

# VOCABULARY OF TECHNICAL TERMS ENGLISH

with translations of the terms into French, German, Italian, Portuguese, Spanish and Swedish

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#### **Preface**

Shortly after the CIETA was founded in 1954, the members of the young association agreed to develop a precise and detailed inventory of historic textiles: They set out to describe the precious fabrics preserved in museums, treasuries and collections around the world according to a standard set of rules and criteria. The forms or "dossiers" developed for these descriptions and a standardized vocabulary were the most important tools in their endeavour to establish a material base and a common language for their research. The reports we have from these early years (published in the Bulletins du CIETA) testify to the dedicated work and the discussions they had not just during their meetings, but also in an extended correspondence that has left traces in numerous museum archives.

The first English "dossier" was prepared by Dorothy G. Shepherd, curator at the Cleveland Museum of Art, and John Beckwith, of the Victoria & Albert Museum in London (it was published in July 1958 in the Bulletin du CIETA). They also began work on the first English vocabulary, basing it on the French version already completed by Félix Guicherd in Lyon, then General Technical Secretary of the CIETA. In 1957, John Beckwith handed the project over to Harold Burnham of the Royal Ontario Museum in Toronto, Canada, and to Donald King, of the Victoria & Albert Museum's Textile Department, and they continued to work with Dorothy Shepherd. It took the team several years, during which the emerging vocabulary was also presented and discussed during conferences and meetings of the Directing Council, until it was eventually published in 1961 and, in a second edition, in 1964.

Almost sixty years later, a series of revised editions of the vocabulary is being prepared and published for the use of CIETA members and textile specialists around the world, and I am sincerely grateful to all those who have contributed to their development. They had a continuous and reliable support in Marie-Hélène Guelton, General Technical Secretary of the CIETA until 2021, who was always available for a discussion and also ensured the exchange between the projects in the different languages. For the English vocabulary, I extend my warmest thanks to Lisa Monnas. An eminent scholar with a number of important publications on Italian silks and silk-weaving of the 14th to 16th centuries to her name, she has not only prepared a thorough revision of the older vocabulary, extending it and clarifying the specific meanings of terms in the process, but also joined her colleagues in the discussions leading up to the Italian and Portuguese vocabularies. For the many researchers who study and publish in English (be that their first or a foreign language), this edition will be of particular importance, and I would like to express my profound gratitude on behalf of the CIETA and our international network of colleagues.

Birgitt Borkopp-Restle President All up

French masse

German alles, alles genommen,

alles gehoben

Italian massa Portuguese massa Spanish masa

Swedish

Term used in the description of a weave to indicate that, on the picks concerned, the warp threads are

In a description of a weave, indicates that none of the

raised all together.

This is the opposite of "all down".

warp threads have been raised.

All down

French en fond

gelassen, alles gelassen German

Italian in fondo Portuguese em fundo Spanish dejo, todo dejo

Swedish

Aresta / Arista, cloth of

French drap d'Areste Derived from "pannus de Aresta" or "de Arista", a late

medieval textile term (obsolete by 1400) denoting German Italian panno d'Areste figured textiles woven in Iberia and in Southern

Portuguese pano de Areste, France, either in silk, or half-silk. They are lightweight,

pano de Arista weft-faced lozenge and diagonal twill weaves, with 2 or Spanish paño de Arista 3 lats, the third lat brocaded or interrupted. Unlike

Syn. Reverse

Swedish lampas silks, or samites (weft-faced compound twills)

cloths of Aresta have only one warp.

**Back** 

French envers The back or wrong side of a textile.

German Unterseite Italian rovescio Portuguese avesso

Spanish envès, reves, reverso

Swedish avigsida, aviga

Back beam

French rouleau porte-fils Stationary member, beam, or roller, over which the Streichbaum German

Italian subbio portafile Portuguese travessa porta-fios Spanish barra portahilos

Swedish sträckbom warp passes after leaving the warp beam; it is not

present in all looms. Cf. Warp beam

**Banded** 

French Term used to describe textiles with parallel bands of barré different colours in the weft direction. Not to be German gebändert

confused with Bayadère. Italian barrato

Portuguese tecido de barras Cf. Striped barrado

Spanish Swedish tvärrandig Barred (1)

German

French navetage irrégulier, General term used to describe textiles with an

battage irrégulier unevenness of weft, usually due to the uneven beating

Schussstreifen in of the picks; in other languages this is covered by

Italian strabattuta more specific terminology. raleira Cf. Barred (2), Barred (3)

Portuguese Spanish irregularidad en las

tramas

Swedish tätrand

Barred (2)

French claire, peu serrée Designates areas in the fabric where the weft material Durchschlagstelle, is rather thin, or because the wefts have been beaten German

Schussstreifen in insufficiently. The fabric will have a see-through

Italian chiarella (obs.) appearance in these areas. Cf. Barred (1), Barred (3)

Portuguese raleira Spanish claro

Swedish glesrand

Barred (3)

French serrée Designates areas in the fabric where the weft is too German Schussbanden dense, either because the weft material is very thick,

Italian strabattuta or because the wefts have been beaten in too strongly. Portuguese trama aperta Cf. Barred (1), Barred (2)

tupido, irregularidad Spanish

Swedish tätrand

**Basket-weave** 

French Descriptive term for textiles woven in Natté or

German Panama.

Italian Cf. Extended tabby, Natté, Panama

Portuguese Spanish

Swedish

**Bast** 

French Bast fibres are obtained from the stalks of liber

German Bast dicotyledonous plants. The fibres are located around Italian libro the woody central portion from which bast fibre can be

Portuguese liber obtained.

Spanish liber Cf. Flax, Hemp, Jute, Nettle, Ramie

Swedish bast

**Batik** 

French batik Malay-Indonesian term for:

German Batik 1. Resist-dyed decoration on a textile; wax (or paste or loam) is applied to parts of the textile, which is Italian batik

Portuguese batik removed, and the places previously covered with the

Spanish batik wax remain undyed.

Swedish batik 2. The textile with the decoration.

Cf. Resist-dyeing

**Batten** 

French : battant Part of a loom: the swinging frame in which the reed is German : Kammlade fastened, and which also serves to beat in the weft.

Italian : battente Cf. **Sword**Portuguese : batente Syn. **Beater** 

Spanish : batan

Swedish : slagbom, slagbord

**Bave** 

French : bave The twin filaments (brins) cemented together by gum

German : Bave, Kokonfaden sericin emitted by the silkworm. Also sometimes

Italian : bava referred to simply as a cocoon filament.

Portuguese : baba Cf. Brin, Cocoon, Filament Spanish : baba Syn. Cocoon filament

Swedish : kokongtråd

Bayadère

French : bayadère Textile with parallel bands, produced by successive

German : Bayadère different weaves.

Italian : baiadera
Portuguese : bailadeira
Spanish : bayadera
Swedish : bayadère

Beam (n)

French : rouleau, ensouple Any of the horizontal rollers or stationary members of

German : Baum the loom over which the warp or cloth passes or is

Italian : subbio wound.

Portuguese : rolo Cf. Back beam, Breast beam, Cloth beam, Warp

Spanish : plegador **beam** 

Swedish : bom

Beam (v)

French : ourdir To arrange and wind the warp on the warp beam.

German : schären Italian : ordire Portuguese : urdir Spanish : urdir Swedish : varpa

Beaming

French : ourdissage, pliage Arranging and winding the warp on the warp beam of

German : Aufbäumen the loom.

Italian : piegatura Syn. **Turning on** 

Portuguese : urdissagem Spanish : urdisaje Swedish : varpning

Beater

French : battant : Part of a loom: the swinging frame in which the reed is German : Kammlade : fastened, and which also serves to beat in the weft.

Italian : battente Syn. Batten
Portuguese : batente Cf. Sword

Spanish : batan

Swedish : slagbom, slagbord

Beating in

French tassement German Anschlag

battuta della trama Italian

Portuguese bater

Spanish ajuste de trama Swedish till-sammanslagning,

slå till

Berclé

French berclé, point rentré

German Berclé berclé Italian Portuguese berclé Spanish berclé Swedish berclé

Hatching produced by alternate weft floats of different

The beating in of the weft as weaving proceeds in

order to keep the picks even and the textile compact.

colours. Cf. Hatched

Bind (v)

French lier In weaving, to tie down picks by ends, or, in certain

German abbinden Italian legare

Portuguese ligar Spanish ligar Swedish binda

cases, ends by picks.

Syn. Tie

Binding (n)

French liage In weaving, the tieing down of picks by ends, or, in

German certain cases, ends by picks. Bindung Cf. Bind (v), Binding point Italian legatura

Portuguese ligamento Spanish ligatura Swedish bindning

**Binding harness** 

French lisses du corps de liage,

lisses de liage

Bindeharnisch, German

Bindeschäfte

Italian licci della legatura Portuguese liços de ligação Spanish cuerpo de lizos de

ligadura

Swedish bindeskaft The shafts that control the binding warp.

Cf. Shaft, Lifting shaft, Depression shaft

**Binding point** 

French point de liage German Bindungspunkt Italian punto de legatura Portuguese ponto de ligamento

Spanish punto de ligadura

Swedish bindepunkt Point at which an end is bound by a pick, or a pick by an end. Binding imposed on a warp float to reduce its length. Or binding imposed on a weft float to break up

the length.

# Binding warp

French chaîne de liage German Bindekette Italian ordito de legatura Portuguese teia de ligação Spanish urdimbre de ligadura,

urdimbre de pelillo

Swedish bindevarp,

> anbindetrådar, avbindetrådar

A secondary warp that binds weft floats. In weft-faced compound weaves, the binding warp binds the weft. In weaves with more than one weft, its primary role is to bind the pattern or brocading wefts, functioning as a supplementary binding.

#### **Bobbin**

French bobine, canette Schussspule, Spule German Italian bobina, cannetta bobina, canela Portuguese Spanish bobina, canilla Swedish spinrulle, spole

Tube of wood, paper, or other material on which the weft is wound for insertion in the shuttle.

Cf. Pirn, Quill, Reel, Spindle, Spool

#### **Bobbin rack**

French cantre German Kantergestell

Italian cantra

Portuguese cremalheira da bobina

Spanish canillero Swedish spolställ

On looms for figured velvet weaving, rack holding bobbins onto which individual pile ends are wound.

## **Boil off**

French décreuser, décrouer

German entbasten

Italian purgare, sgommare Portuguese expurgar (seda cocida)

Spanish descrudar Swedish koka av

To purge silk of gum sericin.

Syn. Degum

#### Bouclé

French bouclé German Bouclé Italian bouclé

Portuguese anelado (por trama)

Spanish anillado, bouclé

Swedish bouclé, noppväv Denotes a weft loop, or weft-loop effect. In current commercial usage denotes:

1. Wool fabric woven with a weft of bouclé yarn.

Cf. Bouclé yarn

2. Wool velvet whose surface is covered in uncut loops

formed by a pile warp. Cf. Bouclé effect

#### Bouclé effect

French effet de bouclé Bouclé-Effekt German

Italian Portuguese

: Spanish Swedish

Describes effects of weft loops, for example in linen furnishing textiles of Pharaonic Egypt, or massed metal loops in 15th to 17th century cloths of gold or

silver tissue.

Cf. Bouclé (2), Tissue (2)

Bouclé yarn

French

Bouclé-Garn German

Italian

Portuguese Spanish

Swedish

A looped wool yarn, made from two threads plied together, one held at a looser tension to the other,

thereby creating a looped ("bouclé") effect.

Cf. Bouclé

**Bourrette** 

French bourrette German Bourrette

bourrette Italian borra de seda Portuguese Spanish borra de seda

Swedish bourrettesilke

1. Carded yarn spun from the short brins recovered when combing waste silk preparatory to spinning

schappe.

Cf. Brin, Schappe, Waste silk 2. Textile woven of bourrette silk.

Break (v)

French macquer, broyer

German brechen Italian maciullare Portuguese maçar

Spanish agramar Swedish bråka

Part of the preparation of bast fibres. After retting, the straw (the woody part of the stem) is broken up into shorter pieces before scutching and heckling.

Cf. Bast, Heckle, Rett, Scutch

**Breast beam** 

French : poitrinière German Brustbaum davanzale

Italian Portuguese peito

Spanish antepecho, catxapit

Swedish bröstbom The stationary member, beam or roller, over which the cloth passes before being wound onto the cloth. It is

not present in all looms. Cf. Beam, Cloth beam

Brin

French brin

German Brin, Kernfaden

Italian bavella filamento Portuguese

Spanish brizna Swedish enkeltråd\* A single filament of silk, one of the two emitted by the silkworm in making the cocoon thread, the bave.

Cf. Bave, Fibroin

**Broadcloth** 

French Dense, smooth woollen cloth, made of short-staple, German carded wool. Woven in standard double widths that

were reduced in size by milling, then sheared. Italian Portuguese Cf. Cloth, Carding, Flying shuttle, Milling,

Shearing, Staple, Woollens Spanish

Swedish

Brocade (n)

French brocart German Brokat Italian broccato Portuguese brocado Spanish brocado Swedish brokad

A term in general use without precise connotation, which is not recommended by CIETA. It is used for any rich, figured textile, and by extension is applied to any textile with a woven pattern, especially one with a pattern in gold or silver. The French term brocart applies only to those textiles with patterns in gold or

silver.

**Brocade** (v)

French brocher German broschieren Italian broccare Portuguese espolinar Spanish brochar Swedish broschera

To weave with a brocading weft. Cf. Brocaded, Brocading weft

**Brocaded** 

Swedish

French broché 1. broschiert German

2. broschiertes Gewebe

Italian 1. 2. broccato Portuguese 1. 2. espolinado Spanish 1. 2. brocado. espolinado

1. broscherat

2. broscherat vävnad

1. A pattern effect formed by a weft whose use is confined to the width of the motifs it creates.

2. A textile that includes this effect is described as

"brocaded", e. g. brocaded damask.

