

What is Hosiery?

Hosiery is a term that englobes all the fashion garments you wear over your legs. Also called pantyhose (mainly in the US) and legwear, hosiery is part of the intimates, closely related to lingerie.

Hosiery is widely used by both women and men all around the world. Although most people wear hosiery in winter, people wear hosiery all year round.

SOCKS

Thick socks	Cotton socks
Lace socks	Fishnet socks
Ankle highs	Knee highs
Over the knee socks	Footlets/footsies

LEGGINGS

Leggings are a type of all footless opaque tights. Leggings shouldn't be see-through and should be worn as trousers. If they aren't fully opaque, they shouldn't be considered leggings. When leggings look like jeans, then they are called **jeggings**.

A picture of leggings



Source: UKTights.com | Welford

More info:

[The Hosiery Glossary](#)

TIGHTS

Image of Tights



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Key Concepts in Hosiery

Opaque hosiery (High Denier)	Sheer hosiery (Low Denier_
Footless hosiery	Open toe/toeless hosiery
Fishnet hosiery	Lace hosiery
Glossy hosiery (shiny)	Matte hosiery
Seamed hosiery	Seamless hosiery
Run/Ladder resist hosiery	Crotchless hosiery
Support/Compression hosiery	Control/Shaping hosiery

STOCKINGS

Stockings go up to the thighs. They need to be worn with suspenders, otherwise, they will slip down.

Image of stockings

HOLD UPS

Hold ups are stockings with a latex band, which holds the stockings without the need of suspenders.

* In the US, hold ups are usually called Stay Ups or Thigh Highs

Image of hold ups



Source: UKTights.com | Girardi

Tights are a single piece of garment that goes from toes to waist. Tights are the most popular garment of hosiery. You have a wide type of [tights styles](#).

* In the US, tights are usually called stockings or pantyhose



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