



LUXURY LINENS IN PALMA

Dear Islander Reader!

Let's talk about cotton, **Egyptian Cotton**.

As you probably all know, Cotton is a natural product. The cotton fibres grow on the fruits of the cotton plant. Egyptian Cotton is considered the best cotton in the world. Cultivated on the banks of the Nile, the cotton is picked by hand, the fibre is twisted and treated to create a yarn of exceptional quality.

It is a great experience to sleep in the highest quality of cotton which we call Egyptian Cotton. The longer the fibre, the higher the quality, which means softer quality, smoother and more beautiful.

These long fibres are spun into threads to make a fabric that is soft, well-ventilating and moisture absorbing.

The fabrics Percale Cotton and Satin Cotton are luxurious variants of Egyptian Cotton. They differ in weaving technique. Percale Cotton is cool, fresh, mat with a 'dry' touch. While Satin Cotton's features are velvet soft, shiny with a 'smooth' touch.

Both Percale and Satin Cotton are available in various thread counts (TC). This TC indicates the weave density, the number of threads per square inch. The higher the density, the stronger the fabric. So f.e. TC200 means 200 threads per square inch.

It is the length of the fibre in combination with the height of the thread count that makes the quality of fabric for bed linens.

Besides fabrics woven of Egyptian Cotton, we also have yarns spun of Egyptian Cotton to make towels. Creating the 'best' towel begins with the selection of the cotton. I prefer to work with the Portuguese manufacturer Abyss & Habidecor who weaves only the finest Egyptian combed cotton called Giza ELS (Extra Long Staple 37mm) – the most exclusive cotton. This cotton is generally considered to provide the finest quality yarn for textiles, with resistance, low piling and excellent absorption.

Cotton is produced in several locations around the world; requiring a long growth period, heat, moderate rain and slightly heavy soil. The cotton used for ABYSS Towels is GIZA Extra Long Staple (ELS). Cultivated in the Egyptian town of Giza along the Nile river. GIZA – ELS is still handpicked to respect the delicacy of the cotton flower.

Only 3% of the whole cotton production of Egypt is Extra Long Staple (ELS). Specific growth conditions will determine the quality of the fibre.

The Abyss Egyptian Cotton towels have the Oeko-Tex label that shows their commitment to invest in the ecology by using biological water treatment and biodegradable products. Moreover, the production process endeavours to exemplify respect for our environment. The Abyss towels are UV and Chlorine resistant

due to excellency in dyeing program. It is very important to be protected against salt water and lots of sun.

Caring instructions for Egyptian Cotton:

- Sort the linens by fibre, colour and type of item (sheets, towels, tablecloths).
- Use a mild liquid biodegradable detergent without added bleach or whiteners. Never use softeners because this causes the fibres to clog and the absorption capacity to decrease.
- Bedlinens to be washed in warm water, maximum 60 degrees Celsius.
- When machine drying, never use high temperatures.
- Use a steam iron on a warm/hot setting. For embroidered linens, iron them on the reverse side and while damp for best results.
- Store linens folded flat in a cool, dry, well-ventilated area. Not exposed to direct sunlight which can cause permanent yellowing.

'A good day starts with a good night'

It is for everybody of great importance to have a good night's rest and to sleep in high quality bed linen. Whether it is on the land, in the air or on the water ...

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