**Brocading shuttle** 

French espolin

German Broschierschütze

Italian spolino Portuguese espolim Spanish espolín

Swedish brokadskyttal, brokadnål A small shuttle used to carry a brocading weft. Also,

sometimes, a bobbin.

Cf. Bobbin

**Brocading weft** 

French trame brochée.

trame de broché Broschierschuss

German Italian trama di broccato,

trama broccata

Portuguese trama espolinada Spanish trama espolinada Swedish broscherat inslag, inplokat mönsterinslag An additional weft introduced into a ground weave, the movement of which is limited to the width of the area where it is required, and which does not travel from selvedge to selvedge.

Cf. Pattern weft

**Brocatelle** 

French brocatelle German Brokatell Italian broccatello Portuguese brocatel Spanish brocatel Swedish brokatell

A lampas-woven fabric with silk yarns that is characterized by a marked relief of the warp-faced weave. This results from the use of a coarse linen or silk ground weft and silk pattern wefts, with the appropriate tensions for the warps and wefts.

Cf. Lampas

#### **Broderie velvet**

French velours broderie German Velours broderie Italian velluto ricamo,

velluto «sans pareil» veludo cinzelado

Portuguese Spanish terciopelo recamado Swedish velours broderie

Figured velvet, whose pattern is formed by cut and uncut pile; the cut pile is the same height as, or lower than, the uncut pile; it is woven differently from ciselé velvet with special rods.

Cf. Velvet

#### **Broken twill**

German Italian

French sergé brisé, Any form of twill in which the diagonal lines have been

sergé interrompu deliberately broken; all the binding points are not gebrochener Köper regularly set over by one end on each successive pick.

saia spezzata The breaks occur at regular intervals.

Portuguese sarja interrompida A 3/1 broken twill (fr. Satin de 4) is sometimes referred sarja irregular to as four-shaft or 4-end satin, so-called "satin turc". Spanish CIETA recommends the term 3/1 broken twill. Swedish bruten kypert,

> korskkypert Cf. Twill

> > Syn. Irregular twill

#### **Button drawloom**

French métier aux boutons A type of drawloom with a set of tail cords tied in

> métier à la petite tire groups corresponding to each figure shed. Necking

German Keaelstuhl. cords are attached to each group of tail cords. These Kegelwebstuhl are passed individually through holes in a board at the

telaio a bottoni Italian side of the loom, and each attached to a small spool or

Portuguese tear de botões "button", which the drawboy pulls in a preset order. Spanish telar de botones

Cabled yarn

Swedish

Swedish

French câblé Yarn produced by twisting together two or more plied

German Mehrfachzwirn yarns. The final twist is generally opposite to that of the

Italian câblé, cordonetto plied ends.

kägelvävstol

Portuguese cordão Spanish cableado

kabelgarn, dubbeltvinnatgarn

## Calendered

French calandré A textile that is calendered is passed between rollers

German kalandriert to produce a sheen or glaze on its surface.

calandrato Cf. Glazed Italian

Portuguese glacé

Spanish calandrado Swedish kalanderad

Cane roller

French rouleau de chaîne, The roller of the loom on which the warp is arranged

> ensouple preparatory to weaving.

German Kettbaum Cf. Beam

Italian subbio dell'ordito Syn. Warp beam

Portuguese orgåo

Spanish plegador de urdimbre

Swedish varpbom

#### Cannelé

French cannelé Cannelé German

Italian cannelà, cannelato

Portuguese cannelado Spanish acanalado Swedish cannelé

Weave with a weft rib produced by warp floats. When "cannelé" is not qualified, it designates a textile with a weave unit of two ends, whose ribs are due to the insertion of several picks consecutively in the same shed.

## Cannelé alternatif

French cannelé alternatif German Cannelé alternatif cannelé alternatif, Italian

cannelato alternativo

Portuguese canelado alternado Spanish acanalado alterno Swedish cannelé alternatif

Ribbed weave in which the ribs are formed by warp floats on the face and, on the back by a weave (generally tabby) formed by odd and even ends.

#### Cannelé des Indes

French cannelé des Indes German Cannelé des Indes Italian cannelé des Indes,

cannelato delle Indie

Portuguese canelado das Indias Spanish acanalado de las Indias Swedish cannelé des Indes

Weave in which feebly defined ribs are produced by a flushing warp floating above a ground weave formed

by a main warp.

Cf. Flushing warp, Flushing-warp weave

## Cannelé doubleté (obs.)

French cannelé alternatif German Cannelé alternatif Italian cannelé alternatif. Portuguese cannelato alternativo Spanish canelado alternado Swedish acanalado alterno cannelé alternatif

Syn. Cannelé alternatif

## Cannelé simpleté

French cannelé simpleté German Cannelé simpleté Italian cannelé simpleté Portuguese canelado da duas teias Spanish

acanalado con dos

urdimbres

Swedish cannelé simpleté Weave characterized by the uniform play of the ends of a flushing warp. These float together above the ground weave formed by the main ends, passing together on the rear by one and two or more picks.

# Cannetillé

French cannetillé German Cannetillé Italian cannetillé

Portuguese canelado amalgado

Spanish acanalado

contramostrado

Swedish cannetillé Weave in which the ends of the flushing warp, offset in groups, float above a ground weave produced by the main warp, in the same way as cannelé simpleté. The classic appearance of cannelé is disrupted, and the ribs are replaced by a "brickwork" effect of small

squares or rectangles.

Cf. Flushing warp, Flushing warp-weave

Canvas

French chanvre, canevas German 1. Hanfleinen.

2. Stramin, 3. Leinwand

Italian canapa Portuguese cãnhamo Spanish cáñamo Swedish hampa

1. Mainly tabby or tabby-variant textile made of hemp.

2. Ground for needlepoint.

3. The support for paintings made of linen, (which can be woven in tabby or else a herringbone or diaper

twill).

Carding

French cardage

German kardieren, kratzen

Italian cardatura Portuguese cardação Spanish cardado Swedish kardning

An operation preparatory to spinning in which the fibres are untangled and rid of extraneous material.

Cf. Sliver, Combing

Checked cloth

French tissu quadrillé . kariertes Gewebe German Italian tessuto a quadretti

(quadrettati)

Portuguese xadrez

Spanish teiido a cuadros

Swedish rutiq Textile woven with coloured stripes / bands in the warp

and weft, producing a checked design. Not to be confused with **Étoffe à carreaux**.

Chenille

chenille French German Chenille Italian cinialia Portuguese froco

Spanish chenilla, felpilla

Swedish snilja, snilj A tufted yarn. It is formed by weaving a fabric usually in tabby with the warp ends in groups; this is cut along the length between the groups and the resulting strips

twisted to form yarns.

When used as a brocading or pattern weft, it produces

a pattern effect resembling "cut velvet".

Chevron twill

French chevron German Spitzgratköper Italian chevron Portuguese espinhado Spanish espiguilla

Swedish spetskypert Any form of twill in which the direction of the diagonal lines is reversed over groups of ends, or over groups of picks, to produce chevrons. Chevrons are said to be in the warp or in the weft direction when their axis lies in the direction of either the warp or the weft.

Cf. Twill

Syn. Herringbone Twill

Chiné

French chiné German Chiné Italian chiné Portuguese chiné

Spanish chiné Swedish chiné Textile woven with chiné thread used in the warp or in the weft.

Cf. Chiné à la branche, Chiné yarn, Warp-printed

#### Chiné à la branche

French chiné à la branche German Chiné à la branche Italian chiné à la branche Portuguese chiné por portadas Spanish chiné à la branche,

chiné a la rama

Swedish chiné à la branche - Silk fabric of the 18th century, with polychrome designs prepared on groups of threads (branches) by successive resist dyeing (in the ikat technique). - The careful arrangement of the branches, forming generally a warp-faced pattern.

Chiné yarn

French fil chiné German Flammengarn filo chiné per tintura Italian

Portuguese fio chiné

Spanish filo flammeado per

tenido

Swedish flammgarn Thread resist-dyed or stamped with several colours.

Chintz

French chintz German Chintz Italian chintz Portuguese chintz, chita Spanish chintz Swedish chintz

"Chintz" derives from an Indian word, denoting "spotted" or "stained cloth". In 17th century India, "chintz" referred to painted or printed cotton textiles that are often glazed. By extension, in French and in

German, "chintz" can simply denote "glazed".

Ciselé velvet

French velours ciselé German Ciselésamt Italian velluto cesellato Portuguese veludo cinzelado

Spanish terciopelo cincelado

Swedish velours ciselé Figured velvet, whose pattern is formed by cut and uncut pile; the cut pile is higher than the uncut pile, because, during weaving, the rod for cut pile is placed

over the rod for uncut pile.

Cf. Velvet

Clincon

French fil frisé fantaisie

German

Italian Portuguese

Spanish Swedish A glittering metal thread composed of a strip of plate

wound around a thread of frost.

Cf. Frost, Plate

Cloth

French tissu, étoffe, drap (laine)

German Tuch stoffa Italian

Portuguese tecido

Spanish pano (only for wool)

Swedish

1. Present-day, a general term for a textile made of wool or other, but not silk.

2. In English, historically, "cloth" made of wool referred to Broadcloth.

3. In the Middle Ages the term was also used generically for "cloth of gold" (with silk) or "stained

cloths" (linen or hemp).

Cf. Broadcloth, Fabric, Textile

#### Cloth beam

French rouleau d'étoffe

German Warenbaum, Zeugbaum

subbio del tessuto Italian Portuguese rolo de tecido Spanish plegador de tela

Swedish tygbom The roller on which cloth is wound as weaving

proceeds

Cf. Beam, Breast beam

## Cloth of gold, cloth of silver

French drap d'or, drap d'argent German Goldstoff, Silberstoff tela d'oro, tela d'argento, Italian

teletta

Portuguese Spanish Swedish

A descriptive (non-technical) term for any textile incorporating gold or silver thread. It is only applied to woven textiles (never embroidery).

It does not, when used alone, denote a specific weave.

## Cloth weave

French A term that has been widely used in North America as German a synonym for tabby. CIETA recommends tabby as a

Italian more specific term.

Portuguese

Spanish Swedish Cf. Tabby

## Cocoon

French The case which a larva forms about itself prior to cocon German Kokon becoming a pupa, and in which it passes the pupal stage. The cocoons of certain species of Lepidoptera Italian bozzolo

Portuguese Spanish capullo

Swedish kokong

casulo are the usual sources of silk.

#### Cocoon filament

French bave The twin filaments (brins) cemented together by gum

German Bave, Kokonfaden sericin emitted by the silkworm.

Cf. Brin, Cocoon, Filament Italian bava Syn. Bave

Portuguese baba Spanish baba

Swedish kokongtråd

## Comb

French A comb-like object used to beat in the weft primarily for peigne tapestry weaving on high and low warp tapestry looms. German Kamm, Blatt The term is also used for the reed of more advanced Italian pettine Portuguese looms. pente

Spanish peine

Swedish skedvävkam, vävhand Cf. Reed, Sword

#### Comber board

French planche d'arcades.

planche d'empoutage

German Harnischbrett

Italian tavoletta delle arcate Portuguese prancha das arcadas tabla de arcadas Spanish Swedish harneskbräda

In a drawloom, the pierced board through which the necking cords are threaded, and below which the leashes are suspended. The board is composed of many narrow slats (Fr. planchettes) supported in a wooden frame.

**Comber repeat** 

French A straight repeat in a woven pattern. German Cf. Straight comber unit, Straight repeat

Italian

Portuguese Spanish Swedish

Comber unit

French In a drawloom, the section of the comber board, chemin German Harnischrapport

Italian campo Portuguese caminho Spanish camino

Swedish harneskrapport necking cords and leashes that controls one pattern unit in the width of a figured textile. If the necking cords of each comber unit are attached to the pulley cords in the same order, the pattern unit is repeated across the width of the textile in a straight repeat. If the necking cords of every second comber unit are attached to the pulley cords in reverse order, the pattern is repeated across the width of a textile in a reverse repeat (i. e. alternating straight and reverse comber units).

The comber unit is also the pattern unit produced in the textile by the unit of the monture.

Combina

French An operation preparatory to spinning in which the peignage fibres are combed to lay them parallel to one another German kämmen

Italian pettinatura Portuguese penteagem

Spanish peinado Swedish kamning

in order to produce a smooth, even thread. Cf. Carding

Compound twill

French sergé composé Any form of twill that uses more than one twill binding

German Köper-Kompositbindung within the weave unit.

Cf. Twill, Warp-faced compound weave, Warp-Italian saia composta Portuguese sarja composta faced compound twill, Weft-faced compound

Spanish sarga compuesta weave, Weft-faced compound twill Swedish

Compound weave

French Weave in which the warp or the weft is divided into two

German or more series one of which appears on the face while Italian the other, or others, appear on the reverse.

Cf. Warp-faced compound weave, Weft-faced Portuguese

Spanish compound weave

Swedish The term has also been used to include other weaves with more than one warp or weft, or both. This more

general usage is not recommended by CIETA.

#### Construction

French structure, contexture

German Gewebestruktur

Italian struttura

Portuguese contextura, textura

Spanish ligamento Swedish struktur

The weave, or combination of weaves of which a

Silk from which the gum sericin has been removed.

Syn. Degummed silk, Soft silk

textile is composed. Syn. Structure

#### Cooked silk

French soie cuite,

> soie décreusée Cf. Hard silk, Souple

entbastete Seide German

seta cotta, seta purgada Italian

Portuguese seda cozida,

seda expurgada seda cocida.

seda descrudada

Swedish mjukt silke

## Cordonnet

Spanish

French cordonnet German Kordonnet

Italian cordonetto Portuguese cordonnet

Spanish cordoncillo

Swedish cordonnetsilke A thick, thrown silk thread obtained by doubling and throwing several tram ends usually in the direction opposite to the twist of the individual tram ends.

