suitings including a mesh #4239. Winter coat makers need to Check out the double sided wool Melton coating #4496 or boiled wool #2692. Look at the chunky corded jumper knit #4189 for cardigans, or bamboo jersey #3486.

PRINT & PATTERN

After a few seasons of elaborate prints designers were going back-to-basics; Classic leopard, tartan, checks, pinstripes and spots were seen all over the catwalks. Winter florals are still strong along with feather prints, Paisley and quirky conversational designs.

SILHOUETTE

Oversized jackets and coats that will cocoon you from the colder months. Ecclesiastical necklines. Big, boxy masculine cuts mix with uber-feminine curves. Assymetric-split skirts or below the knee with fluted hems. Trousers are slouchy or tailored straight legs. Dresses are retro in style with 21st Century detailing—1940's dresses with exposed zips or 1960's shifts in digital techni-colour prints.

GET EXCITED AND MAKE THINGS

FABRIC

WOOL & WOOL MIX

We specialise in wool and have an extensive range for any project. Make yourself a lovely coat for the winter using one of our brightly coloured wool coatings, bouclé or tweeds, cut it oversized and line with a flash of colour. For jackets choose from an array of Shetland tweeds or jacket weight wools, mix them with velvet, trim with faux fur or go luxe with pure cashmere. We have a wonderful range of boiled wools which are easy to sew and make fabulous unstructured jackets and coats, if you need even more 'give' try our felted wool jersey—perfect for a fitted jacket or knee length casual coat as well as dresses

Why jersey? Nothing makes up more swiftly or easily than a jersey dress. The low-fray, super-comfortable knit is the go-to fabric for the modern woman. Look at Ponte Roma jersey if you want a suit or dress with just a bit of give, choose chunky knits for cardigans and jumper dresses or go for slinky viscose jersey to make fabulous dresses in a flash, with up to the minute prints and a cornucopia of colours. Worried about lumps and bumps? You'll be surprised how flattering a well cut dress can be. Think about lining it with Tricot or a similar weight contrasting colour (keep the two fabrics light in weight, and ensure they are both colour fast).

and suits. For a tailored outfit you can't go wrong with Worsted wool, it makes up beautifully and come in a wide variety of colours and weaves (including stretch), there are also printed and embroidered worsteds, washable wool mixes, an array of printed wool Challis & lightweight wools, and the perennial classic, wool crêpe.

JERSEY & KNIT

We have jersey & knit of all designs to suit every taste. Different weights and fibres from superfine gauze to Missoni chevrons and heavy jumper knits. Ponte Roma jerseys in rich colours suitable for colour blocking or Hand-wash fine wool-mix knit from John Kaldor,

drapey viscose, digital prints and butter soft plain bamboo. We also have Jean Muir type slinky jerseys, organic cotton and funky prints suitable for children.

Jersey tip: As with all washable natural fibres you need to pre-wash your fabric. To avoid distortion before cutting out dry the jersey flat, or better still, cool tumble dry.

Join our Cloth Club for fabulous discounted quarterly fabric selections for discerning sewers wanting something a bit different. Contact us for further information.

Samples are free! Send an A5 self-addressed envelope with a large letter stamp attached (currently 69p for 2nd class) and a note outlining your requirements (please be as specific as you can) to:
Sampling Dept, Stone Fabrics, 97 High St, Totnes, Devon, TQ9 5PB.

For sales and enquiries call: 01803 868 608 or email: hello@stonefabrics.co.uk. Visit our website @

www.stonefabrics.co.uk

LACE, MESH & SHEERS

Lace is the go-to fabric for special day and eveningwear. We have a myriad of colours and weights for any garment. Use lace for an ornate touch to a bodice, hem, or mix a panel of stretch lace with some jersey for a posh t-shirt.

We have black cotton Guipure lace #4500 or off-white #2900 (that dyes any colour you can dream of). Teal cotton mix #4373 or a soft finish wool-mix #3243. Make a vintage inspired dress with the khaki green border design #4198 or choose superb black stretch lace #3207 or #2415. Then there are finer dressier laces from Solstiss, metallics, antique finish, animal print stretchy mesh, classic black chantilly, embroidered flesh coloured stretch tulle, spotty tulle, and crochet lace.

CHANEL TYPE TWEED

Sew yourself a nifty Chanel jacket. Get the Vogue pattern (V8804) with instructions for the authentic quilting and patch pockets, make a toile first so you can fit it perfectly. Pick a textured tweed from our fabulous selection and match up with a luxurious printed silk for the lining. We have all the requisites that finish it off including interesting decorative chains for the hem.

