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### Materials Popular in Dressmaking in the Early to Mid- Twentieth Century

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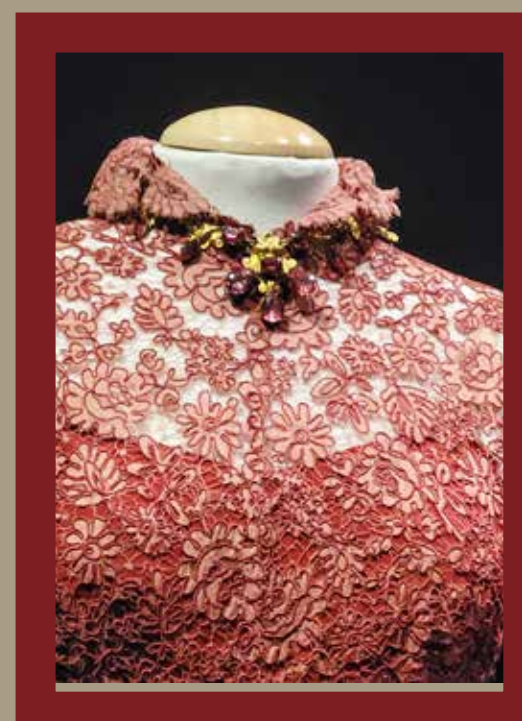
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# Lace



Lace is a delicate fabric made of yarn or thread in an open web-like pattern, made by machine or by hand. Generally, lace is split into two main categories, needlelace and bobbin lace, although there are other types of lace, such as knitted or crocheted lace.





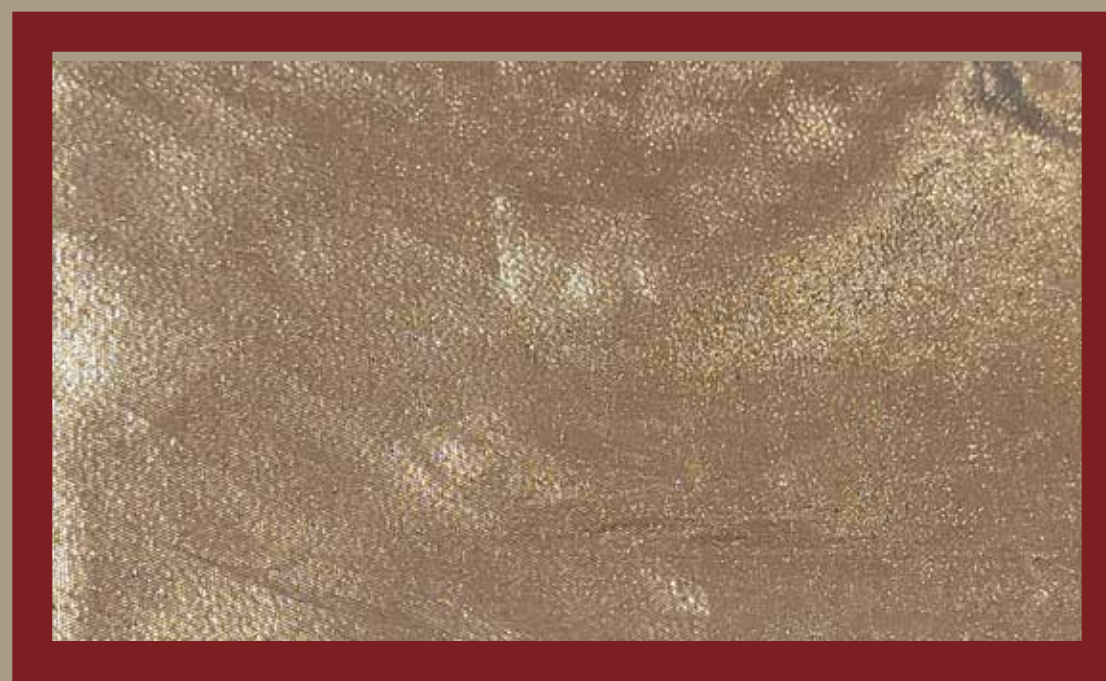
# Silk

Silk is a natural protein fiber, some forms of which can be woven into textiles. The protein fiber of silk is composed mainly of fibroin and is produced by certain insect larvae to form cocoons.