Cf. Thrown silk

# Corduroy

French velours côtelé A weft-pile, cotton velvet, with longitudinal ribs.

Cf. Velveteen, Weft-pile weave German Kordsamt

Italian veluto a coste Portuguese veludo côtelé Spanish pana bordón Swedish manchester tyg

bomull

#### Core

French âme The thread around which another thread, usually

metallic, is wound. German Seele

Cf. Filé Italian anima

Portuguese alma Spanish alma Swedish kärna

## Cotton

Swedish

French 1. The fibrous substance that surrounds the seeds of coton plants of the genus Gossypium. German Baumwolle

2. Threads spun from these fibres. Italian cotone Portuguese algodão 3. Textile woven of cotton yarns. Spanish algodón

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#### **Cotton velvet**

French Velvet made from cotton (can apply to warp- or weft-

German pile velvet).

Cf. Corduroy, Velvet, Velveteen Italian

Portuguese Spanish Swedish

Count

French titre, numéro métrique

German Garnnummer

titolo Italian Portuguese título Spanish titulo

Swedish garnnummer\* There are two principal systems for obtaining the

count:

- For continuous filaments, based on weight in relation to a fixed length; the finer the yarn, the smaller the

count. Cf. Denier

- For yarns made of short fibres, based on the length in relation to a fixed weight; the finer the yarn, the higher

the count.

(Cf. Fr. Numéro métrique, It. Numero metrico, Sp.

Numero metrico). Cf. Thread count Syn. Yarn count

Crêpe

French crêpe

German 1. 2. Kreppgarn

3. Kreppgewebe

crespo, crêpe Italian

Portuguese crepo Spanish crespón

Swedish Kräpp

1. Silk yarn made by doubling several grège threads and throwing them to the maximum, or nearly so.

2. Any over-twisted thread, single or plied, other than

3. Textile woven out of crêpe yarns.

**Cross** 

French envergeure. enverjure

German Fadenkreuz Italian invergatura

Portuguese Cruz

encruziamento Spanish

Swedish varpskäl A cross in the warp that is formed while warping, in order to maintain the proper order of the ends,

generally maintained by cross-sticks. A cross formed by groups of ends and used in spreading the warp for beaming is called a "portée cross". A cross formed by individual ends, used for entering and which may or may not be retained afterwards, is called "porrey

cross".

Syn. Laze, Lease

#### **Cross sticks**

French baguettes d'envergeure

German Kreuzstäbe

bacchette d'invergatura Italian

varilhas Portuguese

varillas de cruce, varillas Spanish

> de encruzamiento. varillas de encañado

Swedish skälprot, skälstickor A pair of sticks to hold the cross in the warp.

Syn. Laze rods, Lease rods

#### **Cut velvet**

French : velours coupé
German : geschnittener Samt
Italian : velluto tagliato
Portuguese : veludo cortado
Spanish : terciopelo cortado
Swedish : skuren sammet

Velvet, plain or figured, whose surface is formed of one or more pile warps raised above a ground weave, all cut to the same height.

Cf. Velvet

## Cyprus gold, Cyprus silver

French : or de Chypre,

argent de Chypre

German

Italian : oro di Cipro,

argento di Cipro Chipre ouro,

Portuguese :

Chipre prata

Spanish : oro Chipre, plata Chipre

Swedish :

Historic term (late Middle Ages) for silver-gilt filé thread, with a yellow silk core (or silver, with a white silk core). A high quality thread used for embroidery and for the best cloths of gold/cloths of silver.

Cf. Filé, Silver-gilt filé

#### Damas robe

French : damas robe
German : Damas robe
Italian : damas robe
Portuguese : damas robe
Spanish : damas robe
Swedish : damas robe

A type of self-patterned satin: a liseré satin giving a damasked effect. This is a figured silk of the 19<sup>th</sup> century, comprising in its simplest form effects of the ground weft in Gros de Tours and in Satin. It was called "damas robe" because of its use as a dress

fabric.

# **Damask**

French : damas
German : Damast
Italian : damasco
Portuguese : damasco
Spanish : damasco
Swedish : damast

Figured textile with one warp and one weft in which the pattern is formed by a contrast of binding systems. In its classic form, it is reversible, and the contrast is produced by the use of the warp and weft faces of the same weave. By extension, two binding systems may also be employed.

Cf. Damask diaper, Diaper, Satin damask, Self-patterned, Twill damask

Damask diaper

French
German
Italian
Portuguese
Spanish
Swedish

Denotes textiles in which the pattern, limited to a simple arrangement of squares and rectangles, is formed by the contrast of the warp and weft faces of the same satin weave, producing an effect similar to

that of damask.

Cf. Damask, Diaper, Twill damask

## Damassé

French : damassé
German : damastartig
Italian : damascato
Portuguese : adamascado
Spanish : adamascado
Swedish :

Denotes textiles in which the pattern, limited to a simple arrangement of squares and rectangles, is formed by the contrast of the warp and weft faces of the same weave, producing an effect similar to that of damask. If the weave is twill, the term "Twill diaper" is

used, if satin, "Damask diaper".

Cf. Self-patterned

**Dauphine** 

French : dauphine German : Dauphine Italian : dauphine Portuguese : dauphine

Spanish : delfinado, dauphine

Swedish : dauphine

Figured textile of the 18<sup>th</sup> century with a similar construction to droguets liserés but with a ground of pékin, normally woven in cannelé alternatif or in cannetillé.

wedish : dauphine

**Dead wool** 

German

French : laine de peau, Wool from dead animals.

laine morte Cf. Fleece
Hautwolle Syn. Skin wool

Italian : lana di concia

Portuguese : lã morta, lã de pelego Spanish : lana de piel, lana muerta

Swedish : dödhår, stickelhår

Décochement

French : décochement German : Fortschreitungszahl

Italian : scoccamento

Portuguese : salto

Spanish : escalonado Swedish : skridningstal The décochement denotes the succession of binding points in a weave according to a rhythm determined by a number. This is equal to 1 in twills, because the points are displaced by a single warp end with each weft shoot. It is a minimum of 2 in regular satin.

Cf. Interruption

Découpure

French : découpure
German : Stufung
Italian : scalinatura
Portuguese : recorte
Spanish : recorte
Swedish : stygn

The smallest gradation of a design. The smallest number of warp ends (warp pattern step) or the smallest number of picks or passes (weft pattern step) that form one step in the outlines of the design. The weft pattern step is counted by picks if the weft is a single thread, and by passes if more than one weft is derived into two or more series. It is possible for two pattern steps, composed of different numbers of ends, picks or passes to be used in regular alteration. Note — in velvets where the entire pattern is formed by the pile warp and no extra wefts are employed, the

weft pattern step is often counted by velvet rods.

Cf. Pass

Syn. Pattern step

**Decked mail** 

French : German : Italian : Portuguese : Spanish : Swedish :

The metal or glass element which forms the centre part of the leash construction, and through which the warp end is passed. In its simplest form, it has three holes; those at the top and the bottom are to hold the upper and lower cords of the leash while the centre one, the eye, is one through which the end passes. Mails with two or more eyes through which two or more individual ends may be entered are known as

"decked" mails.

Cf. Mail

Degum (v)

French : décreuser, décrouer

German : entbasten

Italian : purgare sgommare

Portuguese : expurgar Spanish : descrudar Swedish : koka av

To purge silk of gum sericin.

Syn. Boil off

Degummed silk

French: soie cuite, Silk from which the gum sericin has been removed.

soie décreusée Cf. Hard silk, Souple entbastete Seide Syn. Cooked silk, Soft silk

Italian : seta cotta, seta purgada

Portuguese : seda cozida,

seda expurgada

Spanish : seda cocida,

seda descrudada

Swedish : mjukt silke

**Decitex** 

German

French : Subdivision of the international unit of measurement
German : expressing the linear density of threads, intended
Italian : eventually to replace the denier. The decitex (dtex = Portuguese : 1/10 of a tex) indicates the weight in decigrams of

Spanish: 1000 metres of thread.

Swedish : Cf. Tex

**Denier** 

French : denier A unit of linear density expressing the size of silk yarn.

German : Denier, Titer Denier Since the Congrès de Paris, 1900, the denier has been

Italian : denaro based on the size of a yarn of which 9000 metres Portuguese : denier weigh1 gram (or 9 metres weigh 1 milligram).

Spanish : denier Cf. **Tex** 

Swedish : denier

Dent

Spanish

Swedish

French: dent 1. The "teeth" of the reed.

German : 1. Riet, 2. Rietlücke 2. The space between the "teeth" of the reed through

Italian : dente which the warp end passes.

Portuguese : 1. dente, 2. pua Cf. **Reed** 

Spanish : diente Swedish : 1. tand, 2. rör

**Depression shaft** 

French : lisse de rabat Shaft which lowers a section of the warp while the rest

German : Tiefschaft is rising, or stationary, creating a falling shed.

Italian : licci di abbassata Cf. **Lifting shaft**Portuguese : licci di abbassata

lizo de rebatén

sänkande skaft

Diaper

French : damassé
German : damastartig
Italian : damascato
Portuguese : adamascado
Spanish : adamascado

Swedish

Denotes textiles in which the pattern, limited to a simple arrangement of squares and rectangles, is formed by the contrast of the warp and weft faces of the same weave, producing an effect similar to that of damask. If the weave is twill, the term Twill diaper is

used, if satin, Damask diaper. Cf. **Damask**, **Self-patterned** 

Diasper (lat. diasprum)

French : diapre

German

Italian : diaspro

Portuguese Spanish Swedish A historic term, ultimately derived from the Byzantine Greek term,  $\delta \dot{u} a \sigma \pi \rho o \varsigma$ , denoting, in the late Middle Ages, a type of lampas silk produced in Italy, Spain and the Near East, characterized by monochrome or two-coloured designs with small details brocaded in gold or silver; surviving examples are often (but not always) in a tabby/tabby weave. Diasper should not be used as a synonym for lampas.

Cf. Lampas, Tabby

**Double (v), Doubling** 

French : doubler, doublage
German : fachen, dublieren
Italian : binare, binatura
Portuguese : dobragem
Spanish : doblaie

Swedish : dubblering

To put together two or more ends so that they may be twisted together to form heavier threads. For threads other than filaments, the process of doubling and twisting are simultaneous.

Cf. Ply (v), Throwing

**Double cloth** 

French : A double woven fabric.
German : Cf. **Double-weave** 

Italian :
Portuguese :
Spanish :
Swedish :

## **Double-faced weave**

French : armure double-face
German : doppelseitiges Gewebe
Italian : armatura doppia-faccia
Portuguese : ponto a duas faces
Spanish : ligamente de tela a dos

caras

Swedish : dubbelsidiga bindningar,

dubbelsidig

Weave in which either the warp or the weft is composed of two series, one of which appears on one side of the textile, while the other appears on the other side. This is done by arranging the binding points of each series in such a way that, on the opposite face, they are concealed by the floats of the other faces. The two faces may be similar or dissimilar in binding and colour. The term "double-faced" indicates that both sides of the textile show the binding system named. In figured double-faced weaves, threads from the new series (generally of different colours) exchange positions as required by the pattern.

Cf. Reversible (1)

#### Double ikat

French : double ikat
German : Doppelikat
Italian : doppo ikat
Portuguese : ikat duplo
Spanish : doble ikat

Swedish : dubbelikat

1. The process by which a pattern is resist-dyed on the warp and the weft before weaving.

2. By extension the term is applied to the woven fabric, for which both warp and weft were resist-dyed before

weaving.

Cf. Ikat, Resist-dye

#### **Double weave**

French : double-étoffe
German : Doppelgewebe
Italian : tessuto doppio
Portuguese : tecido duplo
Spanish : doble tela
Swedish : dubbelväv

Weave which produces two textiles simultaneously, one above the other. The warp is composed of two series of ends, and each is bound by its own weft, or by a common weft which works with each series in turn. The binding of each textile is usually the same, most commonly tabby, but other bindings may also be used. The two textiles may be entirely separate, linked by stitching ties, or joined along one or both selvedges. In patterned double-weaves, the two textiles change positions, as required by the pattern.

Triple and multiple weaves are based on the same principle as double weaves, the warp being divided

into three or more parts.

Cf. Stitching tie, Triple-weave

## Doup end

French : fil de tour
German : Dreherkettfaden
Italian : filo de giro
Portuguese : fio de volta
Spanish : hilo de vuelta
Swedish : poltråd

In a gauze, the warp threads that are carried alternately to the right or to the left of the fixed ends.

## **Doupion (Dupion)**

French : doupion, douppion
German : Doupion
Italian : doppione
Portuguese : dupião

Spanish : ocal, dupión Swedish : dupion The silk reeled from double cocoons which are formed by two silkworms spinning a single communal cocoon, or from two joined cocoons. Doupion silk is similar in character to wild silk.

Cf. Wild silk

#### **Draft**

French : tracé graphique German : Patrone\*

Italian : tracciato grafico
Portuguese : traçado gráfico
Spanish : traço gráfico
Swedish : patron (sölvnota)

A diagram for setting up the loom: a complete draft shows the order of entering the warp ends in the heddles (Fr. tracé de remettage), the arrangement for connecting the shafts and the treadles (i.e. the tie-up: Fr. tracé de montage), and the shedding order. It is often completed by a profile draft.

Cf. Profile draft, Point paper plan

## Drawboy

French: tireur de lacs

German : Zampeljunge, Zugjunge

Italian : tiratore di lacci
Portuguese : puxador de laçadas
Spanish : tirador de lazos
Swedish : dragsven

The person who pulls the lashes on a drawloom.

