# TALIT KATAN

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The minimum size for the garment of a *talit katan* is large enough to wrap your torso in, in front and in back: 17 inches (43 cm) wide and 17 inches (43 cm) long, from the top edge to bottom edge and so the total minimum dimensions will be 17 inches wide by 34 inches long. The optimal size is 24 inches wide and 24 inches long on each side (resulting in dimensions of 24 inches by 48 inches.



The minimum width for a talit katan is 17 inches

## TALIT KATAN: MATERIAL

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A *talit katan* (or a *talit gadol)* must be made from at least 51% natural fibers.

## TALIT KATAN: MARKING

### Talit Katan: Marking Front and Back

A *talit katan* do not need to be marked with a front and back, but some people have a custom to do so.

## TALIT KATAN: BLESSINGS

### Talit Katan: Blessings: Shema if You Wake Up Early

SITUATION You wake up early and want to say *shema* (in case you return to sleep and might miss the latest time to say morning *shema*).

WHAT TO DO

- You need to wear only a *talit katan* (not a *talit gadol*).
- Say the blessing *al mitzvat tzitzit,* even if you normally would later put on a *talit gadol* and therefore would not normally say that blessing over a *talit katan*.

### Talit Katan: Blessings: Shabbat or Jewish Festival Talit Katan

SITUATION You switch to a special *talit katan* right before *Shabbat* and *Jewish festivals*.

WHAT TO DO You do not need to say another blessing over the special *talit katan* if to switch:

- Is your normal intention (even if you did not specifically intend to switch when you put on your *talit katan* that morning), or
- Is NOT your normal intention but you did intend to switch later that afternoon.

You must say another blessing if to switch:

- Is not your normal intention and you also did not intend to switch when you put on the *talit katan* that morning.

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