

A very brief discussion on Quilt Batting

The three most common types of batting are **Polyester**, **100% Cotton**, and **Cotton/Poly Blend**. Other types such as **Wool**, **Bamboo**, and **Silk** are also available, and more expensive. Below is a short description of each of these types of fiber:

- **Wool** is 100% natural fiber and shows fancy machine quilting very well. Also great for hand quilting. Wool is warmer than cotton and lighter in weight.
- **Bamboo** is an eco-friendly, natural fiber. Often blended with Cotton which helps breathability.
- **Silk** is also a natural fiber, very lightweight, soft, and breathable,
- **Polyester** is a petroleum-based, man-made product. It is very warm and does not breathe. We do not recommend using it.
- **100% Cotton** is a natural product, has good breathability, and is great for hand quilting.
- **Cotton/Poly Blend** (at least 80% cotton) is like 100% cotton in drape and thickness. Some polyester is needle punched into the cotton to make the batting stronger and good for machine quilting.

All Battings are not equal

Many battings are made with low-quality fiber. For Example, many low-quality battings will 'beard'. Bearding refers to wispy fibers that eventually seep out of the quilt top. This shedding is not only annoying, most long-arm quilters will NOT use it, including our long arm quilter.

Golden Quilt Company carries only batting that is made from high-quality cotton, wool, and bamboo. Your best bet is to purchase your batting from us. You will be happy.