#### **Drawloom**

French : métier à la tire German : Zugwebstuhl,

Zampelstuhl

Italian : telaio a tiro
Portuguese : tear de laçadas
Spanish : telar de tiro,

telar de lazos

Swedish : dragvävstol

A hand loom for weaving figured textiles, equipped with special type of figure harness that controls some or all of the warp ends. This drawloom figure harness consists of leashes. In the most developed type of drawloom, the leashes are connected with necking cords which, after passing through the comber board, are attached to pulley cords. These, after passing through the pulley box, become tail cords to which the cords of the simple are attached. The cords controlling the drawloom figure harness permit the automatic repeat of a pattern in the width of the textile by means of lashes attaching to the tail cords or to the simple. This system was used until it was superseded by the Jacquard mechanism.

# **Drawloom figure harness**

French : corps de dessin German : Musterharnisch

Italian : corpo\*

Portuguese : jogo de perchadas Spanish : arnnésde decoración

Swedish : skaftgrupp\*

The harness that controls the warp as required for the formation of the pattern in figured textiles and that, in a drawloom, consists of the leashes (Fr. corps de

maillons).

Cf. Figure harness

## **Drawn wire**

French : trait (or, argent)
German : Draht (Golddraht,

Silberdraht)

Italian : oro tirator, argento tirato

Portuguese : fio de feira Spanish : alambré

Swedish : metalltråd, dragentråd

Drawn wire thread, formed by drawing slender rods of metal through the increasingly fine holes of metal plates. Made of silver-gilt, or copper-gilt, or silver.

Syn. Wire

## **Droguet (liseré)**

French : droguet, droguet liseré

German : Droguet Italian : droghetto Portuguese : droguete Spanish : droguete Swedish : droguet Silk textile created in the 18<sup>th</sup> century with a small pattern unit produced by various means. The motifs may, for instance, be formed by floats of a flushing warp above a ground weave, often in twill or a derivative of twill. In droguets liserés, wefts of different colours may be used, forming figures in weft floats, or in a fine tabby by interlacing with ends of a flushing

warp.

Cf. Dauphine

## **Drop repeat**

French : contresemplé
German : versetztes Muster
Italian : contresemplé
Portuguese : amalgado
Spanish : contramostrado
Swedish : förskjuten, halvt

förskjuten

The transversal repetition of a pattern unit by dropping it in relation to its neighbour, commonly by half the length of the unit (half-drop repeat), but also by other fractions. The dropped unit may also be reversed or inverted in relation to its neighbour.

Dyed in the gum

French: Silk that has been dyed with the gum still on.

German Italian

Portuguese : cru e tingido

Spanish

Swedish : färgad råsilke

Dyed in the yarn

French : teint en fil Term used to describe textiles composed of yarn dyed German : stranggefärbt before weaving or knitting (also described as "dyed in

Italian : tinto in filo the yarn").
Portuguese : tingido em fio Cf. Piece-dyed
Spanish : teñido en madeja Syn. Yarn-dyed
Swedish : hankfärgad, garnfärgad

Ecru

French : écru Term used to describe yarn that is undyed and

German : ungefärbt unbleached. Italian : crudo, greggio Syn. **Undyed** 

Portuguese : cru Spanish : crudo Swedish : naturfärgad

**Effect** 

French : effet The result achieved by employing different elements of German : Effekt binding or texture in weaving a figured textile; e.g. Italian : effetto brocaded effect, berclé effect, bouclé effect, pile effect Portuguese : efeito etc.

Portuguese : efeito Spanish : efecto Swedish : effect

**End** 

French : 1. fil de chaîne, 2. bout 1. An individual warp thread.

German : 1. Kettfaden, 2. Also used to designate an individual thread in

2. Einzelfaden making a plied thread. Italian : 1. filo di ordito, 2.capo

Portuguese : 1. fio de teia, 2. cabo Spanish : 1. hilo de urdimbre,

cabo

Swedish : 1. varptråd, 2. enkeltråd

remeter

remeter

solva

Enter

Portuguese

Spanish

Swedish

French : remettre To thread the warp ends through the heddles or German : einziehen leashes.

Italian : rimettere

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**Entering** 

French : remettage The process of threading the warp ends through the

German : Einzug heddles or leashes. Italian : rimettaggio Syn. **Threading** 

Portuguese : remissa Spanish : remetido Swedish : solvning

**Entering error** 

French : faute de remettage A mistake in entering, usually the inversion of the order

German : Einzugsfehler of the hedles or of the leashes.
Italian : errore di rimattaggio
Portuguese : erro de remetido

Swedish : solvfel

**Entering fault** 

Spanish

French : faute de remettage A fault in the textile, resulting from an entering error German : Einzugsfehler (usually the inversion of the order of the hedles or of

Italian : errore di rimattaggio the leashes).

Portuguese : erro de remetido Spanish : error de remetido

error de remetido

Swedish : solvfel

Error in pulling a lash

French : erreur de tire A mistake in pulling the lash of a drawloom.

German : Schussfolgefehler Cf. Lash Italian : errore del tiro

Portuguese : erro de passagem de

lançadeiras

Spanish : error de lanzadera

Swedish : inslagsfel

Etoffe à carreaux

French

Swedish

French : étoffe à carreaux Textile with a simple pattern of squares and rectangles obtained by a combination of bayadères and pékins.

Italian : tessuto a cuadri Textile with a simple pattern of squares and rectangles obtained by a combination of bayadères and pékins.

Cf. Bayadère, Pékin

Portuguese : tecido de quadrados Spanish : 1. tela con dibujo

geométrico

taffetas dérivé

Swedish : étoffe à carreaux

Extended tabby

German : abgeleitete both, move in groups of two or more.

Leinwandbindung Cf. Basket-weave, Cannelé, Gros de Tours,

Tabby variant in which warp ends or weft picks, or

Italian : Louisine, Natté, Taffetas doublé

Portuguese : Syn. **Tabby variant** 

Spanish :

Eye

French œil

Litzenauge German occhino, occhio

Italian Portuguese olhal

Spanish mallon, mailon Swedish öga, solvöga

The loop constituting the central element of the heddle

construction, through which an end is passed.

Cf. Mail

**Fabric** 

French tissu, textile Stoff, Gewebe German

Italian tessuto tecido, têxtil Portuguese

Spanish tejido Swedish tyg

General term for any manufactured cloth-like material. It applies equally to woven and non-woven materials in

any fibre.

Cf. Cloth, Textile

**Face** 

French endroit

German Oberseite Italian diritto

Portuguese direito

Spanish haz, derecho rätsida, räta

Swedish

1. The right side of a textile weave.

By extension, the terms warp-faced and weft-faced are

used for the side on which the warp or the weft

predominates.

Cf. Warp-faced, Weft-faced

Face down

French endroit dessous German Oberseite nach unten

Italian diritto sotto

Portuguese tecer pelo avesso Spanish tejedo de anverso

Swedish rätan nedat Method of execution in which the face of the textile is

not visible to the weaver during weaving.

Face up

French endroit dessus German Oberseite nach oben

Italian diritto sopra Portuguese tecer pelo direito Spanish haz de anverso

Swedish rätan uppåt Method of execution in which the face of the textile is

visible to the weaver during weaving.

**Facure** 

French Portion of the web between the reed and the cloth facure

German

Italian fazzuola Portuguese façola

Spanish

Swedish façure beam during weaving.

Cf. Web

Faille française

French faille française German Faille française Italian faille française Portuguese faille française, falhe

Spanish faya francesa Swedish faille française A type of cannelé with ribs of equal width on the face and on the reverse. It is woven with two warps, a main warp for the floats and a binding warp to maintain the

wefts parallel in the ground.

# False gauze

French fausse gaze

Scheindrehergewebe German

Italian falsa garza Portuguese imitação de gaze

Spanish semi-gasa Swedish myggtjäll

Weave based on tabby, with the interlace of the ends and picks arranged so that openings are formed in the

textile, in imitation of gauze. Syn. Mock Leno

## Fell

French ligne de serrage, When weaving, the point at which a pick is inserted

point de frappe and beaten in. It is the working edge between the

Anschlagstelle fabric and the unwoven warp thread. German

punto di battuta Italian Portuguese aperto de trama, linha de aperto de trama

linea de empuje de la Spanish

pasada, punto de

batanado

inslagslinje Swedish

## Felt

French feutre A fabric formed by matting fibres together, generally German Filz wool or wool and hair, under heat and pressure.

Italian feltro Portuguese feltro Spanish feltro Swedish filt

## Fibre, Fiber (Am.)

French fibre Any substance composed of thread-like tissue whether German Faser animal, vegetable, or mineral, especially when capable

Italian fibra of being spun or woven.

Portuguese fibra Spanish fibra Swedish filt

## **Fibroin**

French fibroïne The principal constituent of silk: it represents about German Fibroin 75% of the weight of grège. It is the part remaining Italian fibroina after the silk has been boiled, especially the two brins

Portuguese fibroina of the bave.

Cf. Brin, Bave, Gum sericin Spanish fibroina

Swedish fibroin

## Figure harness

Portuguese

Swedish

French The harness which executes the pattern in figured corps de dessin textiles. It controls the warp as required for the German Musterharnisch corpo, corpo dei licci, Italian formation of the pattern. In a drawloom, the figure

> licciatura harness consists of the leashes (Fr. corps de jogo de perchadas, maillons). In a shaft loom it consists of a group of

avviadura, remissa shafts (Fr. corps de lisses de dessin).

Spanish arnès de decoración Cf. Leash, Shaft mönsterskaft, skaftgrupp

Figure warp

French: "Figure warp" was formely used for the main warp in Weft-faced compound weaves. Not recommended by

Italian : CIET

Portuguese : Cf. Main warp

Spanish : Swedish :

**Figured** 

French : façonné : Term used technically to designate weaves or textiles
German : gemustert : in which one or more of the warps are controlled by a
Italian : operato : figure harness. The term "small-figured" (Fr. petit
Portuguese : lavrado : façonné) is sometimes applied to small pattern

Spanish : labrado repeats, normally woven with shafts.

Swedish : mönstrad, figurad Cf. Small-figured, Foot-figured

Figured gauze

French : gaze façonnée Figured textile in which one or more gauze weaves are

German : gemustertes present.

Drehergewebe

Italian : garza (a giro) operata Portuguese : gaze lavrada

Spanish : gasa de vuelta labrada

Swedish : mönstergas\*

**Filament** 

French : filament A fibre of extreme length, not readily measured.

German : endloser Faden Italian : filamento Portuguese : filamento Spanish : filamento Swedish : sträng

**Filature** 

French: 1. filature, filage, 1. Synonym for reeling and spinning.

2. filature 2. A workshop or factory where silk is reeled.

German : 1. spinnen, 2. Spinnerei Cf. Reel (v), Spin

Italian : 1., 2. filatura
Portuguese : 1., 2. fiação

Spanish : 1. hilatura, 2. hilanderia

spinnning,

Swedish : 2. silkespinneri

Filé

Swedish

French : filé A wrapped metal thread composed of a lamella wound

German : Gimpe around a core of another material.

Italian : filato Cf. Cyprus gold/Cyprus silver, Frost, Gimp,

Portuguese : fio laminado Lamella, Gilt membrane filé, Sorbec, Silver-gilt filé

Spanish : hilo entorchado

spunnen metaltråd, omkring en karna Filler, Filling

French: Commercial term frequently used as synonymous with

German : weft.

Italian : Not recommended by CIETA.

Portuguese : Spanish : Swedish :

Fixed end

French : fil droit An end in gauze weaves across which a doup end

German : Stehkettfaden crosses to the right or to the left.

Italian : filo retto Cf. Doup end, Gauze

Portuguese : fio fixo Spanish : hilo fijo

Swedish : fasta varptråd

Flax

French : lin Fibre from plants of the genus Linum, particularly

German : Flachs *Linum usitatissimum.*Italian : lino Cf. **Bast, Linen** 

Portuguese : linho Spanish : lino Swedish : lin

**Fleece** 

French : toison Term for the entire wool pelt of a sheep.

German : Vlies Cf. Dead wool, Skin wool

Italian : vello Portuguese : velo Spanish : vellón Swedish : hud

Float (n)

French : flotté The portion of an end or of a pick that passes over at German : Flottierung least two yarns between binding points, qualified as a

Italian : slegatura "warp float" or "weft float".

Portuguese : lassa Spanish : basta

Swedish : flottering, språng

**Floss** 

French : 1. frisons, 2. floche 1. Waste silk brushed from the outer layers of cocoons.

2. Filofloss-Seide 2. A soft silk thread without twist chiefly used for

Italian : 1. strusa, 2. a torsione embroidery.

soffice

Portuguese: 1. anafaia, 2. frouxo

Spanish : 1. filadiz,

2. a torsión débil

Swedish: 1. flock, 2. flossilke

# Flushing warp

French : poil traînant German : Flottierkette,

poil traînant

Italian : pelo strisciante
Portuguese : teia de lavor
Spanish : urdimbre de efecto
Swedish : mönstervarp, ytvarp

Warp auxiliary to the main warp, which creates a pattern or texture in floats above a ground fabric.

# Flushing-warp weave

French : armure à poil traînant German : Flottierbindung

Italian : tessuto a pelo

strisciante tecelagem com teia de

lavor

Spanish : efecto de perdido per

urdimbre

Swedish : ytvarpsbindningar

Weave in which an extra (flushing) warp forms relatively long floats above a ground fabric to produce a pattern or a texture. In simple versions, the ground may be entirely covered by floats of the flushing warp floats or is bound, on the face or reverse, as required by the pattern. A flushing warp (Fr. chaîne poil) weave may be a component of another weave; in particular, it

may form the ground of a lampas.

Cf. Cannelé, Cannetillé, Ottoman, Tobine

#### **Flute**

Portuguese

French : German : Fliete

Italian :
Portuguese :
Spanish :
Swedish :

A slender bobbin that carries the weft thread for tapestry weaving, historically made of wood of bone, nowadays also of synthetic material. It has a head that can be diamond-shaped, or a round knob, then a shank that carries the thread, and then a barrel that tapers almost to a point, suitable for the insertion of picks in specific areas, according to the requirements

of the design.

