

BLANKETS

Buying Guide

Size

If you're buying a blanket for your bed, you need one that's large enough to cover the mattress with a few extra inches left to tuck in around the sides and bottom. Though exact sizes vary from manufacturer to manufacturer, typical blanket sizes are: Twin: 90-inch x 65-inch, Full/Queen: 90-inch x 85-inch, Queen: 90-inch x 90-inch and King: 90-inch x 110-inch.

Fabric

Winter blankets can be made from quite a few fabrics. Each of the fabrics has its own benefits, so choose the one that best suits your needs. Wool is a great choice if you want a blanket that's heavy, warm and provides excellent insulation. Another lightweight but very warm fabrics for blankets is down. Luxurious and soft, blankets made from cashmere are also warm and silky, but they tend to be very expensive. Cozy, extra warm, and yet not too heavy, fleece blankets are especially popular with children.

Hypoallergenic

Always opt for fabrics that are hypoallergenic. Hypoallergenic fabrics are basically those that were created without any harmful chemical substance, which have been known to be the main trigger for irritation and allergic reactions.

Weave

Along with different fabrics, blankets also have different weaves that provide varying levels of warmth. Cozy knit blankets are heavy & warm and usually made from wool or synthetic materials. Blankets made from Down are typically quilted to keep the fabric from shifting inside the blanket. Conventional weave is a very tight and close traditional weave that creates excellent insulation for body heat.

Breathability

The breathability of a blanket has an impact on its overall warmth. Thick, heavy blankets are not very breathable and thus retain body heat. Therefore, they are ideal to get cozy during frigid winter night. However, if you tend to sleep hot, a lightweight blanket will be a better option.

Durability

Make sure the blanket you're interested in is made with high-quality textiles to ensure it won't break down.

Care Instructions

Read the care instructions carefully before purchasing a blanket. While most blankets can be machine washed, some might require special care like dry cleaning. If you're looking for the most convenient care for your new blanket, choose one that can be machine washed.