

Textile Glossary



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Anthro/Zoomorphic

Describes object with human/animal features.

Appliqué

Picture
Pending

A descriptor used when a textile object has a small, usually decorative piece of textile attached.

Basket

Picture
Pending

A vessel made by weaving thin strips of wood or bark.

Descriptors: Burnt, Decorated, Decorated Anthro/Zoomorphic, Patterned, Perforated

Beaded

Picture
Pending

A descriptor used when beads have been attached to a textile object.

Braided

Picture
Pending

A manufacturing technique when three or more strips or strands of textile have been woven together

Carded

A manufacturing technique that prepares raw and washed wool fibers to be spun.

Clothing

Picture
Pending

Example: Shirt, sock, pants, etc..

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Cordage

A string or thin rope made of several strands braided, twisted, or woven together.

Descriptors: Burnt

Dyed

A manufacturing technique where textile is dipped into a liquid colouring matter that becomes absorbed within the textile.

Embroidered

Picture
Pending

A descriptor used when the object has been decorated with needlework. Often appears as an insignia but can be any decorative pattern.

Hand Knit

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Pending

A manufacturing technique when loops of yarn are joined together. Hand knitting is done with two wooden or plastic needles.

Hat

Picture
Pending

Is a piece of clothing worn on the head.

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Zoomorphic, Embroidered, Patterned.

Knotted

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A manufacturing technique where knots are made in cordage or fabric and are part of the function of object. Example: Fish Net.

Machine Knit

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Pending

A manufacturing technique when loops of yarn are joined together. Machine knitting is done with a machine and can be distinguished from hand knit due to its uniformity and usually small stitches..

Net

Picture
Pending

A uniform mesh made by knotting. Used for catching fish.

Descriptors: Burnt

Patterned

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Pending

A descriptor used when the object displays a repetitive design.

Perforated

Describes an object that has a hole all the way through.

Quilted

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When an object has been surface designed with thread. Usually occurs over the entire surface of object.

Sewn

When two pieces of textile are attached together with stitches using a needle and thread.

Spun

A manufacturing process that happens after the wool or cotton has been carded. Spinning allows the raw material to be formed into yarn.

Twisted

A manufacturing technique used to make rope or cord. This technique uses two strands or strips of textile and twists them together to form one.

Woven

When strips of textile are worked together in an over and under fashion.