Syn. Tapestry bobbin

# Flying bobbin

French : broche volante
German : fliegende Nadel

Italian : navetta volante Portuguese : bilro

Portuguese : bilro Spanish : espolín, lanzadera

volante

Swedish : flygande nål

Term of convenience adopted by some to describe an effect in Coptic tapestry weaving, in which an implement carries a weft that does not form part of the ground weave, but operates freely on the face of the textile. (The precise appearance of the tool used to carry the weft for this effect in Coptic weaving is not

yet known).

Syn. Flying shuttle (2)

# Flying shuttle (1)

French

German : Schnellschütze

Italian :
Portuguese :
Spanish :
Swedish :

Patented by John Kay in 1733, a key innovation of the Industrial Revolution, in which the shuttle was thrown across the shed by a mechanism activated by a single weaver jerking a cord, obviating the need for two weavers in the creation of broadcloth.

Cf. Broadcloth, Shuttle

Flying shuttle (2)

French : broche volante German : fliegende Nadel Italian : navetta volante

Portuguese : bilro

Spanish : espolín, lanzadera

volante

Swedish : flygande nål

Term of convenience adopted to describe an effect in Coptic tapestry weaving, in which an implement carries a weft that does not form part of the ground weave, but operates freely on the face of the textile. This term is not recommended in English, because it is not certain which implement was used to create these tapestry effects, and it may cause confusion with the historically

accurate term Flying shuttle (1).

Syn. Flying bobbin

Foundation warp (Am.)

French : chaîne pièce,

chaîne toile (obs.)

German : Hauptkette
Italian : ordito di fondo
Portuguese : teia de fundo
Spanish : urdimbre de base
Swedish : bottenvarp

The principal or only warp in a textile. Syn. **Main warp** 

**Foundation weft** 

French: trame de fond The principal, or only weft in a textile.

German : Grundschuss Weft bound by the main warp to form the ground of a Italian : trama di fondo figured textile.

Portuguese : trama de fundo Cf. Brocading weft, Pattern weft, Liseré

Spanish : trama de base, Syn. **Ground weft** (preferred term)

trama de fondo

Swedish : botteninslag

Front beam

French: Term used for breast beam and cloth beam. To avoid confusion, CIETA recommends the latter terms.

Italian : Cf. **Beam** 

Portuguese : Syn. Breast beam, Cloth beam

Spanish : Swedish :

nonich :

**Frost** 

French : frisé A crinkled filé thread composed of a lamella wound on German : Friséfaden a spiral silk core, one end of which is twisted more tightly than the other, giving the thread an undulating

Portuguese : fio metálico crespo profile.

Spanish : hilo fantasía (de metal) Cf. Filé, Lamella, Thrown silk, Spiral

Swedish : friséguld, frisésilver

**Fulling** 

French : fouler, foulonnage A process in wool cloth-making.

German : walken The cloth is first scoured (fulled) to remove dirt and impurities, a process carried out from medieval times Portuguese : pisar in a water mill (milled); and then felted to consolidate

Spanish : batanear, bataneado the weave and thicken the cloth.

Swedish : valkning, stampning Syn. Milling

# Gauffer, goffer (v)

French : gaufrer German : gaufrieren

Italian : goffrare, impresare

Portuguese : gofrar

Spanish : estampar, realzar

Swedish:

A finishing process for linen or lace: to crimp, pleat or flute them using a heated iron; by extension **gauffer** or **goffer** (n.) refers to an ornamental plait, frill or border on womens' caps.

## Gauffered

French : gaufré German : gaufriert

Italian : goffrato, impresso

Portuguese : gofrado Spanish : estampado Swedish : stämplat, pressat Term used to describe textiles, other than velvet, decorated with embossed or stamped pattern, formed by passing them between two engraved cylinders, one in relief and the other hollowed.

Cf. Stamped

#### Gauze

French : gaze, gaze anglaise
German : 1. Dreherbindung
2. Drehergewebe

Italian : garza a giro,

garza a giro inglese

Portuguese : gaze Spanish : gasa

Swedish : gasbindning

1. Weave in which doup ends are carried alternately to the right or to the left or fixed ends. There are many variations, according to the complexity of the

movements made by the doup ends. 2. The textile formed by this weave. For imitation gauze, cf. **Mock Leno** 

## Gilt (or silvered) leather filé

French : lamelle de pellicule

dorée (argentée)

German : Ledergoldfaden,

Ledersilberfaden

Italian :

Portuguese : lâmina de pele

Spanish

Swedish : lamelle av guld-

(silver)läder

A wrapped metal thread, composed of a lamella of gilt or silvered leather, spun around a core of silk, linen or

cotton. Cf. **Filé** 

## Gilt (or silvered) membrane filé

French : filé de baudruche doré

(argenté)

German : Häutchengold-

(Häutchensilber)faden,

Riemchengold-

(Riemchensilber)faden

Italian : oro (argento)

membranaceo

Portuguese : lâmina de membrana Spanish : oro (argento) membrana

Swedish : membranguld,

membransilver

A wrapped metal thread, composed of a lamella of gilt or silvered animal-gut membrane, spun around a core

of (usually) linen yarn.

Cf. Filé, Lamella

Gilt (or silvered) paper strip

French : lamelle de papier doré

(argenté)

German : Papiergold-,

(Papiersilber)faden

Italian : cartolino d'oro

(d'argento)

Portuguese

Spanish : laminilla de papel

dorada (plateada)

Swedish : remsa av guld-

(silver)papper

A flat gold or silver thread made from a narrow strip of gilt or silvered paper.

**Gimp** 

French : fil guipé, fil filé

German : Gimpe Italian : filato

Portuguese : revestido con lâmina,

fio laminado

Spanish : hilo entorchado Swedish : spunnen metaltråd,

omkring en karna

A wrapped thread, with a core of silk, linen or cotton, with another yarn (of metal or organic material) spun

By extension, in English, gimp commonly refers to a

flat braid, incorporating gimp thread, used for

upholstery.

Cf. Filé, Silver-gilt filé

**Glazed** 

French : glacé, lustré
German : geglänzt, lüstriert

Italian : lucidato
Portuguese : glacé
Spanish : lustrado

Swedish : glättad, glansad

Term used to describe a glossy surface produced on a fabric by the application of heat, heavy pressure,

chemical action, or glazing substance.

Cf. Calendered, Lustring

Grège

French : grège

German : Grège, Bastseide,

Rohseide, Haspelseide

Italian : greggio

Portuguese : cru, grege

Spanish : seda cruda, seda hilada

Swedish : grègesilke, råsilke

The silk thread produced by reeling together the baves of several cocoons. Grège has no twist. It can only be

used for weaving in the gummed state. Cf. **Gummed silk**, **Hard silk**, **Raw silk** 

Grenadine

French : grenadine
German : Grenadine
Italian : grenadina
Portuguese : grenadina
Spanish : grenadina
Swedish : grenadin

1. A silk yarn formed by doubling two or more ends of poil and then throwing them in a direction opposite to that of the individual poil ends. The composition is like organzine, but grenadine is three or four times more tightly twisted. It is one of the thrown silk yarns.

Cf. Thrown silk

2. Light, diaphanous tabby-weave fabric, made with grenadine silk; used for womens' clothing eg. blouses and scarves.

Imitations employing mercerized cotton, viscose or wool; the inferior-quality cotton or wool versions are used for linings.

acca for infininge

#### **Gros de Tours**

French : gros de Tours Cannelé with two picks in each shed. German : Gros de Tours Cf. Cannelé, Natté

German : Gros de Tours Italian : gros de Tours Portuguese : gros de Tours Spanish : gros de Tours Swedish : gros de Tours

Ground

French : 1. fond, 2. tissu de fond 1. The field or background of a pattern.

German : 1. Grund, 2. Any construction that serves as a foundation for

Grundgewebe patte

Italian : 1. fondo, 2. tessuto di fondo

Portuguese: 1. fundo,

2. téxtil de fundo

Spanish: 1. fondo,

2. tejido de fondo

Swedish : 1. botten.

2. bottenbindning

pattern.
Cf. **Ground weave** (of a figured silk)

# **Ground harness**

French : corps de lisses de fond, The harness that operates the ends forming the

remisse de lisses de ground weave, when additional harnesses are in

fond operation.

German : Grundharnisch Italian : licci di fondo Portuguese : liços de fundo Spanish : lizos de fondo

Swedish : bottenskaft, grundskaft

## **Ground weave**

French: armure de fond, Any weave that serves as a foundation for pattern,

armure de base texture, or pile.

German : Grundbindung (1)
Italian : armatura di fondo
Portuguese : ponto de fundo
Spanish : ligamento de fondo
Swedish : bottenbindning

## **Ground weft**

French : trame de fond The principal, or only weft in a textile.

German : Grundschuss (1) Weft bound by the main warp to form the ground of a

Italian : trama di fondo figured textile.

Portuguese : trama de fundo Cf. Brocading weft, Pattern weft, Liseré

Spanish : trama de base, Syn. **Foundation weft** trama de fondo

Swedish : botteninslag

#### **Gum sericin**

French : grès, séricine German : Seidenleim, Serizin

Italian : sericina Portuguese : sericina Spanish : sericina

Swedish : sericin, silkelim

The gummy substance deposited on the outside of the filament by the silkworm; it is actually everything that is not silk fibre (or fibroin). It constitutes from 15% to 25% of the bave. Its chief constituent is an albuminoid protein called sericin. The gum cements the two brins

of the bave together.

Cf. Fibroin Syn. Sericin

## **Gummed silk**

French: Silk from which the gum sericin has not been removed.

German : Cf. Grège Italian : Syn. Hard silk

Portuguese : Spanish : Swedish :

## Hackle (n)

French : sérançoir A tool with long metal teeth projecting from a wooden German : Hechel base that is used to clean, separate and comb the

Italian : scapecchiatoio fibres of scutched flax or hemp.

Portuguese : rastêlo Cf. **Heckle** (v)
Spanish : rastrillo Syn. **Heckling comb** 

Swedish : häckla

## Half-drop repeat

French: The transversal repetition of a pattern unit by dropping German: it, in relation to its neighbour, by half the length of the unit. The dropped unit may also be reversed or

Portuguese: inverted in relation to its neighbour.

Spanish : Cf. Drop repeat

Swedish :

## Half-silk

French : mi-soie Term used to designate textiles of silk and another

German : Halbseide fibre (wool or linen).

Italian : mezza seta Cf. Weft-faced compound-twill, Samite

Portuguese : meia seda Spanish : semiseda Swedish : halvsidentyg

#### **Hand loom**

French : métier à bras All looms, including the Jacquard, which are not operated by power, and require a person to perform telaion a mano some of the weaving operations. The term is often used wrongly instead of shaft loom, to distinguish a Spanish : telar a mano loom with shafts from a drawloom.

Spanish : telar a mano loom with shafts from a drawloom Swedish : handvävstol

Hard silk

French Silk from which the gum sericin has not been removed.

German Cf. Grège

Syn. Gummed silk Italian

Portuguese Spanish Swedish

**Harness** 

French corps de lisses,

corps de maillons,

remisse, harnais

Harnisch, Schaftchor German Italian corpo, corpo dei licci,

rimessa

Portuguese aviadura, remissa Spanish arnès, cuerpo Swedish skaftgrupp

1. A group of shafts or leashes that perform one function in weaving a textile.

2. The term is also applied to the total shafts in a loom.

Harness tie

French empoutage et colletage

German Harnischeinzug

Italian imputaggio e colletaggio Portuguese enfiar da prancha

Spanish pasado de la tabla de

coletaie

Swedish harnesskuppknytning In a drawloom, the operation of passing the necking cords through the holes of the comber board (Fr. empoutage) and of attaching the necking cords to the

pulley cords (Fr. colletage).

Hatched

French ombré

German ombré, schattiert

Italian ombré Portuguese sombreado Spanish sombreado

Swedish skuggad Term used to describe shading, or a shaded effect, achieved by using alternating weft threads (or warp threads) of different colours or tones. In French, mostly

used for a warp effect.

Cf. Berclé

**Heavy lift** 

French lourd

German schwere Hebung

Italian pesante Portuguese pesado Spanish pesado

Swedish tung Term used in describing a binding system to indicate the raising of a maximum number of ends or shafts required by this binding system (e.g. a satin woven

right side up). Cf. Light lift

Heckle (v)

French sérancer German hecheln scapecchiare Italian

Portuguese rastelar

Spanish rastrillar Swedish häckla

To put bundles of scutched flax or hemp fibre through the teeth of a heckling comb or hackle in order to

clean, separate and comb the fibres.

Cf. Hackle, Heckling comb

# **Heckling comb**

French : sérançoir German : Hechel

Italian : scapecchiatoio

Portuguese : rastêlo Spanish : rastrillo Swedish : häckla A tool with long metal teeth projecting from a wooden base that is used to clean, separate and comb the

fibres of scutched flax or hemp.

Cf. **Heckle** (v) Syn. **Hackle** 

## Heddle, Heald (Headle, obs.)

French : maille
German : Litze
Italian : maglia
Portuguese : malha
Spanish : malla
Swedish : solv

The loop of thread, or other material, through which an end is passed so that it may be raised or lowered to open the shed to permit the passage of the pick. In a shaft loom, the heddles are suspended between upper and lower bars.

Cf. Heddle bars, Heddle frame, Shaft

In a drawloom, the heddles, called leashes, are suspended from the necking cords below the comber

board.

Cf. Figure Harness, Leash

### **Heddle bars**

French : lisserons
German : Schaftleisten
Italian : listelli

Italian : listelli Portuguese : réguas

Spanish : varillas para lizos Swedish : skaftkäppar A frame in which the heddles are sometimes held.

