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For those living in colder climates, in homes with a cooler average room temp in winter, there is good news: It's flannel sheet season. Popularized as an outdoor workwear after the Industrial Revolution thanks to its warmth, resilience and affordability, flannel was popularized in the United States in the mid to late 19th century, when it was used to make long underwear and household items such as bedding. Flannel is constructed of cotton and man-made fibers, and brushes on one or both sides, giving it its soft, cozy feel. The brushed surface is what allows flannel to catch air and retain body heat while still breathable – and that's what makes it a popular bed linen especially in winter. Like flax, flannel is meant to be absorbent and moisture wicking, so well made flannel in theory should not cause sweaty sleep. So while they are generally warmer than basic cotton sheets, the softness gives them to use year-round. A user note about flannel sheets: Like linen sheets, washing flannel creates significant lint build-up in the dryer, especially after the first wash. This is reduced with subsequent washes, in our experience. And because of brushed on both sides nature of good quality flannel sheets, consumers can expect some pilling - a shedding of remaining fibers - especially in the first applications of the sheets. In total, we tested 10 sets of top rated flannel sheets in a variety of prices. After weeks of testing, these turned out to be the best: Luxurious without feeling too thick or too heavy, Garnet Hill offers a deliciously comfortable flannel sheet at a medium to high end price point, starting at \$197 for a queen set (which includes two pillowcases, a fitted sheet and a flat sheet). These flannel comes in many varieties of color and size, and instill confidence that you will get a quality product that will last for years to come. Very close to our general favourite because it is both very cozy and the most lightweight of all the sets we tested is West Elm's organic flannel sheets, which start at \$170 for a queen set. These sheets did not come out on top because they are available in just two colors and cannot be ordered a la carte as Garnet Hills sheets. If you sleep in very cold weather and you'll feel positively bundled, L.L.Bean makes a heavy flannel sheet for you - a competitive price point for the level of craftsmanship therein at \$119 for a queen set. Also delivering an excellent and very hot night of sleep, Pinzon of Amazon turns out a significant flannel sheet at just \$70.99 for a queen set. That's half the price of some of the other higher-end brands, but you won't feel like you're sacrificing quality. Garnet Hill Hemstitched Supima Flannel Bedding From straight out of the packaging to wake up on a chilly morning, Garnet Hill Hemstitched Supima Flannel sheets were our best overall. Garnet Hills product offered a warm, relaxing night's sleep overheated, which was a factor with some of the other sets. Garnet Hills flannel plates are made in a family-run mill in Portugal from 100% American-grown Supima - which stands for superior pima, which is a premium type of cotton grown in the United States, with an extra-long staple fiber that promises increased strength, softness and color retention. Supima is combed to remove impurities, and brushed several times for added softness. It is then treated with a velvet finishing process that seals the color and richness of the drug, ensures the quality of the draping, and reduces any pilling. And in fact, the Supima cotton here translates into a luxurious softness and smoothness without feeling too fuzzy or clammy. The design of the Garnet Hill sheets is simple and pretty, with a sewn hem on top of the top sheet and on the pillowcases, and they are available in 11 tasteful colors, more than any other brand we tested, including some nontraditional options such as a cool green and light pink. At 60 x 80 width and depth for a queen set, these felt more than any of the other sets. The mounted sheets are elastic for a better fit, we found some gap on the mounted sheet with plenty of width overhangs on the top sheet to fold. Some may prefer a tighter sheet, but we didn't mind not having to struggle to make the bed. We personally did not experience any pilling after washing this set, and they continued to feel extra soft to the touch after the first sinks and dryers, perhaps even more than straight out of the packaging. While we can't say with certainty that Garnet Hill would last longer than the other sets we tested, they felt of significant quality and durability, like bedding we would like to take out of storage at the first sign of a crisp autumn cold. What puts these over the top, in addition to their comfort and high-end feel, is their variety: You can buy individual mounted and top plates and pillowcases for easy