

seamless technology	the process of making seamless garments
selvedge	the reinforced edge of a fabric that does not fray
shape	a closed line; one of two types: organic or geometric
shirring	a technique similar to gathering, except an elastic bobbin thread is used to draw up the fabric
shrink resistance	the inability of a fabric to contract or distort

slub yarn

yarn that can be made from either single or ply yarns

spinning jenny

a machine that allowed 16 or more yarns to be spun simultaneously by one person

spunlacing

a method that involves bonding a web by interlocking and entangling the fibres using high-velocity streams of water

stabiliser

a textile material used to support and stabilise fabric during decorative sewing processes; there are four basic types: cut-away, tear-away, heat-away and wash-away

staple fibres

short fibres

story cloth

pictorial embroideries,
known by the Hmong
people as paj ntaub tib
neeg

strength

the ability to resist
breaking

sublimation

a dyeing process in which the
dye changes from a solid to a
gas without passing through
the normal liquid stage in
between

sublimation printing

a process that uses a medium
and heat to transfer a visual
element to a textile product
such as fabric meterage

sun resistance

the ability to withstand
deterioration when
exposed to the sun

TCF

textile, clothing and footwear

text type

a style of font

texture

the surface characteristics of a design; has two main types: visual and tactile

textured filament yarn

yarn made from synthetic filaments that have been modified to add texture, bulk and elasticity to yarns

thermal property

the ability to withstand and transfer heat

toga

a semicircle of woollen fabric that was draped around the body

trademark

a mark used for the identification of goods or services, such as a word, phrase, letter, number, sound, scent, shape, logo, picture or aspect of packaging, or combination of these

trimming

the application of a braid, lace, motif and so on to embellish a textile item

tucks

stitched folds of varying widths, which normally have a space between them