#### Hemp

French : chanvre
German : Hanf
Italian : canapa

Portuguese : cânhamo Spanish : cañamo Swedish : hanf Fibre from plants of the family Urticaceae, species

Cannabis sativa ssp. sativa.

Cf. Bast, Canvas

## Herringbone twill

French : chevron
German : Spitzgratköper
Italian : chevron
Portuguese : espinhado
Spanish : espiguilla

Swedish : spetskypert

Any form of twill in which the direction of the diagonal lines is reversed over groups of ends, or over groups of picks, to produce chevrons. Chevrons are said to be in the warp or in the weft direction when their axis lies in the direction of either the warp or the weft.

Cf. Twill

Syn. Chevron twill

## **High-warp tapestry loom**

French : métier à haute lisse German : Haute lisse-Stuhl,

Hochwebstuhl

Italian : telaio ad alti licci
Portuguese : tear de alto liço
Spanish : telar de lizos altos
Swedish : goblängvävstol

A tapestry loom with the warp in a vertical position.

Cf. Low-warp tapestry loom

#### **Horizontal Ioom**

French : métier horizontal
German : Flachwebstuhl
Italian : telaio orrizontale
Portuguese : tear horizontal

Portuguese : tear horizontal Spanish : telar horizontal Swedish : skaftvävstol

Loom with its warp arranged horizontally. In tapestry

weaving, this is called a low-warp loom.

Cf. Low-warp tapestry loom

### Huckaback

French : granité, sablé
German : Gerstenkorn
Italian : granité
Portuguese : granité

Spanish : granité Swedish : droppdräll A self-patterned weave, with a tabby ground with small motifs in offset rows formed by short floats of the warp or weft (or both).

Cf. Self-patterned

### lkat

French : ikat
German : Ikat
Italian : ikat
Portuguese : ikat
Spanish : ikat
Swedish : ikat

A term originating in Indonesia, now widely used to describe the process by which a pattern is resist-dyed on the warp, or the weft, or both, before weaving.
 By extension the term is applied to the woven fabric, termed either "warp ikat" or "weft ikat" and if both warp

and weft of the same textile are dyed in this manner,

the term "double ikat" is used. Cf. **Chiné**, **Double Ikat** 

on onno, boasio

### **Inner warp**

French : chaîne pièce
German : Hauptkette
Italian : ordito di fondo
Portuguese : teia de fundo
Spanish : urdimbre de fondo

Swedish : bottenvarp

Term sometimes used to describe the main warp in weft-faced compound weaves.

Cf. Main warp

# Interlock (v)

French : crocheter
German : verhängen
Italian : agganciare
Portuguese : entrelaçar
Spanish : enlazar
Swedish : slinga

- 1. To link together two weft picks at the point where they meet and turn back as in tapestry, and, more rarely, in brocading.
- 2. In some textiles woven with simple equipment, to link together two separate warp ends where they meet and turn back.

### Interlocked, interlocking

French : crochetage German : verhängt Italian : allaciato

Portuguese : entrelaçamento Spanish : effecto de enlace de

tramas

Swedish : slinga

Describes an effect obtained by threads (generally weft, but also warp) interlocked around the contours of the pattern.

## Interrupted

French interrompu (lat) German ausgesetzt,

unterbrochen (Schuss)

Italian interrotto (colore) Portuguese (trama) interrompida Spanish (trama) interrumpida

Swedish

In textiles with several lats, a lat that has ceased to be

used for a number of passes, and is used intermittently, is said to be interrupted.

Cf. Lat

# Interruption

French interruption German Interruption Italian interruzzione Portuguese interrupção Spanish intervalo Swedish skridningstal\*

In satin, the number of ends between adjacent binding points of successive picks. It is counted from the lower left to the upper right on the weft-face of the textile, and from the lower right to the upper left on the warpface. In regular satins, the interruption is constant and is expressed as a single figure, e. g. 8-end satin, interruption 2. In irregular satins it is variable, and must be fully expressed, e. g. 6-end satin, interruption 1. 2. 3. 3. 2. 1. The number of the interruption is always one

less than that of the décochement.

Cf. Décochement

# **Inverted repeat**

French inversé, rebouché (obs.) German gedrehter Rapport

Italian campo a punto a ritorno Portuguese (desenho) invertido

Spanish

Swedish vänd i höjdled

The repetition of a pattern unit by inverting it about an axis parallel with the weft.

### Irregular satin

French satin irréqulier German unregelmässiger Atlas Italian raso irregolare Portuguese cetim irregular

Spanish raso irregular Swedish oregelbunden satin

Satin constructed with unequal spacing of the binding points. The weave unit is composed of a number of picks equal to, or a multiple of, the number of ends, of which there cannot be fewer than six, except for 4-end satin, called "satin turc" when it is in silk.

## Irregular twill

French sergé brisé,

sergé interrompu

German gebrochener Köper Italian saia spezzata Portuguese sarja interrompida Spanish sarja irregular Swedish

bruten kypert, korskkypert

Any form of twill in which the diagonal lines have been deliberately broken; all the binding points are not regularly set over by one end on each successive pick. The breaks occur at regular intervals.

A 3/1 broken twill (fr. Satin de 4) is sometimes referred to as four-shaft or 4-end satin, so-called "satin turc". CIETA recommends the term 3/1 broken twill.

Cf. Twill

Syn. Broken twill

#### Jaspé

French jaspé German Jaspé iaspé Italian Portuguese iaspeado Spanish iaspeado Swedish melerad

- 1. Term describing an irregular mixture of yarns of differing colours or tones, in the warp or the weft threads.
- 2. By extension, a textile woven of such yarns, 3. or the regular colouring of such a textile.

Jute

French iute Fibre from plants of the family *Tiliaceae*, of the genus

tapestry.

Name of Turkish origin for carpets woven in slit

Corchorus. German Jute Cf. Bast Italian iuta

Portuguese iuta Spanish vute Swedish jute

**Kilim** 

French kilim, tapisserie à relais

German Kelim

Italian kelim, arazzo sparato

Portuguese kelim

Spanish kelim, tapiz a ranora

Swedish kelim

Kilotex (Ktex)

French Multiple of the international unit of measurement German expressing the linear density of threads, intended eventually to replace the denier. The kilotex indicates Italian

Portuguese the weight in kilograms of 1000 metres of thread. Spanish Cf. Count, Denier, Tex, Yarn count

Swedish

Knotted pile carpet

French tapis noué Carpet constructed with a pile formed of short lengths German Knüpfteppich of yarn knotted around the warp in such a way that their ends are left standing above the surface. Picks Italian tappeto annodato Portuguese are inserted at intervals generally after each row of tapete de nó knots is in place, to form the ground fabric supporting Spanish alfombra de nudos

Swedish knuten flossa the knots. There are three principal methods of knotting the pile varns: the Turkish or Ghiordes knot, the Persian or Sennah knot, and the Spanish knot.

Kesi (K'ossu, obs.)

French kesi (k'osseu, obs.) The Chinese term for slit tapestry woven of silk or of German silk and metal threads. It is in general use for Chinese Kesi (K'ossu, obs.) Italian kesi (k'ossu, obs.) tapestry-woven fabrics.

Portuguese kesi (k'osseu, obs.) Spanish kesi (k'ossu, obs.) Swedish kesi (k'ossu, obs.)

Cf. Tapestry

Lam

French levier Bar hinged to the side of the loom between shafts and German Hebel Italian léva of the treadle on the shaft and to make it possible to Portuguese alavanca

Spanish

Swedish lattor, växlar

treadles, attached to the treadles via a treadle-cord or tie-up; often used as an intermediary to centre the pull control more than one shaft at a time with one treadle.

Cf. Shaft Loom, Treadle

Lamé

French : lamé General term to describe a textile woven with a weft

German : Lamé made of strips of metal thread.

Italian : lamé
Portuguese : lhama
Spanish : lamé

Lamella

Swedish

French : lame, lamelle A narrow strip of precious or base metal, or gilt or

German : silvered leather, membrane, metal or paper used for Italian : laminetta, lama thread. It may be used flat or wound around a core.

Portuguese : lâmina Cf. Filé, Plate (gold or silver)

Portuguese . Iamina

lamé

Spanish: hojuelle, lamina,

laminilla

Swedish : lan

Lampas

French : lampas Term used exclusively for figured textiles in which a German : Lampas pattern, composed of weft floats bound by a binding lampasso warp, is added to a ground fabric formed by a main

Portuguese : lampasso warp and ground weft. The ground may be tabby, twill, Spanish : lampas, lampazo satin, damask, flushing-warp weave pattern etc. The

Swedish : sammansatta vävnader weft threads forming the pattern may be ground (liseré), pattern or brocading wefts; they float on the

face as required by the pattern and are bound in tabby

or twill by a binding warp.

Lampas taille-douce

French : lampas taille-douce A silk textile developed at the beginning of the 19<sup>th</sup>
German : Lampas taille-douce century. In addition to the main and binding warps, it employs a supplementary binding warp (Fr. chaîne taille-douce), the interlacings of which modify the

Spanish : lampas "taille-douce" colour of the weft floats.

Swedish : lampas taille-douce colour of the well floats

Lampassette

French : lampassette A type of damask whose appearance recalls that German : Lampassette produced by the pattern weft(s) of lampas.

Italian : lampassette A single weft (usually in linen) forms the ground and Portuguese : lampassette the pattern (like in a damask). The latter is bound by Spanish : lampassette the warp, which works in groups of two or three ends.

Swedish : lampassette

Lashes

French : lacs The loops of cords attached to the simple or to the tail cords of a drawloom that enable the drawboy to select laci and pull the cords controlling the warp ends that must

Portuguese : laçadas be raised. It is by means of the lashes that the

Spanish : lazos successive groups of warp ends are selected; they are Swedish : lock arranged in the simple or the tail cords before weaving,

according to the required pattern.

Lat

French : lat One of the picks participating in a pass.

German : Schuss A textile is said to be "with two lats" when it has two lation : trama picks, passed alternatively, performing different functions, e. g. 1 pick 1st lat, ground, 1 pick 2nd lat, pattern (lancé). A lat is said to be "interrupted" when it

Swedish : inslag, väft ceases to be used temporarily.

Cf. Interrupted, Mispick, Shuttling error, Shuttling

fault

Latté

French : latté A lat is called "latté" when its colour is modified along German : latté the length of the textile. Because of this, "lat" is not always a synonym for "weft".

Portuguese : latté Spanish : (tejido con) tramas a

cambio

Swedish : latté

Latting fault

French : faux lat Weft passed in the place of another, a fault either German : falscher Schuss created by the person drawing the lashes (Error in

Italian : errore di tessimento pulling a lash), or by the weaver (Shuttling error).

Portuguese : falsa trama Cf. Shuttling error, Shuttling fault

Spanish : error de lanzadera Syn. **Mispick** Swedish : inslagsfel

Laze

French : envergeure. enverjure A cross in the warp that is formed while warping, in German : Fadenkreuz order to maintain the proper order of the ends,

Italian : invergatura generally maintained by cross-sticks. A cross formed by groups of ends and used in spreading the warp for Spanish : encruziamento beaming is called a "ported cross". A cross formed by

Spanish : encruziamento beaming is called a "ported cross". A cross formed by Swedish : varpskäl individual ends, used for entering and which may or may not be retained afterwards, is called "porrey

cross".

Syn. Cross, Lease

Laze rods

French : baquettes d'envergeure A pair of sticks to hold the cross in the warp.

German : Kreuzstäbe Italian : bacchette d'invergatura

Portuguese : varilhas

Spanish : varillas de cruce, varillas

de encruzamiento, varillas de encañado

Swedish : skälprot, skälstickor

A pair of sticks to hold the cross in the warp. Syn. Cross sticks, Lease rods

Lease

French envergeure. enverjure

German Fadenkreuz Italian invergatura

Portuguese cruz

Spanish encruziamento

Swedish varpskäl A cross in the warp that is formed while warping, in order to maintain the proper order of the ends, generally maintained by cross-sticks. A cross formed by groups of ends and used in spreading the warp for beaming is called a "ported cross". A cross formed by individual ends, used for entering and which may or may not be retained afterwards, is called "porrey

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> de encruzamiento. varillas de encañado

Swedish skälprot, skälstickor

Leash

French maillon German Litzenauge Italian maglione

Portuguese olhal Spanish mallón

Swedish öga i harnesksolv Term used to distinguish the heddle of a drawloom. It is suspended from the necking cord below the comber board. It consists of two loops of thread or wire,

between which is fastened a glass or metal eye called the mail. Generally, it is understood to include the

lingo.

Cf. Heddle, Lingo, Mail

Length

French German Gewebebahn

Italian

Portuguese Spanish

Swedish

A textile of indeterminate length that has both selvedges and includes at least one pattern repeat.

Cf. Width

Leno

French Term commonly used for some types of gauze, not

German recommended by CIETA.

Italian

Portuguese Spanish

Swedish

Cf. Gauze

Lifting shaft

French lisse de levée German Hochschaft

Italian licci di alzata Portuguese lico d levante Spanish lizi de alza Swedish lyftande skaft Shaft that raises a section of the warp while the rest is

falling or stationary, creating a rising shed.

Cf. Depression shaft

**Light lift** 

French léger

German leichte Hebung

Italian leggero Portuguese ligeiro

Spanish ligero

Swedish

Term used in describing a binding system to indicate the raising of the minimum number of ends or shafts

required by this binding system.

Cf. Heavy lift

Liage repris (à liage repris)

French liage repris German Liage repris

Italian liage repris Portuguese liage repris Spanish liage repris

Binding of a supplementary (pattern or brocading) weft or of a liseré (ground) weft by the main warp ends (e.

g. bound by every fourth main end).

Linen

Swedish

French lin

German Leinen, Leinwand

Italian lino Portuguese linho Spanish lino Swedish lin. linne A textile woven from linen thread.

