Fabric Construction

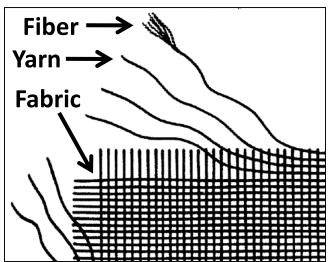
Yarn Twists, Weaving, Pile Weaves, Knits, and Non-Wovens



Fiber — Yarn — Fabric

- I.All fabric is made from <u>fiber</u>, either natural or synthetic.
- 2. The fiber is processed and twisted into **yarn**.
- 3. The yarn is then woven or knit into **fabric**.





How It's Made!

Watch the short video from "How It's Made" on the fiber to fabric process.





Fiber Blends

- I. Fibers are often <u>blended together</u> to increase strength, durability, absorption, and other characteristics.
- 2. The most common fiber blend is:

Cotton & Polyester

Others Include: Wool & Nylon Raime & Cotton

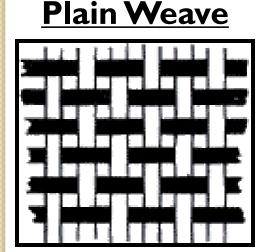


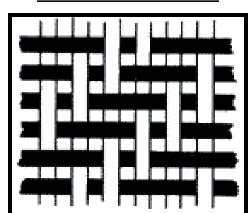
FABRIC TYPE #1

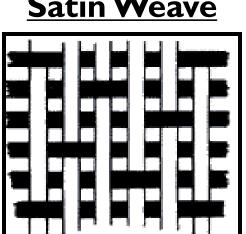
WOVEN FABRICS

- Woven fabrics are created by the interlocking of warp and weft yarns at right angles.
- Woven cotton fabric is the easiest fabric to sew on.
- The three main types of woven fabric are:

Twill Weave Satin Weave



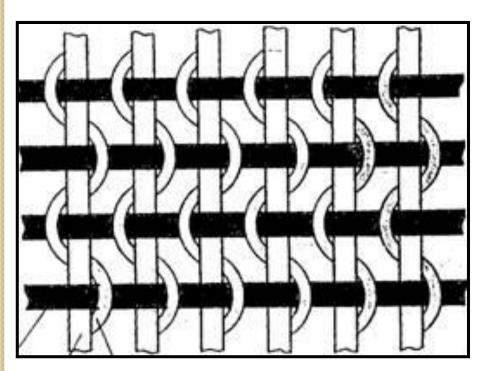


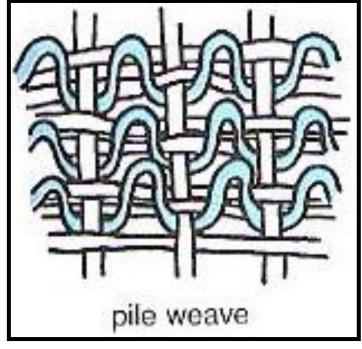




Pile Weaves

- I. Pile weaves are woven with **three** sets of yarns instead of two.
- 2. The extra yarn gives the final fabric more texture.

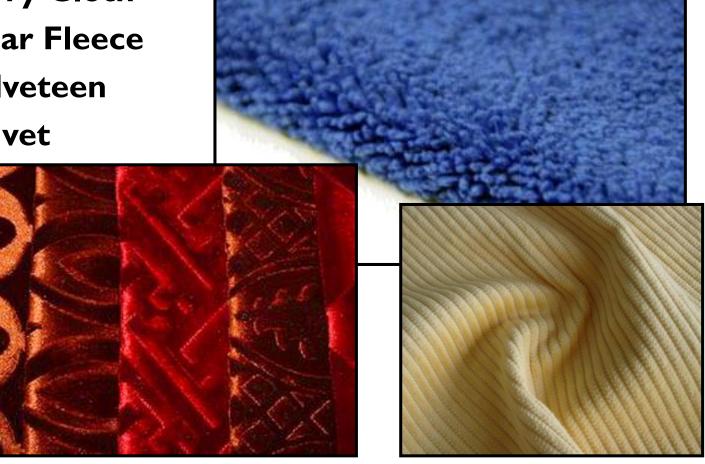




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3. Examples of Pile Fabrics:

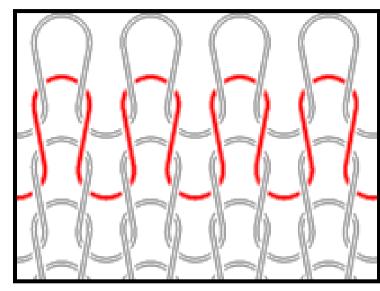
- a. Corduroy
- b. Terry Cloth
- c. Polar Fleece
- d. Velveteen
- e. **Velvet**

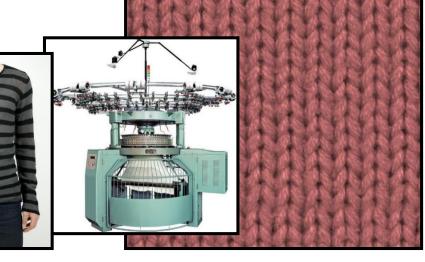


FABRIC TYPE #2

KNIT FABRICS

- I. Knit fabrics are created by the continuous interlocking or looping of yarn.
- 2. Knits are popular because:
 - a. They are easy to care for.
 - b. They are **inexpensive** to produce.





Knits, cont.

3. Examples of Knit Fabrics:



FABRIC TYPE #3 NON-WOVEN/FELTED FABRICS

I. Non-woven/felted fabrics

are created by interlocking and shrinking a mass of fibers together with heat, moisture and pressure.

2. The best fibers used to create non-woven/felted fabrics are:

- Wool
- Rayon mixed with hair or fur fibers



<u>Felt</u>

- 1. Felt is a popular type of non-woven fabric.
- 2. Felt comes in a variety of thicknesses, are easy to shape, will not unravel, and has shock and sound absorbency.
- 3. Felt will not recover from stretching, and holes in it cannot be mended satisfactorily.



Interfacing

- I. Interfacing is a non-woven fabric used to strengthen and stabilize other fabrics.
- 2. Interfacing comes in a variety of weights, thicknesses and colors.
- 3. Most modern interfacings have heat-activated adhesive on one side. These are called "fusible" interfacings.