replacement, and in a generous five different sizes. And bonus: You can get them monogrammed (which makes a sweet gift). At \$197 for a set of queen sheets, the price of these was on the steeper side for flannel sheets, but that price tag delivers a high-end, very well made, satisfying product. West Elm Organic Flannel Solid Sheet Set West Elm's Organic Flannel sheets were among our favourites to sleep in. Also made in Portugal, and brushed and cut for greater softness, West Elms flannel felt less fuzzy as well as smoother and slimmer than most of the other brands, whose slimmness is something you can say about a flannel. Because of the lower fuzz factor, these felt higher than many of the others. Like many of the West Elm catalogue, these sheets felt sophisticated, modern, cool. West Elms sheets were one of the cooler sheets - that is, they were still warm and cozy, providing a comfortable, relaxing night of sleep without overheating. These were easy to sleep in even when outside was still in the 70s, making these our flannel pick for warmer weather. Some of the other sets we tested felt equally high quality and lovely to the touch, but were heavier and thus less comfortable when the weather was warmer. In fact, for warmer swallows like our tests, this was a set we wanted to go back to night after night - they were cuddly and welcoming, like your favorite pajamas. These are also Global Organic Textile Standard and OEKO-TEX certified to a standard of 100, meaning they are tested in a third-party lab, ensured to be free of 300 harmful substances and meet strict standards such as having at least 70% organic fibers. Like the Garnet Hill sheets, West Elm's generous size is generous, with plenty of space in both the mounted and the top parks. After several washing and dry cycles, we saw a little pilling, which is to be expected even with high quality flannel. But through whitewashing and still sleep, these maintained an excellent bed fit and retained their softness and high quality feel. These ranked slightly lower than our highest just because you can't buy replacement sheets or pillowcases, and because they are available in just two colors, light gray and stone white. The color restriction didn't bother us that much, as it feels on brand for West-Elm in the neutral palette chic-comfort kind of way. The sets come in four sizes (twin, full, queen and king). If you're looking for cosy sheets that don't want you to wake up sweaty (and you don't expect to order individual sheets), then West Elm's Organic Flannel Solid Sheet Set is the one for you. L.L. Bean Ultrasoft Comfort Flannel Sheet Set Perhaps not surprisingly, our favorite flannel sheet in the toastiness department came from winter wear go-to L.L.Bean. By unboxing this set, our first impression was, well, the name fit - these are actually ultrasoft and they exude comfort. This L.L.Bean set feels taller, thanks to woven-in-Portugal brushed cotton, and a bean-exclusive process that removes surface fibers to create a velvet-like finish. These cost two-thirds of the price of two of our other top winners, but don't feel like a compromise in quality at all - and of course it was appealing too. The Ultrasoft Comfort sheets feel even softer and more comfortable after going through the washing machine and dryer, without pilling or fading. They are a more snug fit than our other winners, with little gap on the mounted sheet, and less extra length of the top sheet, and they seemed to fit the bed a little better after the first washing and drying. They are also available in a generous nine colors and four sizes - a good amount of variety. This is a warmer sleeper than any of the other sets, which is why we chose them as our best for cold winter nights. (They're not that hot, we found, like L.L.Bean's Premium Supimas, which we also tested, but they're also not that expensive.) These felt like a middleweight flank - which can be translated perfectly on a warm early autumn evening, and on a cool winter morning we still wanted to dwell with these and a warm cup of tea. Pinzon Signature Cotton Heavyweight Velvet Flannel Sheet Set One of our favorite warmer flannel sheet sets was Amazon Pinzon Signature Cotton Heavyweight Velvets. Straight out of the box, these were a thicker, warmer, durable emotion sheet. They are extra isolated and fluffy, a bit like a new stuffed animal, but without feeling like you're sleeping in your children's bedding. Pinzon sheets are made of 100% cotton velvet with a double-napped finish on both sides, making them extra soft and velvety to the touch. They are 190 grams of heavyweight flannel, a detail that reflects the number of grams it takes to make up a garden fabric, which explains why they feel heavier and are longer lasting. They provided a relaxing, comfortable night of sleep in both colder and warmer weather – we didn't feel burdened by these on