# Satin/ Sateen

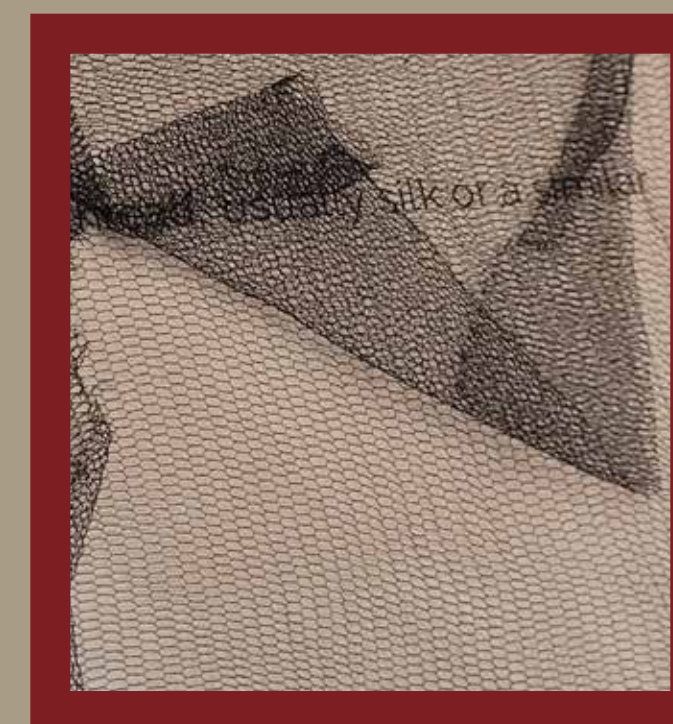
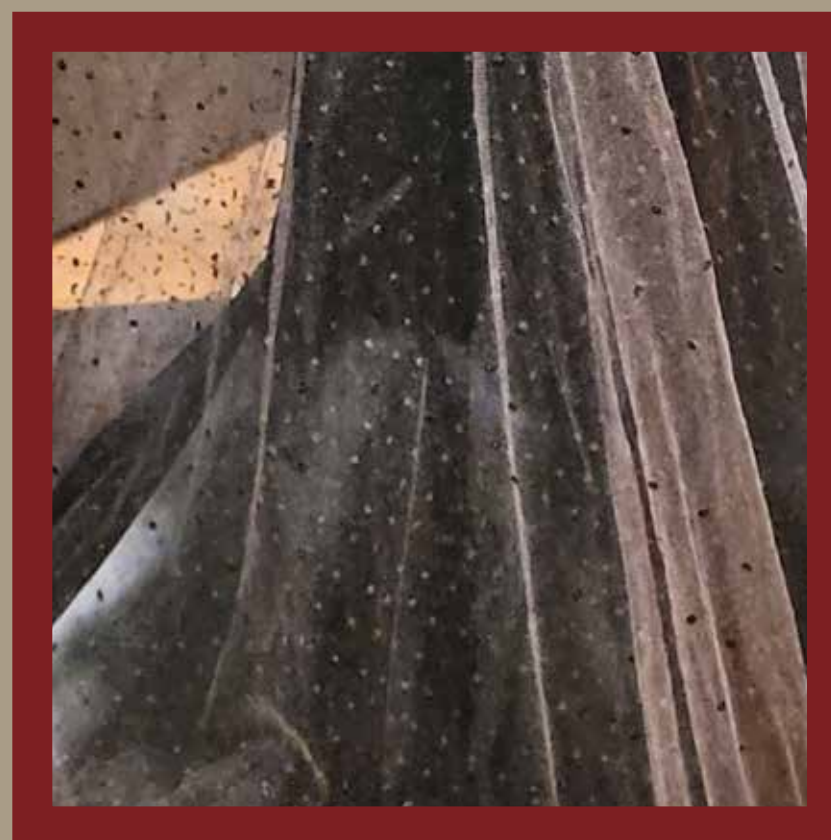
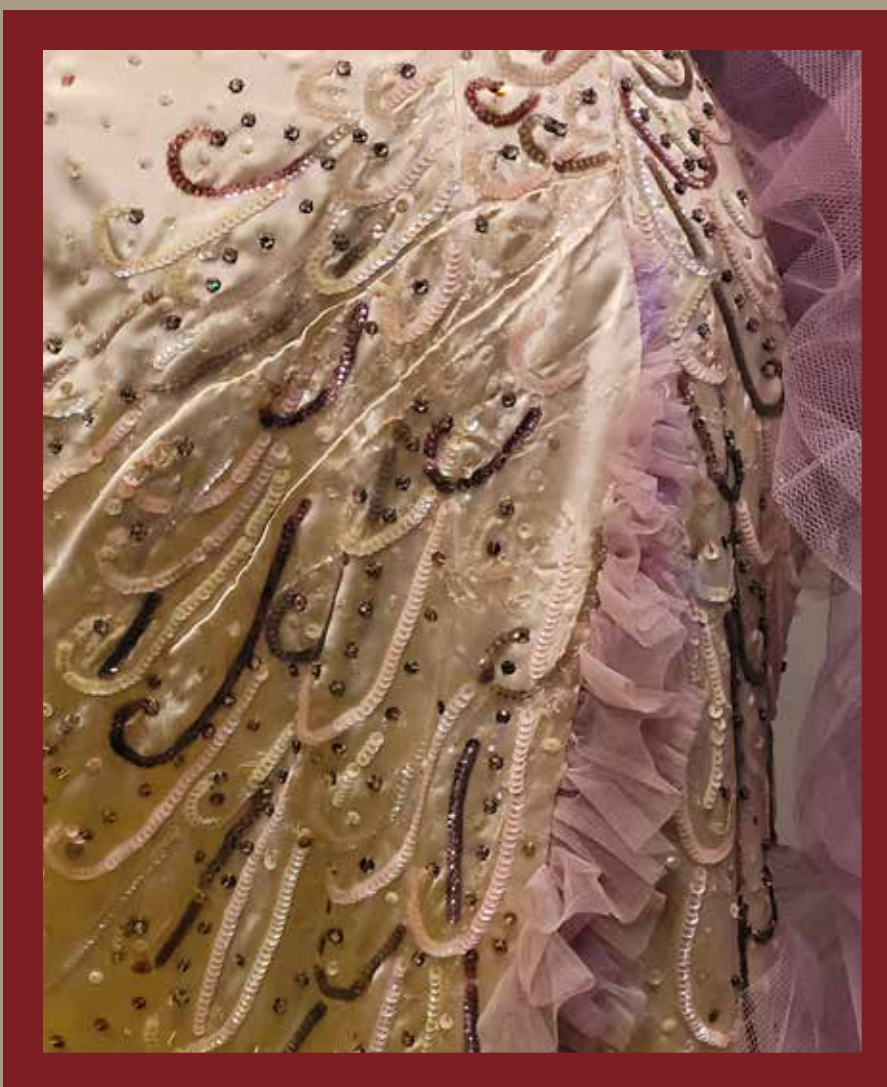
The main difference between satin and sateen is the fiber content. Satin comes from filament fibers like silk, polyester, or nylon. Sateen is from staple fibers which form short spun yarns. The usual fiber in sateen is cotton. Both fabrics have the same weave pattern. But the cotton content of sateen makes it more durable than satin.





