



Bamboo Clothing A New Choice in Eco Fashion

Inside that tough, hard bamboo cane are plant fibers that can be processed to make fabric for bamboo clothing.

Bamboo has been used by many cultures throughout the years for housing, flooring, fencing, furniture and more while the fibrous inside is used to make paper and now clothing.

The idea for bamboo fabric is a **new process** developed by the Beijing University in 2001. The process which has been improved upon in the last few years has created an interest in bamboo clothing in particular by those of us interested in eco fashion.

Bamboo Facts :

- Bamboo is considered the fastest growing plant on earth.

- Mainly grown in China but other countries such as Ecuador, Australia, India and Columbia are looking to establish commercial and small bamboo plantations.
- It is a treelike plant that is really a member of the grass family.
- Certain varieties of bamboo can grow 1 to 4 feet in one day and it can spread rapidly by rhizomes[roots] underground and become invasive.
- Only certain varieties of bamboo can be used to create bamboo clothing.
- Bamboo can be harvested in 3-5 years.

The growth characteristics of bamboo make it a **valuable resource**. Fast growing and quick spreading, it improves the soil and stops erosion. Bamboo can be grown without fertilizers or pesticides since it is naturally disease and pest resistant. If more bamboo were grown and used instead of rain forest crops it could mean more photosynthesis and less greenhouse gases.

Bamboo is earth friendly but what's it like for clothing.

It's described as a fabric that feels like a cross between silk and cashmere. Soft, breathable, naturally antibacterial and anti fungal, thanks to "bamboo kun" a substance in the plant that helps it fight off disease and insects. These qualities are not lost during processing or repeated washings.

Bamboo clothing has a **soft, natural sheen** that is easy to care for and needs no bleach or fabric softener. Another plus for us and the environment.

It is very interesting that the fabric is antibacterial, it does not retain odours.