early autumn evenings, as with some of the other sets. These were a rum fit on the bed, not tight, but not baggy either. They wash and dry without shrinking or pilling, and retain their robustness after whitewashing. Pinzon is available in 11 different colors or patterns, but only queen, king and California king sizes, and you can't buy replacement sheets or pillowcases, which cost these a few points in overall rank. If a midprice, good quality, dense sheet is on your list, these hit the mark. These kept admirably their own among all the sets tested, but unlike some of the higher priced sheets, these are not made of Supima cotton nor are they certified-organic - a factor reflected, quite enough, in price. For \$70, though, Pinzon feels - and sleep - more yd. We tested 10 sets of flannel sheets based on two primary criteria: quality and variety. We unpacked each set and sneaked right into them to record initial impressions. We made notes, prepared a bed with the sheets, slept on them right out of the packaging, washed and dried them in the dryer and applied them to the same bed and slept on them again, several times. (Note: As did linen sheets we tested, all sets of flannel sheets created a lot of dryer lint during the first drying cycle - which, a stop dryer cycle and scoop out laughed partially through the amount of lint.) We noted how they felt touching, against the face and body, as well as when they vomit, sleep and wake up, and how they felt after money laundering and reuse. We noticed which sets felt warm and cozy, which felt solid or perhaps too heavy, and that may have led to noticeable body temperature problems. Quality and feeling First feeling: How do they feel right out of the box: Are they soft? Are they thick or roughly average? High quality feel or ... less so? We opened each set of sheets with the following question: How do they feel in your hands? Is this a product you want to put on your bed, and against your skin? Sleep feeling: How do they feel about on? We made notes on each set of sheets whether they were soft (or too soft), fuzzy, cozy, heavy, high quality. And finally, how they promoted a night of sleep. How they feel after washing: We evaluated whether the sheets softened a lot after washing and drying, and the wrinkle factor. (Note: The wrinkle factor was medium to high for most of them after being dried without ironing.) Shelf life after sleep and washing/drying: We assessed whether each set felt durable after several washing and drying cycles, and whether the sheets began to pill or fade or become worn in any way. Fitting the bed: We made a bed with each set of sheets several times, considering how well they fit, and noticed whether they were tight or loose, gapping or sagging. (Note: many of the sets, even the more expensive ones, were more spatial in both width and length than the usual cotton sheets we usually use.) We noted whether the mounted sheet was marked with which end is top or bottom, if there was enough width and length of the top sheet to stick under the top mattress, and in general, if the bed process was laborious at all. Options Number of sizes: We evaluated how many different size options there were for each sheet mark (although all included at least full, queen and king, and those who offered twin, California king or other specialized sizes were awarded higher scores). Colors: We noted how many colors each sheet set was available in: Some were available in just two, while others were available upwards of 10. Availability of individual replacements: We considered whether you can buy individual sheets and pillowcases for each set for those consumers who need replacements, want to mix and match colors or styles, or simply don't want or need a top park, for example. Each set of sheets received a score in each subcategory, and the sum of these subcategory results was the total rating for that set. We also took into account the price, as well as any minor differences in design and packaging presentation. Check out how we broke down the points below. Quality (feeling had a total of 70 points: First feeling right out of the box (10 points); how they feel to sleep at (comfort level, as well as heat) (20 points); afterwash feeling (did they soften) (15 points); shelf life after washing (any pilling, shrinkage, fading, after either sleeping or washing/drying?) (15 points); bed fits: (do they glide at all, or stay in place?) (10 points) The options had a total of 30 points: number of size options (10 points); color options (10 points); availability of individual replacements of sheets or pillowcases (10 points) L.L. Bean Premium Supima Finell Sheet Collection L.L.Bean Premium Supima Flannel Sheet Collection (\$199 for a queen set, llbean.com) On the higher end of both quality and price of the sheets we tested, L.L.Bean's Premium Supimas fell. These felt thicker than most sets and lavish