For classic Chanel type tweeds look at black wool mix bouclé #4461, or plum; #4399. Black/multi #4344. Loose knit #4311, chartreuse green Linton Tweed #1931 or make a statement in orange with #4210. For quick versions that don't need quilting look at washable bouclé coatings or one of the many boiled wools.

COTTON

For all seasons from designers and quality mills. Printed or plain needlecord and corduroy for practical and warm day wear, heavy cotton drill, denim and rep,. Stretch cotton and cotton sateen—so versatile and smart. Soft and cosy plain, polka dot, printed, and tartan brushed cottons, soft floral print twill, plain or printed superfine cotton lawn and voile and an amazing array of contemporary quilting weight prints.

Remember! Natural fibres like cotton, linen and viscose should be washed before making up. As a rule, allow 10% extra fabric for possible shrinkage. If in doubt over care instructions of a particular fabric please ask.

VISCOSE, POLY & DRAPEY FABRICS

For drape and easy-care loveliness you can't beat the jewel coloured polyester double and triple crêpes. We also have wool crêpe, wool mix or wool look Varuna, printed and plain viscose, amazing quality Italian printed poly satin, semi-sheer georgette and gauzey wools.

LINENS & LINEN MIXES

We have a large range of linen and linen-mix throughout the year. Look at the heavy European linens in a multitude of colours along with linen from a host of top designers. Big digital prints, floral, stripes, herringbone, embroidered, shot, twill, & chambray, we have any to suit.

SILK & SILK MIX

From heavy Morocain crêpe to lining weights, fabulous silk and cotton mix (plain and printed), prints from Italy and France, chiffon, organza, crinkle, georgette, satin backed crêpe, stretch, Tussah and Dupion. We specialise in suiting weights; Matka, wool and silk mix, spun, 'Chanel' weaves, and brocade.

SPECIAL & EVENING FABRICS

Look at our superb collection of sequinned, beaded and embroidered fabrics; some completely exclusive to us. We also have lace, delicate georgette and chiffon, printed silks, weighty viscose satin, silk or poly taffeta, cloqué, cotton mix Moiré, brocade, velvet, devoré velvet and stretch velour.

LAMINATED & TECH FABRICS

Laser cut, or snakeskin embossed superior snakeskin PVC. Fun and unusual quilted fabrics, luxurious faux fur in animal prints and opulent colours. Printed and plain polar, cuddle and microfleece. Black fleece backed polyamide twill for smart sportswear. Funky premium laminated printed cottons that are soft and supple enough to make a raincoat that won't 'crunch'. Fab printed ripstop nylon, natural and breathable silk-waxed cottons in vibrant colours. Various proofed fabrics and linings including linen, cashmere and printed.

Have a look at the fantastic double-sided fabrics about. There are two-tone Ponte Roma jerseys, bouclé coatings, wool tweed or heavy wool and cotton jerseys, whichever you choose we've got the ingredients for the girl who likes to change her mind.

HABERDASHERY,

TRIMS & LININGS...

HABERDASHERY

We have a huge range of haberdashery gadgets and requisites for all your sewing requirements. For our most popular items there is a haberdashery and interfacing catalogue which can be downloaded from the website for free or if you prefer a real copy please send £1.50 in stamps.

TRIMS

We have wool bindings, fold-over & plain petersham, lace trim, chenille, velvet, daisy braid, gimp, plain & printed rickrack, bias bindings- printed, PVC, two-tone, satin and plain, decorative elastic, and a whole lot more. Talk to us about your taste and requirements and we can send you samples.

LININGS

We can advise on the best lining for your sewing needs. Our most popular & versatile lining is 'Venezia', a high class tri-acetate and polyamide lining that's breathable, hypoallergenic, anti-static and most importantly; a joy to sew. For specialist projects we also stock plain & printed silk habotai, cupro, stretch, tricot, satin, and Jacquard coat linings. Send us a cutting of your fabric to match.

INTERFACINGS

Let us advise which of our numerous woven or knitted high quality iron-on and sew-in interfacings will be best for an optimum finish.

THREADS

Gütermann sew all, cotton, silk and Moon overlocker threads as well as various specialist threads.

ZIPPS

We have a comprehensive range of concealed, standard, jeans, bodice, continuous & open-end zips. Send a fabric swatch for matching or quote your Gütermann thread colour.

PATTERNS

We stock Vogue, Butterick, McCalls & Burda, and can order Simplicity patterns to go direct to your home.