

FABRICS

Linen

Linen, elegant, beautiful, durable, the refined luxury fabric. Linen is the strongest of vegetable fibres and has 2 to 3 times the strength of cotton. Linen tablecloths and napkins have been handed down generation to generation. Not only is linen fibre strong, it is smooth, making the finished fabric lint free. Fine china, silver and candles are enhanced by the lustre of linen, which only gets softer and finer the more it is washed.

Linen is from flax, a bast fibre taken from the stalk of the plant. The lustre is from the natural wax content. Creamy white to light tan, this fibre can easily be dyed and the colour does not fade when washed. Linen does wrinkle easily but also presses easily. Linen, like cotton, can also be boiled without damaging the fibre.

Highly absorbent and a good conductor of heat, this fabric is cool in garments. However, constant creasing in the same place in sharp folds will tend to break the linen threads. This wear can show up in collars, hems, and any area that is iron creased during laundering. Linen has poor elasticity and does not spring back easily.

Damask

Damask, jacquard weave, is a reversible rich weave, patterned in satin or plain weave.

Venise

Venise is a very fine Damask table linen consisting of large floral patterns