

Wick-er Warmup Wicking Sport & Travel Towel

For want of a better description, they're calling this the Travel Towel, but it seems there's nothing this towel can't do. It's lightweight, soft, smooth, thermal, stretchy, quick-wicking, permanently anti-microbial, and it comes with an SPF sunblock rating between 15 and 40, depending on the color. It is made of the same stuff as the most advanced athletic wear (and, as a bonus, scientifically designed to permanently repel odor-causing bacteria). I used this wondrous, "Large size" 36"-by-60"-inch piece of hemmed cloth to dry myself off after a shower the other evening-- a job that usually takes one normal towel for my body and another for my hair. The Wicking Travel Towel dried my skin pat-down style--I didn't have to rub--without leaving any damp spots. It removed so much water from my hair, which is long enough to reach the middle of my back, that my hair was completely air dry in less than half an hour. By morning, the towel was completely dry as well. Because of its wicking properties, the patent-pending cloth dries three times faster than cotton, so says Leslie Hanes, the Canadian woman who invented it. And because they are using silver ion technology--the silver is embedded in the cloth--the towel's anti-microbial properties will never wash out. The feel of the fabric is nice enough to wear as a scarf or a beach cover.

And I've even tried it on a recent airplane trip to block airborne germs--more attractive and practical than a surgical mask--and as a barrier to whatever diseases might have been lurking in the hotel-room pillows. It's available in smaller sizes and in the following colors: navy, black, red dark green, purple, royal blue and gold.
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