# Tulle/Netting

Tulle is a form of netting that is made of small-gauge thread, netted in a hexagonal pattern with small openings, and frequently starched to provide body or stiffness. It is a finer textile than the textile referred to as "net."





# Wool

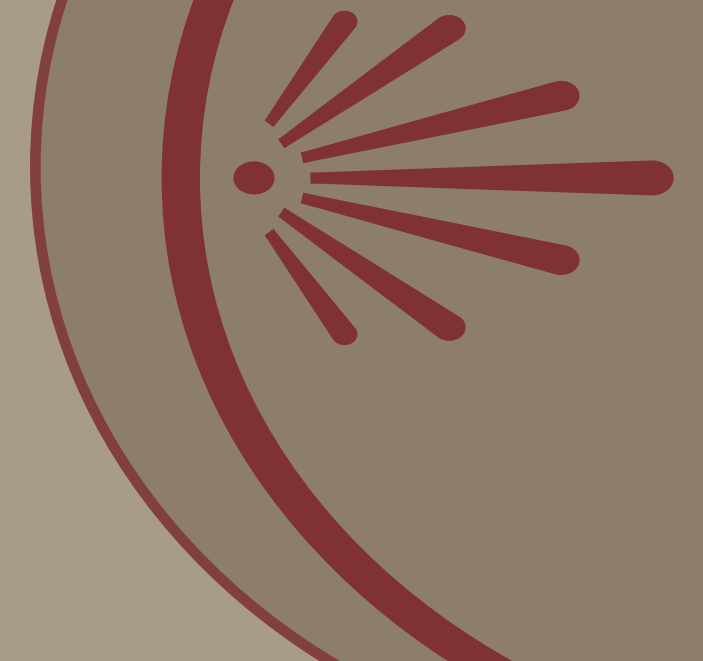
Wool is the textile fiber obtained from sheep and other mammals, especially goats, rabbits, and camelids. Any wool finer than 25 microns can be used for garments, while coarser grades are used for outerwear or rugs. The finer the wool, the softer it is, while coarser grades are more durable and less prone to pilling.





