

Easy Care

The newest advancement in button down shirts in the past 5 years has been the advancement of "easy care" material. With this material, the need to iron a shirt is greatly reduced or even eliminated.

For the most part, these really are easy care. The best ones are those made from a cotton/poly blend. There are some made from 100% cotton where the cotton material is treated to act like an "easy-care" shirt, but we have found they still require some minor ironing.

Weave/Material Definitions:

Nailhead: A jacquard knitting pattern in which the jacquard forms a design similar to small nail heads.

Oxford. A fine, lightweight woven cotton or cotton blend fabric with a 2x1 basket weave variation. Typically used for dress shirts.

Twill: A fabric characterized by micro diagonal ribs producing a soft, smooth finish. Commonly used for casual woven shirts.

End-on-End. A weave pattern in which the warp yarn (the yard running lengthwise) alternates between colors.

Houndstooth. A medium-sized broken check effect that is knit into the fabric.

Ladies Styles

In order to get the best women's fit in a button-down shirt, look for styles that are cut for a women's shape. Many will define that as a "silhouette". In addition, many will have front and back darts to improve the fit and compliment a women's shape.

Polyester

The best easy-care shirts have some polyester blend material. The polyester material is very soft and comfortable, not like the "scratchy" polyester from years ago. You will be pleasantly surprised.

Sizing

For the most part, the button down shirts featured on our website run true to size. So if you normally wear a large size, get a large size. If you are a 'tweener (sometimes a large and sometimes an extra large) get the bigger size. You will wear a shirt if it is too big, but you won't wear it if it is too small.

Shrinking

Again, because most sweatshirts are made with some cotton/polyester blend that keeps any shrinking that make occur to a minimum.