

dyeing	the process of applying comparatively permanent colour to a fibre, yarn or fabric via immersion in a dye bath
economics	the costs of all materials, designing and manufacturing
economic value	value determined by the market and how much people are willing to pay for goods and services
elasticity	the ability to return to an original shape after being stretched or compressed
elastomeric	a natural or synthetic polymer with the elastic properties of natural rubber that can be used in fibre, yarn or fabric manufacture

embellishing
machine

textile machinery
specifically designed to
create surface
decoration

embroidery

the method of
decorating or
embellishing a base
fabric with yarns

emphasis

the focal point; the part
of the design that
captures the viewer's
attention

environmental
sustainability

the preservation of biodiversity
and natural ecosystems over an
indefinite period of time; the ability
to maintain the qualities that are
valued in the physical environment

farthingale

an underskirt made
from cane, wire or
whalebone hoops

fashion drawing	the illustration of garments
fashion silhouette	the outline of a garment pertaining the shape and proportion of design lines
felt	non-woven fabric that has been manufactured directly from matted or compressed fibres
fibre	a fine, threadlike substance with a length at least one hundred times greater than the width; the raw materials used to make yarns and fabrics
finishing techniques	processes that improve the properties of fibres, yarns or fabrics; they can be permanent or temporary, durable or renewable

font

complete set of
printing type of one
style and size

free-motion stitching

a method to incorporate line
into textile projects as the
stitching can be in any direction:
forward or back, left or right

functional design

the specific end-use
or purpose of an item

fusible web

a non-woven, synthetic
material that melts when
heated

gathering

the process of drawing
up a fabric by using
rows of stitches

girdle

a type of belt worn around the waist to cinch the waist and accentuate a silhouette

globalisation

the increasing worldwide connection, integration and interrelationships in the economic, social, technological, cultural, political and ecological sphere

godet

a shaped piece of fabric that is inserted into a seam to add fullness to a hemline or sleeve

grading

cutting back the layers of fabric inside a garment to remove bulk so structural components may sit flatter when pressed

grain

the direction in which yarn runs