Cf. Flax

Linen thread

French lin A yarn made from flax. :

Cf. Flax German Leinenfaden,

liage repris

Leinengarn

lino Italian Portuguese linho Spanish lino Swedish lin, linne

Linen union

French métis A fabric with a linen warp and cotton weft.

German Halbleinen Cf. Union

Italian Portuguese Spanish Swedish

Lingo

French plomb The weight on the lower end of the leash in a

German Gewicht, Litzengewicht drawloom. Italian piombo, piombino Cf. Leash

peso de tear Portuguese

Spanish peso Swedish lod

Liseré

French : liseré German : Liseré

Italian : liseré
Portuguese : liseré

Spanish : efecto de bastas por

trama de fondo, liseré

Swedish : liseré

Loading

French : charge German : Beschwerung

Italian : carica
Portuguese : gomagem
Spanish : carga
Swedish : fortygning

Process of applying products to silk to increase its weight without compromising the dyestuff used.

Weft float formed by the ground weft.

Syn. Weighting

Loom

French : métier, métier à tisser

German : Webstuhl Italian : telaio Portuguese : tear Spanish : telar Swedish : vävstol

Any device on which a warp may be arranged, and sheds formed, by a shedding mechanism for the passage of picks. In its simplest form, a loom may be a single bar from which weighted ends are suspended, or two bars between which ends are stretched. More developed looms are the drawloom, the Jacquard loom, the power loom, the shaft loom.

Cf. Button loom, Drawloom, Hand loom, High-warp tapestry loom, Jacquard loom, Low-warp tapestry loom, Power loom, Shaft loom, Tablet loom

Loom end

French : bordure terminale,

fin de tissage

German : Abschuss

Italian : 1. facciolo o testata

della pezza

2. tirella (when the initial wefts are thick, before starting the textile

proper)

Portuguese : tirela

Spanish:

Swedish : varpstad, tvärstad

The last picks in a length of textile that often differ in structure and material from the main field.

Syn. **Terminal border** 

Loom width

French : laize, laise, lé German : Gewebebahn,

Warenbreite

Italian : altezza Portuguese : largura

Spanish : ancho de telar

Swedish : bredd, vådbredd, våd

The complete width of a textile, including selvedges.

Syn. Width

# Low-warp tapestry loom

French : métier à basse lisse
German : Basse lisse-Stuhl
Italian : telaio a bassi licci
Portuguese : tear de baixo liços
Spanish : telar de bajo lizos
Swedish : horisontell väystol

Loom for tapestry weaving with the warp arranged horizontally.

Cf. High-warp tapestry loom

#### Louisine

French : louisine
German : Louisine
Italian : louisine
Portuguese : louisine
Spanish : louisine
Swedish : louisine

An extended tabby in which the warp ends move in groups of two or more. The threads are passed individually in the heddles in such a way that they remain parallel when interlacing with the weft.

Cf. Extended tabby

## Lozenge twill

French : losange German : Rautenköper Italian : diamantina Portuguese : losango

Spanish : sarga a rombos

Swedish : gåsögon

Any form of twill in which the direction of the diagonal lines formed by the binding points is reversed over groups of ends, and also over groups of picks to produce lozenges.

Cf. Twill

## **Lustring (Lustering)**

French : German : Italian : Portuguese : Spanish : Swedish :

18<sup>th</sup> century English term for a light, crisp tabby silk, with a high lustre due to the process of lustrating, which involved stretching the fabric and applying a syrupy gum, with heat, while it was under tension. Lustrings were often plain but could be striped or brocaded.

## Mail

French : maillon
German : Litzenauge
Italian : maglione
Portuguese : olhal
Spanish : mallón

Swedish : öga i harnesksolv

The metal or glass element which forms the centre part of the leash construction, and through which the warp end is passed. In its simplest form, it has three holes; those at the top and the bottom are to hold the upper and lower cords of the leash while the centre one, the eye, is one through which the end passes. Mails with two or more eyes through which two or more individual ends may be entered are known as "decked" mails.

Cf. Eye, Leash

# Main warp

French : chaîne pièce,

chaîne toile (obs.)

German : Hauptkette ordito di fondo
Portuguese : teia de fundo
Spanish : urdimbre de base

Swedish : bottenvarp

The principal or only warp in a textile.

Syn. Foundation warp

Matelassé

French A double-woven textile with a guilted appearance. A matelassé

wadding weft is used to increase the relief. German Matelassé

Cf. Double weave, Wadding weft Italian matelassé

Portuguese acolchoado Spanish acolchado Swedish matelassé

Membrane

French baudruche Fine skin prepared from the gut of various animals. German Häutchen Gilded or silvered it is cut into narrow strips and used

Italian membrana as lamella.

Cf. Gilt membrane filé, Lamella Portuguese membrana

Spanish membrana Swedish membran

Metal thread

French fil métallique General term for threads composed partly or entirely of

German Metallfaden metal or metallic materials.

Cf. Drawn wire, Filé, Gilt (or silvered) leather filé, filo metalico Italian Portuguese fio metálico Gilt (or silvered) membrane filé, Gilt (or silvered) Spanish hilo metálico paper strip, Silver-gilt (or silver) filé, Lamella,

Swedish metaltråd Sorbec, Wire, Wrapped thread

Mexicaine

A type of figured pékin (late 18<sup>th</sup> – early 19<sup>th</sup> century) French mexicaine German Mexicaine patterned by the floats of one or more flushing warps. messicana Italian When not required by the pattern, the flushing warp

Portuguese mexicana ends float on the reverse. Spanish meiicana Cf. Flushing warp, Pékin

Swedish mexicaine

Millina

French fouler, foulonnage A process in wool cloth-making.

German walken The cloth is first scoured (fulled) to remove dirt and Italian qualcare impurities, a process carried out from medieval times in a water mill (milled); and then felted to consolidate Portuguese pisar

the weave and thicken the cloth. Spanish batanear, bataneado

Swedish valkning, stampning Syn. Fulling

**Mispick** 

French faux lat Weft passed in the place of another, a fault either falscher Schuss German

created by the person drawing the lashes (Error in Italian errore di tessimento pulling a lash), or by the weaver (Shuttling error). Cf. Error in pulling a lash, Shuttling error falsa trama

Portuguese Spanish error de lanzadera

Swedish inslagsfel

Missing end

Swedish

French fil manguant The absence of a warp end usually through breakage

German fehlender Kettfaden resulting of a fault in the textile. Italian filo mancante

Portuguese : falla de urdimbre Spanish

falha de fio

varp mista

Missing pick (Missing weft)

French pas failli

Trittfehler, fehlender German

Schussfaden

Italian pié fallito

cala falhada, falha de Portuguese

falla de la pasada, falla Spanish

de trama

Swedish trampfel\*

Mock leno

French fausse gaze

German Scheindrehergewebe

Italian falsa garza imitação de gaze Portuguese

Spanish semi-gasa

Swedish myggtjäll Weave based on tabby, with the interlace of the ends and picks arranged so that openings are formed in the

Fault resulting from the omission of one or more picks.

textile, in imitation of gauze.

Cf. Gauze

Syn. False gauze

Moiré

French moiré German Moiré

Italian marezzato, moiré

Portuguese moiré

moaré, tela de aguas Spanish

Swedish moaré Term used to describe textiles in which a watered effect is produced by pressing certain warp rib fabrics in such a way as to flatten part of the ribs and leave

other parts in relief, so that the flattened and unflattened parts reflect the light differently.

Syn. Watered

**Monture** 

French montage German Einrichtung Italian montatura

Portuguese montagem Spanish montura

Swedish rustning, inredning On a drawloom, the loom mounting: the sum of the leashes and the cords that control them, together with

the shafts.

Nap (n)

French lainer As in: "to raise a nap"

A finishing process for wool cloth, raising short hairs, German rauhen Italian scardassare originally by combing the face of the cloth with a Portuguese cardar teasel, more recently, with wire brushes.

Spanish parchar, cardar

Swedish rugga upp

Natté

French natté

German Panamabindung

Italian natté Portuguese panamá Spanish panama Swedish panama

Gros de Tours with two warp ends working together. If not made of silk, this weave can be called "panama". Cf. Basket-weave, Extended tabby, Gros de Tours,

**Panama** 

# **Necking cords**

French : arcade

German : Harnischschnur

Italian : arcata
Portuguese : arcada
Spanish : arcada
Swedish : stropp

In a drawloom, the short cord that connects the leash

and the pulley cord.

#### Nettle

French : ortie Plants from several species of the family *Urticaceae* 

German : Nessel that yield bast fibres for weaving nettle cloth.

Italian : ortica Cf. Bast

Portuguese : urtica Spanish : ortiga Swedish : nässla

## Nuanced

French : Qualifies a textile in which the warp colour is varied German : according to its tie-up, for example in mexicaines or velvets with several figure harnesses, one of which is

Portuguese : 'nuanced' (i.e. controlling more than one colour of the Spanish : warp).

Spanish : wa Swedish :

# **Organzine**

French : organsin A silk yarn formed by doubling two or more poil yarns,
German : Organzin and then throwing them in the opposite direction to that
Italian : organzino of the twist of the individual ends. The twist generally
Portuguese : organsin ranges from 350-750 per metre. It is one of the thrown

Spanish : organsin silk yards.

Swedish : organsin, varpsilke Cf. Thrown silk

## **Ottoman**

French : ottoman Faille française with ribs of unequal width.

German : Ottoman Cf. Faille française

Italian : ottoman Portuguese : otomana

Spanish : otomán, otomano

Swedish : ottoman

# **Panama**

Spanish Swedish

French : A non-silk fabric with the structure of a Gros de Tours,

German : Panama with two warp ends working together.

Italian : Cf. Basket-weave, Gros de Tours, Natté
Portuguese :

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**Pass** 

French passée

Passée, Schusskurs German

Italian valore di un passo,

passo

Portuguese tramado Spanish tramado Swedish inslagsrapport A complete cycle of wefts, recurring regularly in a

textile to form effects across the width.

In figured textiles, a pass or a multiple of passes normally constitutes the weft pattern step.

Cf. Pattern step, pick

Pattern repeat

French rapport de dessin German Musterrapport

rapporto di disegno Italian Portuguese repetição do desenho Spanish reperte del dibujo

Swedish mönsterrapport Unit composed of one or more motifs which, by its repetition, constitutes the pattern of a textile. Cf. Comber repeat, Drop repeat, Point repeat,

Reverse repeat, Straight repeat

Syn. Pattern unit

Pattern-rod loom

French métier à baguettes German

Litzenstabgerät,

Schlingenstabgerät Italian telaio bacchette

Portuguese tear de varetas Spanish telar de varillas Swedish dragsrustning\*

A hand loom employed for weaving figured textiles, usually with simple patterns. The warp ends for the pattern sheds are selected by means of rods inserted between the shafts and the warp beam.

Pattern step

French découpure German Stufung Italian scalinatura Portuguese recorte

Spanish recorte Swedish stygn

The smallest gradation of a design. The smallest number of warp ends (warp pattern step) or the smallest number of picks or passes (weft pattern step) that form one step in the outlines of the design. The weft pattern step is counted by picks if the weft is a single thread, and by passes if more than one weft is derived into two or more series. It is possible for two pattern steps, composed of different numbers of ends, picks or passes to be used in regular alteration. Note – in velvets where the entire pattern is formed by the pile warp and no extra wefts are employed, the weft pattern step is often counted by velvet rods.

Cf. Pass, Syn. Découpure

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### Pattern weft

French : trame lancée, Weft auxiliary to the ground weft passed from selvedge

trame de lancé to selvedge in order to enrich the ground or to form the

German : Lancierschuss pattern.

: trama lanciata, 1. A continuous pattern weft travels the width and

trama di lanciato length of a fabric.

Portuguese : trama lançada 2. An interrupted, or discontinuous, pattern weft is

Spanish : trama lanzada, trama de discontinuous along the length of a fabric. lanzado, trama de

Swedish : lanserat inslag

Pékin

Italian

French : pékin Textile with longitudinal stripes employing different

German : Pékin binding systems.

Italian : pékin Portuguese : pequim Spanish : pekín Swedish : pékin

Pick (n)

French : coup, duite 1. A single passage of the shuttle through the shed,

German : Eintrag, Schuss carrying one or more weft threads. Italian : colpo, inserzione Cf, Lat. Pass. Shoot

Italian : colpo, inserzione Cf. **Lat, Pass, Shoot**Portuguese : passagem 2. By extension, the weft thread itself.

Spanish : pasada

Swedish : inslag, skott, skyttling

Pick (v)

French : insérer To throw the shuttle through the shed.

German : eintragen Italian : inserire Portuguese : inserir Spanish : insertar Swedish : slå in

**Piece** 

French : pièce 1. The whole textile

German : Stück 2. The complete piece as taken from the loom.

Italian : pezza Portuguese : peça Spanish : pieza

Swedish : vävländ, stycke

Piece-dyed

French : teint en pièce A term used for a textile that has been dyed after German : stückgefärbt weaving.

Italian : tinto in pezza
Portuguese : tingido em peça
Spanish : teñido in pieza

Swedish : stykefärgad

Pile

French : poil Threads which project from a ground fabric.

German : Flor Cf. Knotted pile weave, Pile warp, Pile weave, Pile

Italian : pelo weft, Velvet

Portuguese : felpa Spanish : pelo Swedish : lugg

Pile-on-pile velvet

French : velours relevé Figured velvet in which cut pile is woven in two or

German : Reliefsamt, Stufensamt more heights in order to create a pattern.

Italian : velluto a due/tre altezze Cf. Velvet velluto alto e basso

(obs.)

Portuguese : veludo de dois o mais

altos

Spanish : terciopelo de dos o más

altos

Swedish reliefsammet

Pile warp

French : chaîne poil In velvets, the warp whose ends form a pile above a

German : Florkette ground fabric. Italian : ordito de pelo Cf. Velvet

Portuguese : teia de pêlo Note: in French, "chaîne poil" is also used for a warp Spanish : urdimbre de pelo which floats on the surface to create a pattern or

Swedish : polvarp texture.

