

1. combed cotton yarn	fibres of long, even lengths; noticeably softer and higher in quality than carded cotton	17. decorative technique	a technique to enhance a design that is also appropriate to the end purpose
2. communication	the ability to impart an understanding or meaning using text, speech, visual signals or behaviour	18. denier	a unit of weight that measures the fineness of a yarn
3. computer-aided design (CAD)	various technologies, both hardware and software, that can be used to create fashion illustrations or pattern design	19. design	a process that uses a combination of aesthetic and functional components to create solutions for an identified need; a sketch or plan for work so a project can be developed
4. computer-aided manufacture (CAM)	various items of technological equipment or machinery that can aid in the production of textile design and construction	20. design for environment (DIE)	an initiative that encourages businesses to give greater thought to the design of products to avoid or minimise significant environmental impact; also sometimes called ecodesign
5. contemporary influences	current trends, such as concern for the environment, sustainability and attention to ecodesign	21. design image transfer	a process by which a digital image is transferred to a textile item using a paper medium and heat
6. contrast	an unexpected change in the visual elements of a design; created through colour, shape, line or texture	22. dimension stability	the inability of a fabric to shrink or stretch
7. core-spun yarn	yarn with a centre or core of one fibre composition, around which another fibre is spun or wrapped	23. direct digital printing (DDP)	printing directly onto fabric using inkjet technology and computer-aided design (CAD) systems and programs
8. corset	a bodice stiffened with buckram, wood or metal	24. direction	how the eye is led around a design, determined by the type of line used and the direction of the line produced in the design
9. cotton	a cellulosic fibre produced by the cotton plant, which is a member of the Hibiscus family	25. drape	how a fabric hangs or falls
10. cotton gin	a drum with fine, hook-shaped wires projecting from it that held the seeds back while the cotton lint was pulled away; invented in 1794		
11. couching	the process of attaching decorative yarns or cords to fabric		
12. course	a horizontal row of loops in knitted fabric		
13. crinoline	a stiffened hoop or petticoat that provides a structural support for a skirt; often creates a dramatic silhouette		
14. cultural influences	the influence of a culture's dance and movement, its art, social life and practising artists, such as musical icons or celebrities		
15. culture	a system of shared beliefs, values, customs, behaviours and artefacts that are unique and transmitted from generation to generation		
16. darts	formed from triangular shapes on the pattern piece that taper to a point; used to shape the fabric to fit the body, found at the bust, waistline and hips		