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road test COMFORTERS

TOO LIGHT, TOO HEAVY, TOO LUMPY, TOO PRICY? REST EASY. WE AUDITIONED DOZENS IN A NONSTOP SLUMBER PARTY TO FIND THE PERFECT PICKS FOR YOU.

BEST MIDWEIGHT

Pacific Coast Luxury

Just right for the not-too-hot and not-too-cold. Clever construction keeps the goose down from shifting. As with all comforters, a daily shake maintains fluffiness. Professionally launder.*

TO BUY: \$350 (full/queen), pacificoast.com.

BEST BARGAIN

Ikea Mysa Vete, Warmth Rate 3

More-affordable duck down and feathers stand in for goose down. Weightier than others here (a bit blanketlike), but what a price! Medium warmth. Machine wash.

TO BUY: \$80 (full/queen), ikea.com.*

BEST NONDOWN

NATURAL

Plumeria Bay Winter Mulberry Silk

For sensualists with allergies, silk filaments packed inside a satiny cover. A little heavier than down, it gently envelops your body. Medium warmth. Dry-clean.

TO BUY: \$365 (queen), plumeriabay.com.



* Why? Because you need a big, industrial-size machine.

BEST LIGHTWEIGHT

Eddie Bauer Superior Light

About as warm as a wool blanket, this goose-down comforter takes the chill off a cool evening (or the A/C in summer). Machine wash.

TO BUY: \$359 (queen), eddiebauer.com.

BEST HEAVYWEIGHT

The Company Store Alberta Supersize Ultra Warmth

For seriously cold climates or those who can never get warm. Filled with breathable goose down. Wider and longer than average, it's ideal for tossers, turners, and blanket hogs. Machine wash.

TO BUY: \$279 (queen), thecompanystore.com.

BEST LUXURY

Yves Delorme Continental

Top-quality goose down fluffs ethereally high, trapping more air (and heat). Cotton batiste outside is delicious to touch, but protect it with a cover. Medium to heavy, warmth-wise. Professionally launder.

TO BUY: \$700 (queen), gracioushome.com.

BEST NONDOWN

SYNTHETIC

Garnet Hill Primaloft

The space-age hypoallergenic filling is airy, breathable, and light, and it doesn't bunch up the way down can. It also dries much faster after laundering. Medium warmth. Machine wash.

TO BUY: \$228 (full/queen), garnethill.com.