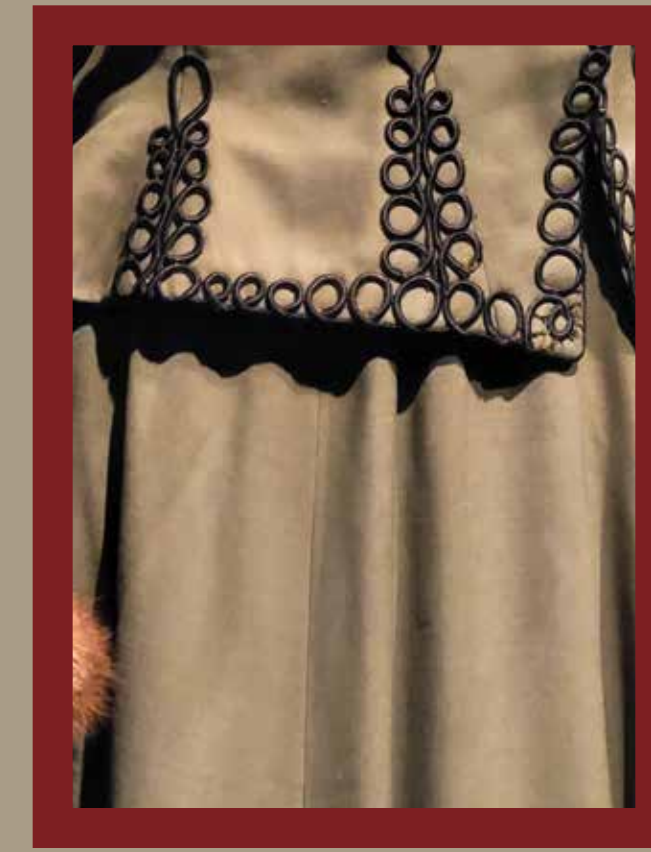
# Cotton

Cotton is a soft, fluffy staple fiber that grows in a boll, or protective case, around the seeds of the cotton plants. The fiber is most often spun into yarn or thread and used to make a soft, breathable, and durable textile.



# Linen

Linen is a textile made from the fibers of the flax plant. Linen is very strong and absorbent and dries faster than cotton. Because of these properties, linen is comfortable to wear in hot weather and is valued for use in garments. Linen textiles can be made from flax plant fiber, yarn, as well as woven and knitted. Linen also has other distinctive characteristics, such as its tendency to wrinkle.





# Velvet

Velvet is a type of woven fabric with a dense, even pile that gives it a distinctive soft feel. Historically, velvet was typically made from silk. Today, velvet can be made from silk, linen, cotton, wool, synthetic fibers, silk-cotton blends, or synthetic-natural fiber blends.



## Organza, Chiffon, Crepe, Voile

*Organza* is best for structured, voluminous garments like ball gowns due to its stiffness and ability to hold shape. *Chiffon* is ideal for flowy, elegant outfits, providing a graceful drape that moves with the body. *Organza* offers greater durability and tear resistance, making it suitable for more robust designs. *Chiffon* and *crepe* are two different fabrics with distinct characteristics. *Chiffon* has a delicate drape and subtle sheen, making it versatile for flowy dresses, scarves, and blouses. *Crepe*, on the other hand, has a structured drape and adds sophistication to structured designs. *Chiffon* is ideal for elegant evening wear and formal attire, while crepe is suitable for professional attire and sophisticated evening wear. *Crepe* is a great option if you want something that is more structured and has a bit of weight to it, while *chiffon* is more lightweight and flowy. When you're navigating the world of fabrics, understanding the differences between voile and crepe can significantly impact your fashion choices. *Voile's* lightweight, sheer nature makes it perfect for summer garments, while *crepe's* heavier, crinkled texture lends itself to structured styles.



A decorative frame in a dark red color surrounds the text. The frame has a double-line border. On the left and right sides, there are semi-circular decorative elements containing a sunburst or fan-like motif with a central dot and radiating lines.

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