

nylon	a synthetic fibre with a protein-like structure and tough, lightweight and elastic properties
OHS	occupational health and safety
orthogonal drawing	a type of technical drawing
panniers	a structural framework worn as an under garment with the specific purpose of changing the silhouette of a garment at the hips
Pellon	a fusible textile material made from polyester that is used as a fabric layer to add bulk to a textile item

perceived value

the value that a buyer subjectively attaches to a textile item

pictorial drawing

a type of freehand drawing

pleat

a fold in the fabric

pleating

the art of producing folds in fabric at predetermined intervals

pollution

the contamination of the natural environment (including air, water and land) by harmful substances

polyester

a synthetic fibre that is light, strong and weather resistant

printing

the textile art of imparting a surface decoration design via a pigment-based paint and a devised tool (such as a carved stamp) to the surface of a garment, fabric, yarn or fibre

product lifecycle

the four distinct stages in the life of a product: introduction, growth, maturity and decline

proportion

the relationship between two parts of a design or between one part and the entire design; can be a comparison of sizes, shapes or amounts of specified design elements

quality assurance

checking to maintain the standards from the beginning of the production process, and to ensure the product will be suitable for end-use application

quality control

the inspection of products and processes; measures are used to assess the quality of a product at various stages of the manufacturing process

ramie

a plant from the same family as the nettle

rayon

an artificial fibre made from wood pulp

regenerated fibre

a fibre made from a combination of natural and manufactured resources

rendering

colouring or shading a design

rhythm

the repetition of various elements in a design to create a feeling of organised movement, such as colour, shape, texture and line

ruff

a neckpiece or collar of lace gathered into deep, full, regular folds

safety standards

minimum safety requirements products must meet before they are supplied in regard to performance, composition, contents, methods of manufacture, design, construction, finish or packaging

seam

a line formed when two pieces of cloth are stitched together; the basic structural element of all textile items

seam finish

a technique used to make a seam neater or to stop the raw edges from fraying