

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