CLOTHING RETAILERS

Children with autism and sensory challenges have many enemies when it comes to clothing. Clothing tags, exposed elastic bands and itchy socks are just some of the challenges facing children with special needs. As more parents start requesting sensory friendly clothing more stores will start to carry these products.

To get you started in the comfortable clothing hunt we found a few stores that sell sensory friendly clothing:

1. Soft Clothing



<u>Soft</u>, founded in 2007 addresses the sensory clothing needs of more than 25% of American children. This population is growing 15% annually. Soft clothing offers hundreds of different sensory friendly items from seamless socks to soft denim. All Soft clothing is made from organic cotton, non-toxic dyes, tagless labels and flat seams.

Website: Softclothing.net

NB Soft shoes can be found from Dr Lightfoot (Amazon)

2. Smart Knit Kids



<u>Smart Knit Kids</u> Focuses on seamless socks, underwear and t-shirts for boys and girls. Their patented seamless socks are perfect for children experiencing sensory processing differences, hypersensitivity or who simply can't stand annoying seams!

- Free of any seams
- Reduces wrinkling and bunching in the shoe
- Unique, no heel design
- Comfortable non-binding top

Website: smartknitkids.com

3. Kozie Clothes



<u>Kozie Clothes</u> offers apparel and products with special features including soft and tactile pleasing fabrics, no tags and inverted seams for comfort. Kozie clothes also offers weighted clothing, compression clothing, and weighted vests.

Website: kozieclothes.com

4. Therapro



<u>Therapro</u> offers products in over 20 categories for occupational therapists, speech therapists, physical therapists, educators, and parents. In their clothing category, Therapro offers <u>sensory smart</u> vests, shirts, socks and pants that are seamless, soft cottons and designed for those with sensory sensitivities. At Therapro you can also find <u>compression shirts</u> and other <u>comfort clothing</u> with weight options.

Website: therapro.com

5. Fun And Function



<u>Fun And Function</u> offers hundreds of products for special needs parents and therapists. In their clothing section you can find super soft, seamless, tagless dresses, leggings, pants tees and socks that are designed for children with sensory issues. Fun and Function also has a <u>compression vest section</u> with various graphics printed on them.

Website: <u>funandfunction.com</u>

6. Kickee Pants



Although not designed specifically for children with special needs <u>Kickee Pants</u> creates all their fabrications and styles based on the idea that children should feel unrestricted by their clothing. All Kickee Pants clothing is made from the softest bamboo cotton. They offer fashionable styles and a great selection of Dresses, Pants, Tights Underwear, Leggings, Pajamas and more.

Website: kickypants.com

7. World's Softest Socks



The <u>World's Softest</u> makes over 40 different soft and comfortable socks for men and woman. This site is great for older individuals who are sensory sensitive and need soft socks. You can choose from low cut, quarter, mini crew, over the calf and more. There is sure to be a soft sock to fit your needs.

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Website: worldssoftest.com

8. No Netz



<u>No Netz</u> focuses on one product: Bathing suits for men and boys with no lining or net. For many the lining in bathing suits can cause skin irritation and chaffing. It can be very difficult for children with autism or sensory challenges to enjoy swimming when the lining rubs against the skin. Choose from three different fashions with more being added soon.

Website: nonetz.com

MARKS AND SPENCER

M and S are now selling uniform that should help those with autism and tactile sensitivity.. Things they sell include:

- Pull up trousers to age 16 with label sewn into pocket and no back pocket. Also repels water and stains.
- Shirts and long sleeve polo shirts for boys and girls with the top 4 buttons replaced with soft Velcro in a hidden panel
- Ultimate comfort sock with cushioned heel and sole and flat toe seam (not seamless though)

M and S are donating 10% of sales to the NAS.