

5 ELEMENTS OF SWIMWEAR FABRIC

STRETCH

The fabric must have 2-way or 4-way stretch, meaning it can stretch in 2 or 4 directions. 4-way stretch is preferred!

WICKING

Swimwear must be able to handle water. Wicking means the fabric can withstand moisture and it can dry. Look for fabrics marked for swimwear in order to find wicking fabrics.

FABRIC DESCRIPTION SAYS...

Look for fabrics marked for swimwear, or sometimes for activewear. This way you know its wicking and can handle water.

CONTAINS SPANDEX

Spandex (or Lycra), when added into a fabric makes it stronger and resistant to oils and water for instance. Without spandex, the fabric usually isn't meant for swimwear and it may be too thin.

BLENDS WITH NYLON OR...

Spandex/Lycra usually blends with Nylon, Polyester, or Cotton to make swimwear fabric. E.g. Nylon Spandex. If you're unsure, double check to see if the fabric is marked for swimwear or activewear.

