

tunic

a loose fitting garment that has a neckline, armholes, sleeves or sleeveless, and a hemline that traditionally falls below the knee

unity

a composition that has a completeness of design

value

the light or darkness of a colour, which can add depth and volume to a design

verbal communication

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vintage clothing

garments more than 25 years old

wadding

a textile material usually sewn in between two layers of fabric to add bulk and insulation to a textile item; can be made of cotton, polyester, wool or bamboo

wale

a vertical row of loops in a knitted fabric

warp

yarns running the length of a fabric

warp knitting

a technique that uses one yarn per needle or wale, and the loops run the length of the fabric; each row of loops interlocks with the adjacent row or wale

washable webs

fabrics manufactured from non-woven sources

waspie

a belt worn around the waist to make the wearer's waist physically smaller; sometimes referred to as a waist cincher

Watt wash

a unique technique to distress denim, using a laser to fade the colour and much less water than traditional distressing methods

weft

yarns running across the width of a fabric

weft knitting

a technique that uses one length of yarn, and the loops are formed along the width of the fabric; each row of loops interlocks with the row above and below, holding the fabric together

wool

a natural bicomponent fibre taken from the fleece of domesticated sheep, but can also come from other animals, such as alpaca, Angora and Kashmir goats, camel, llama and vicuna

woollen yarn

short staple wool fibres that are not always uniform in length; they are less parallel, softer and looser than worsted yarn

worsted yarn

long fibres; when spun, they are more uniform in length, smoother and are more compact than woollen yarn

written communication

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yarn

the basic thread component of all fabric construction; have a continuous length but a small cross-section and are usually held together by twisting or spinning

zipper

nylon or metal teeth that are attached to fabric tapes; there are three types: conventional, open-ended and invisible