to take with a neat sewn hem on top of the top sheet and pillowcases. This set was very cozy, cozy, in warmer weather, perhaps a little too hot - we imagined that these are perfect for a cold northeast night in a cabin. And if that's your reality, and you get these, they'll probably last for years to come. These sheets were wider and more spacious than many of the other sets. They are only available in three sizes, full, queen and king, but you can order separate pillowcases in full size and king size. The Company Store Legends Hotel Velvet Flannel Sheets Company Store Legends Hotel Velvet Flannel Sheets (\$152 for a Queen Set; thecompanystore.com) A more affordable option that also offered a relaxing night of sleep was The Company Store Legends Hotel Velvet Flannel. They were soft, cozy, comfortable and warm, woven from 100% combed cotton - a cotton made from removing the shortest fibers and impurities - in Portugal, but felt a little less luxury to the touch, and flickering of fabrication than any of the more expensive brands above. These are perfectly suited to our bed and are conveniently labelled TOP at one end of the mounted sheet. They are available in four sizes and in 11 colors, and can also be monogrammed. Boll & Branch Flannel Sheet Set Boll & Branch Flannel Sheet Set (\$280 for a Queen Set; bollandbranch.com) Luxury linen maker Boll & Branch also turns out a gorgeous flannel set from fair trade organic cotton that is GOTS certified and OEKO-TEX certified to the standard 100. Boll & Branch prides itself on acquiring from ethical factories with fair wages and environments. Their flannel is also made in Portugal, and is brushed and cut for a more velvety finish. The quality of these was noticeable to the touch, and they were solid and warm, without overheating, at least in colder temperatures. On warmer nights we found these to be a little too heavy, though, and for higher price there were other sets we liked just as much as these. They are a wider fit, as many we tested, but not noticeably so. They come in six different sizes, but only five colors, and you can not buy replacements. Home Fashion Designs Flannel Sheets Home Fashion Designs Flannel Sheets (starting at \$47.89 for a queen set; amazon.com) If you're looking for a child-friendly, more affordable set of flannel sheets, Home Fashion Designs on Amazon is a great destination. These 100% Turkish cotton flannel sets are comfortable and warm without being too warm, sturdy without being too heavy, delivering hearty nights of rest. They come in eight cute patterns, including the elk-pine tree motif we tested, along with penguins, polar bears, winter wonderland and a host of others. Perhaps expected based on the price, Home Fashion Designs felt of a quality notch below many of the others we tested, but they were certainly comfortable and more than satisfying. These earned a tighter fit than many of the others, which we didn't mind, per se, but wouldn't have objected to a little more length on the sides of the top sheet, either. You can't buy replacements, but the price point here buys multiples a little more feasible. Mellanni 100% Cotton Flannel Sheet Set Mellanni 100% Cotton Flannel Sheet Set (\$42.97 for a queen set; amazon.com) Another solid choice in the lower price category is cotton flannel set from Mellanni. The main description we noted in the evaluation of Mellanni's was fuzzy - imagine sleeping with a child's teddy bear enveloping you; they started very soft, and after a wash and drying became even softer. These fit the bed narrower than many of the sets tested and we want a little more to fold on the sides, thank you very much. This was a second place to Pinzon by Amazon set in the best bargain flannel sheet category, but they just don't feel as high quality as Pinzon. They offer a lot of variety though, with six sizes and nine colors at a very attractive price point. Threshold Printed Flannel Sheet Set Threshold Printed Flannel Sheet Set (\$30 for a Queen Set; target.com) At \$30 for an entire set of queen sheets, the threshold printed flannel sheet is the cheapest set we tested. For this price range, these are solid and satisfying, but they are not ranked as our bargain because the quality does not feel as high as the other sets. This was the only set that came in a cute flannel bag with Velcro, which is a nice touch. They come in nine cute patterns (floral, checkered, stripes), but note that the pattern is only printed on the top and mounted sheets, and the pattern-printed side is softer and cozier than the non-printed side. These are a warmer sleeping, but suitably comfortable, especially for the price. If this is the price range you're looking for and you don't need your sheets to last for decades to come, we recommend these. Read more from CNN Underlined's practical testing: testing:

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