

Fabric Characteristics

Knits vs. Wovens

(weft)/(circular)

	<u><i>KNITS</i></u>	<u><i>WOVENS</i></u>
<i>Construction</i>	Interlooping	Interlaced
<i>Dimensional Stability</i>	Stretch	Very little elongation
<i>Shrinkage</i>	Higher	Lower
<i>Tendency to Pill</i>	Higher	Lower
<i>Tendency to Pick</i>	Higher	Lower
<i>Yarn Size for Given OSY</i>	Smaller	Bigger
<i>Fiber Density</i>	Lower	Higher
<i>Air Permeability</i>	Higher	Lower
<i>Conformability</i>	Conform to shape	Pucker and buckle
<i>Hand</i>	Generally softer	Generally firmer

Knits. . .

- ***STRETCH***
- ***Conform to shape***
- ***Comfort***
- ***T-shirts, Sweatshirts, Underwear***

*. . . what we normally associate with Knits
... BUT there are many more possibilities!*