

TEXTILES



WHAT ARE TEXTILES?

Textiles are materials made from threads or fibres. People use textiles to make clothes, blankets, curtains, and many other things we use every day. Textiles have been made for thousands of years. There are many kinds of textiles. Cotton is soft and light, while wool is warm and thick. Silk is shiny and smooth, and linen is cool and strong. Each type is used for different things. Textiles are a big part of our lives. They help us stay comfortable and add colour and beauty to the world.

WHERE DO TEXTILES COME FROM?

Textiles are made from different fibres. Some come from plants, like cotton, which grows on a cotton plant, or linen, which comes from a plant called flax. Others come from animals, like wool from sheep and silk from silkworms.

HOW ARE TEXTILES MADE?

To make textiles, fibres are twisted into threads. These threads are then woven, knitted, or sewn together to make fabric. In the past, people made textiles by hand. Today, machines help make textiles much faster.

WHY ARE TEXTILES IMPORTANT

Textiles keep us warm, protect us from the sun, and make our homes comfortable. They are used to make clothes, bedding, and even furniture covers. People also use textiles for art and decoration.

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EXAMPLE QUESTIONS:

1. What are textiles made from?
2. Can you name two plants that are used to make textiles?
3. How were textiles made in the past?
4. What are some things people use textiles for?
5. Can you name two different types of textiles and describe them?