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Size	Width	Length
A-G	52" (132cm)	2 yards (2 meters)
H-N	54" (137cm)	2.25 yards (2 meters)
O-S	58" (147cm)	2.5 yards (2.25 meters)
T-U	59" (150cm)	2.75 yards (2.5 meters)

Light to mid-weight woven fabrics with no stretch; such as linen, cotton (poplin, lawn, gauze, shirting, chambray, etc.), hemp, cupro, rayon or viscose, Tencel twill, etc.
3-7oz/square yard | 102-238 GSM

When selecting the fabric for your Pierce Shirt, think about how varying fabric types and weights will affect the look of the finished shirt. Fabrics with a good deal of drape will create a more relaxed, fluid garment; while mid-weight fabric will create a garment with more structure and volume. The oversized fit of the garment will be more evident in a structured fabric. Also, consider how you will be wearing the garment. For everyday wear, consider poplin, shirting or linen. For a more elevated piece, try cupro or Tencel twill.

The Pierce Shirt pattern layout is oriented in a cross-grain fashion. Most fabrics will be fine oriented on the cross-grain for a non-fitted garment. However, there are instances where this may not be ideal – for example, fabric with a definitive weave or a directional pattern, or you do not have fabric in the required width. Rotate the pattern layout to accommodate these issues (see page 57 for more info). The overall fabric requirements will change when making this adjustment.

Things to consider when selecting your fabric:

- For a beginner to zero-waste sewing and/or button-up shirt construction, I would suggest using a stable fabric, such as lightweight cotton, to ease the process of cutting out the pattern layout and sewing construction.
- If you plan on using a patterned fabric, consider how the pattern will work with the details of the garment.
- Heavier weight fabric may be used, but you will need to consider how the fabric will work when sewing the front pintucks and the bias bound hem. If you choose a heavier weight fabric, you may consider using a pre-made bias binding for ease of sewing and to reduce bulk at the neckline and hem.
- If you need to rotate the pattern layout orientation, use the chart on page 12 to help determine your fabric requirements. The “width” listed in the chart will become your required length X 2 and the “length” will become your required fabric width. Then, see page 57 for additional information on making this change.

IMPORTANT

If your fabric has the potential to shrink by more than 5% you should consider buying an extra ¼ yard or meter. If you make adjustments to the garment (e.g. adjust the length), the fabric requirements may change.

*The fabric requirement has been rounded up to the nearest ¼ yard or meter to accommodate straightening the raw edges and potential shrinkage. The fabric width has been rounded up to standard bolt widths. See page 12 for pattern layout dimensions to determine exact fabric requirements.