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List of claims (replaces all prior versions):

1. (Currently Amended) A method of making a finished fabric at least 90 inches wide comprising:

forming at least two discrete performance fabric portions that are to be joined to form the finished fabric, at least one of the discrete performance fabric portions being formed of a performance fabric that has been circularly knit at a high gauge, the performance fabric comprising a synthetic material in a proportion such that the fabric could be circularly knit at no more than a 72.5 inch circumference without losing integrity of the fabric; and

joining at least two discrete performance fabric portions to form the finished fabric.

2. (Previously Presented) The method of claim 1, wherein forming at least two discrete performance fabric portions comprises knitting at least two discrete performance fabric portions.

3. (Canceled)

4. (Previously Presented) The method of claim 1, wherein joining at least two discrete performance fabric portions to form the finished fabric comprises stitching at least two discrete performance fabric portions together to form the finished fabric.

5. (Currently Amended) A method of making a bed sheet at least 90 inches wide from performance fabric comprising:

circular knitting at least two discrete performance fabric portions, at least one of the discrete performance fabric portions being formed of a performance fabric that has been circularly knit at a high gauge, the performance fabric comprising a synthetic material in a

proportion such that the fabric could be circularly knit at no more than a 72.5 inch circumference without losing integrity of the fabric;

stitching at least two discrete performance fabric portions; and  
heat setting finishing the stitched at least two discrete performance fabric portions.

6. (Previously Presented) The method of claim 1, further comprising providing piping to the finished fabric.

7. (Previously Presented) The method of claim 1, wherein the at least two discrete performance fabric portions have different fabric characteristics.

8. (Previously Presented) The method of claim 7, wherein fabric characteristics are selected from the group consisting of moisture management, UV protection, anti-microbial, thermo-regulation, wind resistance and water resistance.

9. (Withdrawn) A finished fabric at least 90 inches wide comprising: a first circular knitted performance fabric; and a second circular knitted performance fabric; wherein the first and second performance fabrics are discrete; and wherein the first and second performance fabrics are joined to form the finished fabric.

10. (Withdrawn) The finished fabric of Claim 9, wherein the finished fabric comprises a bed sheet.

11. (Withdrawn) The finished fabric of Claim 9, further comprising piping.

12. (Withdrawn) The finished fabric of Claim 9, wherein the first and second performance fabrics have different fabric characteristics.

13. (Withdrawn) The finished fabric of Claim 12, wherein fabric characteristics are selected from the group consisting of moisture management, UV protection, anti-microbial, thermo-regulation,  
wind resistance and water resistance.

14. (Withdrawn) A bedsheets comprising a performance fabric of a man-made fiber, the performance fabric having higher breathability, higher heat transfer, and higher moisture wicking characteristics than a cotton fabric.

15. (Withdrawn) The bedsheets of claim 1 in which the fabric is knit of the man-made fiber.

16. (Withdrawn) The bedsheets of claim 1 in which the fabric has a gauge of at least 17 gauges.

17. (Withdrawn) The bedsheets of claim 1 in which the fabric is circularly knit.

18. (Withdrawn) The bedsheets of claim 1 being stretchable to fit either a baby crib and an adult bed.

19. (Withdrawn) A bedsheets comprising a circularly knit fabric including a high performance man-made fiber.

20. (Withdrawn) The bedsheet of claim 6 in which the bedsheet comprises at least two sections of the circularly knit fabric.

21. (Withdrawn) A bedsheet comprising a knit fabric that includes polyurethanepolyurea copolymer fiber in a proportion that, if circularly knit at a high gauge, could be knit at no more than a 72.5 inch circumference without losing the integrity of the polyurethanepolyurea copolymer fiber.

22. (Withdrawn) A bed covered by a bedsheet comprising a performance fabric of a man-made fiber, the performance fabric having higher breathability, higher heat transfer, and higher moisture wicking characteristics than a cotton fabric.

23. (Withdrawn) A bed covered by a bedsheet comprising a circularly knit fabric including a high-performance man-made fiber.

24. (Withdrawn) A bedsheet that is sufficiently stretchable to fit a standard rectangular bed and a smaller, non-rectangular marine bed.

25. (Withdrawn) A bedsheet that is sufficiently stretchable to fit either a crib or a standard adult bed.

26. (Previously Presented) The method of claim 1, wherein the two discrete performance fabric portions are joined by flatlock stitching.

27. (Previously Presented) The method of claim 1, comprising

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