

# Visual Fabric Maps

The printable companion guide to support your sewing projects.

## NON-STRETCH

Structure	<p><b>Crisp but still light</b></p> <p><i>Projects: shirts, summer tops, neat silhouettes</i></p> <p><u>Fabrics: broadcloth, poplin, oxford, seersucker, dobby, chambray</u></p>	<p><b>Stable fabrics</b></p> <p><i>Projects: pants, fitted skirts, jackets, light suiting</i></p> <p><u>Fabrics: twill, gabardine, linen, corduroy, suiting fabrics, jacquard</u></p>	<p><b>Shape-holding, architectural, outerwear zone</b></p> <p><i>Projects: coats, structured skirts, jackets, statement pieces</i></p> <p><u>Fabrics: denim, heavy wool, boucle, brocade, Mikado, shantung/dupioni, leather / suede, quilted fabrics, faux fur, tech fabrics (woven), ripstop</u></p>
	<p><b>Soft flow, movement, often semi-sheer</b></p> <p><i>Projects: blouses, flowing dresses, gathered skirts, overlays</i></p> <p><u>Fabrics: chiffon, georgette, challis, charmeuse, batiste, lawn, swiss dot, organza</u></p>	<p><b>Some body but still moves</b></p> <p><i>Projects: everyday dresses, skirts, relaxed tailoring</i></p> <p><u>Fabrics: crepe, sateen, satin, peachskin, rayon</u></p>	<p><b>Soft weight, relaxed bulk</b></p> <p><i>Projects: cozy skirts, soft jackets, seasonal garments</i></p> <p><u>Fabrics: wool crepe, flannel, some heavier linens</u></p>
	<b>Light Weight</b>	<b>Medium Weight</b>	<b>Heavy Weight</b>

## STRETCH

Structure	Light but holds shape	Stable stretch	Shape-holding architectural
	<i>Projects: polos, fitted tops, athletic layers</i>  <u>Fabrics: pique, interlock, cotton jersey</u>	<i>Projects: fitted dresses, pants, tailored knits</i>  <u>Fabrics: ponte, Liverpool, scuba knit, neoprene, double knit, interlock</u>	<i>Projects: outerwear, athleisure layers, structured garments</i>  <u>Fabrics: compression, tech fabrics, nylon blends, sherpa, cableknit, stretch boucle</u>
Drape	Flowy, soft, body-skimming	Moves but has some body	Soft bulk, cozy silhouettes
	<i>Projects: tops, gathered dresses, flowing skirts, layering</i>  <u>Fabrics: jersey knit, bamboo jersey, rayon jersey, ITY knits, mesh, lace, tricot, tulle</u>	<i>Projects: everyday dresses, tops, skirts</i>  <u>Fabrics: brushed knit, double knit, polyester blends, gauze, rib knit</u>	<i>Projects: relaxed sweaters, knit jackets</i>  <u>Fabrics: sweater knit, cashmere knit, rib knit (chunky)</u>
	Light Weight	Medium Weight	Heavy Weight

## DECISION GUIDE

### When choosing fabrics, consider:

1. Does it **DRAP**E or **HOLD SHAPE**? → determines silhouette
2. How **HEAVY** is it? → determines garment category

**PRO TIP:** If your **PATTERN** lives in the same zone as your fabric, it is a **GOOD** match

### Non-Stretch Examples:

- Lightweight + drapery → blouse
- Medium + structured → pants or fitted skirt
- Heavy + structured → outerwear
- Heavy + drapery → winter garments

### Stretch Examples:

- Lightweight + drapery → wrap dress
- Medium + structured → ponte pants
- Heavy + structured → knit jacket
- Heavy + drapery → oversized sweater