In English, this is a "flushing warp".

Of Florabina ....

Cf. Flushing warp

Pile weave

French : Weave in which pile is produced above a ground German : Weave in which pile is produced above a ground fabric. The pile may be formed by a pile warp or a pile

Italian : w

Portuguese : Cf. Velvet, Velveteen, Weft loop, Weft-pile weave

Spanish : Swedish :

Pin-beater

French: A slender cylindrical tool tapering to a point, made of bone or wood, for beating down the wefts in tapestry

Italian : weaving.

Portuguese : Spanish : Swedish :

Pinna

French : soie marine, soie de Silk obtained from the beard of the mollusk *Pinna* 

moule, Byssus Nobilis.

German : Muschelseide The textile woven with this silk.

Italian : bisso Syn. Sea silk

Portuguese : seda marítima
Spanish : seda marina
Swedish : havssilke, pinna

Pirn

French : Term used for Bobbin, specifically for end-feed

German : shuttles. Italian : Syn. **Bobbin** 

Portuguese : Spanish : Swedish :

**Plain** 

French : uni, uniforme Term used to describe a textile without pattern, one German : glatt, uni that is woven with shafts in which the weave unit is constantly repeated without variation, with a uniform

Portuguese : liso unbroken surface.

Spanish : liso, no decorado

Swedish : slät

Plain (adj.)

French : uni Denotes a textile that has no pattern, in any weave.

German : ungemustert

Italian : unito
Portuguese : liso
Spanish : liso
Swedish : vanliq

Plain cloth

French: The term is sometimes used for tabby-woven cloth.

German : Not recommended by CIETA.

Italian : Cf. **Tabby** 

Portuguese : Spanish : Swedish :

Plain weave

French: The term is commonly used commercially for "tabby", German: and has been widely adopted as a synonym for tabby.

Italian : Cf. **Tabby** 

Portuguese : Spanish : Swedish :

Plangi

French : plangi Indonesian term denoting German : Plangi 1. A process of resist-dyeing.

Italian : plangi : The fabric is first bleached and tied tightly over small nails and then dyed, creating patterns of small white

Spanish : plangi dots.

Swedish : plangi 2. The resulting textile.

Cf. Resist-dyeing, Tie-dyeing

Plate (gold or silver)

French : A flat, narrow strip of metal thread.

German : Lahn Cf. Lamella

Italian :
Portuguese :
Spanish :
Swedish :

Plied yarn

French : retors A yarn composed of two or more previously spun or

German : Einfachzwirn, Zwirn twisted yarns that have been united by twisting. The ltalian : ritorto direction of the twist is usually opposite to that of

Portuguese : fio retorcido individual ends.

Spanish : hilo retorcido Cf. Double, Throwing, Twist

Swedish : tvinnat yarn

**Plush** 

French : peluche A cut velvet with a very long pile.

German : Plüsch Italian : peluche Portuguese : pelúcia Spanish : felpa Swedish : plysch

Ply (n)

French : tors, retors Plied yarns are twisted yarns, composed of more than

German : Einfachzwirn, Zwirn one end twisted together. The expressions single-ply, Italian : torcitura 2-ply, etc. denote the number of ends of which each

Portuguese : torção yarn is composed.

Spanish : torsión de un cabo,

de dos cabos, etc.

Swedish : anod

**Ply** (v)

French : tordre To make a thicker yarn by twisting together two or

German : zwirnen more ends.

Italian : torcere Cf. Double, Doubling, End, Twist

Portuguese : torcer Spanish : retorcer Swedish : tvinna

Ply weave

French : A term that has been used for double weave.

German : Not recommended by CIETA.

Italian : Cf. Double weave

Portuguese : Spanish : Swedish : Poil

French : poil
German : Pelseide
Italian : pelo

Italian : pelo Portuguese : pêlo

Spanish : pelo Swedish : filerat silke A silk yarn formed by throwing grège silk in Z. The twist may be very slight or may exceed 3000 per

metre.

Cf. Thrown silk

Point (double, single)

French : pointe (double, simple)
German : (doppelte, einfache)

Spitze

Italian : punta (doppia, semplice)
Portuguese : ponta (dupla, simple)
Spanish : punta (doble, simple)
Swedish : (dubbel, enkel) spets

The axis of two groups of warp ends, or two groups of picks, in a symmetrical construction. The axis of two comber units in a reverse repeat. The point is said to be double when the last threads of the straight comber unit are attached to the same pulley cord; it is said to be single when it is formed only by the last threads of the straight comber unit.

Point paper plan

French : mise en carte
German : Patrone
Italian : mess'in carta
Portuguese : debuxo

Spanish : puesta en carta Swedish : sölvnota, patron A pattern on squared paper which serves as a guide for setting up the loom. In the squares, each vertical line represents a warp pattern step (of one or more threads) and each horizontal one a weft pattern step (of one or more picks in textiles with one lat, or, generally, of one pass in textiles with several lats). The term "point paper plan" is generally applied only to patterns for a drawloom or a loom with a Jacquard

mechanism.

For a pattern for a shaft loom, Cf. Draft

**Point repeat** 

French : dessin à pointe
German : gegenläufiges Muster
Italian : disegno a punta
Portuguese : desenho de retorno
Spanish : dibujo simétrico
Swedish : spegelvänt mönster

A symmetrical pattern, with a reverse repeat with its axis in the warp direction, executed with a point

monture.

Cf. Reverse repeat

**Power Ioom** 

French : métier mécanique German : mechanischer Webstuhl

Italian:telaio meccanicoPortuguese:tear mecânicoSpanish:telar mecanicoSwedish:maskinvävstol

A loom that does not require a person to perform any of the weaving operations, but one which, once set up, operates independently by mechanical means.

**Profile** 

French : profil, tracé en coupe

German : Gewebeschnitt

Italian : profile Portuguese : perfil Spanish : corte

Swedish : genomskärning

The longitudinal or transverse cross-section of a weave.

**Profile draft** 

French : A simplified form of entering draft for a shaft loom,

German : showing only the profile of the weave.

Italian : Cf. **Draft** 

Portuguese : Spanish : Swedish :

**Proportion** 

French : proportion The proportion of warps of different functions or of German : Verhältnis wefts of different functions within a woven fabric.

Italian : proporzione Cf. Warp proportion, Weft proportion

Portuguese : proporção Spanish : proporción Swedish : relation

Pulley box

French : cassin
German : Rahmenbrett
Italian : cassino

Portuguese : prancha de roldanas

Spanish : cántara

Swedish : trissbräde

Drawloom accessory, composed of a group of small pulleys extending the pulley cords or tail cords at the side of the loom, so that they can receive either the lashes themselves or the simples carrying these

lashes.

**Pulley cord** 

French : corde de rame German : Rahmenkorde,

Colletschnur

Italian : corda del ramo Portuguese : cordas do ramo

Spanish : cuerda de ramo Swedish harnesksnöre, stropp On a drawloom, the section of cord between the necking cord and the pulley. In English, after passing over the pulley, this cord is called a tail cord. The equivalent terms in other languages refer to the whole

cord: both pulley and tail cord sections.

Cf. Tail cord

Quill (obs.)

French: Synonym for bobbin, derived from the use of large

German : bird-feather quills as bobbins.

Italian : Dird-leadler quills as bobblis

Italian :
Portuguese :
Spanish :
Swedish :

**Ramie** 

French : ramie Fibre of the nettle plants of the family *Urticaceae*, German : Ramie genus *Boehmeria*, and also threads made from the

Italian : ramié fibre.
Portuguese : rami Cf. Bast

Spanish : ramio Swedish : rami Raw silk

French : soie brute Reeled silk threads that have not undergone any German : Rohseide finishing process.

Italian : seta grezza Cf. Grège, Gummed silk, Hard silk, Reeled silk

Portuguese : seda crua Spanish : seda cruda Swedish : råsilke

Read in

Portuguese

French : lisage To tie the lashes onto the simple of a drawloom (or German : einlesen onto the tail cords); to punch the cards for a Jacquard

Italian : lettura loom, according to the point paper plan.

Spanish : lisaje, lectura Swedish : inräkning

leitura

Reading error

French : faute de lisage A mistake in the selection of the cords when tying the German : Einlesefehler lashes onto the simple.

Italian : errore di lettura
Portuguese : erro de leitura
Spanish : error de lectura

Swedish : inräkningsfel

Reading fault

French : faute de lisage The fault in the textile that results from a reading error.

German : Einlesefehler Cf. Reading error Italian : errore di lettura

Portuguese : erro de leitura
Spanish : error de lectura
Swedish : inräkningsfel

Reed

French : peigne The instrument used to keep the warp ends evenly Spaced and aligned. It is fastened in the batten and Italian : pettine serves to beat in weft. It generally consists of metal Portuguese : pente dents held between two bars of wood or metal.

Spanish : peine Cf. Dent, Comb, Sword beater

Swedish : sked, vävkam. vävhand

Reel (n)

French : dévidoir 1. The circular device about which the silk is wound as German : Haspel it is reeled from the cocoon.

Italian : aspa 2. Any rotary apparatus on which thread may be

Portuguese : dobadura wound during manufacture.

Swedish : haspel, härvel

aspa

Reel (v)

Spanish

French : dévider To unwind the silk filaments from the cocoons, and

German : haspeln, abhaspeln wind them onto a new support.

Italian : aspar Portuguese : dobar Spanish : aspar

Swedish : haspar, koppla av

### Reeled silk

French : The silk thread produced by reeling together the baves

German : Haspelseide of several cocoons. Italian : Cf. Grège, Raw silk

Italian :
Portuguese :
Spanish :
Swedish :

Regular satin

French : satin régulier Satin whose binding points are uniformly spaced. The German : regelmässiger Atlas weave unit is composed of a number of picks equal to Italian : raso regolare the number of ends, which cannot be fewer than five. Portuguese : cetim regular The most common regular satins are based on weave units of five or eight warp ends.

Swedish : vanlig satin Cf. Satin

Repp

French reps Weave with longitudinal ribs of varying width formed by German weft floats resting on a weave of reps alternatif, or reps Rips lancé. This word is used in a general and commercial Italian reps sense as defined by Webster's Dictionary, "fabric Portuguese reps Spanish repes having a transversally corded or ribbed surface", and Swedish reps by the Concise Oxford English Dictionary, as "Textile

fabric with corded surface used in upholstery". It has been appropriated as a technical term, but its precise meaning is not agreed upon. It is found variously used to describe textiles with transverse or longitudinal ribbed effects. CIETA recommends that this term

should not be used for technical purposes.

Cf. Plangi, Shibori, Tie-dyeing, Tritik

Repeat

French : rapport Denotes a technical or pattern unit that is repeated regularly and continuously throughout a textile.

Italian : rapporto Cf. Pattern unit, Weave unit, Comber repeat, Drop Portuguese : repetição repeat, Inverted repeat, Point repeat, Reverse

Spanish : unidad minima (de

diseño)

Swedish : rapport

repeat, Straight repeat

Resist-dyeing

Swedish

French : décor par teinture à Process by which certain areas of a fabric or skein of

réserve yarn are reserved from penetration by a colourant.

German : Reservemusterung This can be achieved by tieing and dyeing skeins ltalian : tinta di riserva before weaving,

Portuguese : decoração por Cf. Ikat, Chiné, Chiné à la branche, Warp-printed

tingimento en reserva or else by tieing, or by stitching and gathering the

Spanish : tintoreria en reserva woven fabric,

reservagefärgning

Otherwise, areas of a fabric can be reserved from the dystuff by the application of wax or other products,

Cf. Batik

Rett (v)

French rouir

German rotten, rösten

Italian macerare

Portuguese macerar Spanish enriar Swedish röttning

To rot the stems of plants with bacteria and moisture so the bast fibre may be separated from the woody

parts.

Retting

French rouissage German Rotten, Rösten macerazione Italian

Portuguese maceração Spanish enriamento Swedish röttning

The process of rotting the stems of plants with bacteria and moisture so the bast fibre may be separated from

the woody parts.

Reverse

French envers The back or wrong side of a textile. Syn. Back

German Unterseite Italian rovescio Portuguese : avesso

Spanish envès, revès, reverso Swedish avigsida, aviga

Reverse comber unit

French chemin à retour A comber unit whose ends are joined to the central

German gegenläufiger cords in an order inverse to their numbering. Harnischrapport

campo a ritorno Italian Portuguese caminho de retorno Spanish camino a retorno Swedish omvänd rapport

Cf. Comber unit, Straight comber unit

Reverse entering

French à pointe A system of entering that has one or more axes of

German Spitzeinzug symmetry.

rimettaggio a punta Italian Portuguese remetido de ponta Spanish remetido a punta

Swedish solvning i spets

Reverse repeat French The repetition of a pattern unit by reversing it about an

German axis parallel to the warp.

Italian Cf. Point repeat

Portuguese Spanish Swedish

# Reversible (1)

French double-face

German doppelseitiges Gewebe

Italian doppia faccia Portuguese duas faces Spanish tela a dos caras

Swedish dubbelsidiga bindbingar Having either side usable as the face.

Cf. Double-faced weave

## Reversible (2)

French sans envers

German doppelseitiges Gewebe

senza rovescio Italian sem avesso Portuguese Spanish reversible Swedish liksidig

In French, Italian, and Spanish, a special distinction is made when the two faces of a reversible textile are identical.

Rib

French côte German Rippe Italian costa Portuguese bordão Spanish bordón

Swedish ribba A slight ridge, longitudinal or transverse, formed on the surface of a textile by the interplay of ends and picks. A rib in a warp-faced textile (called a "warp rib"), runs transversely; a rib in a weft-faced textile (called a "weft

rib") runs longitudinally.

Ribbed

French côtelé German gerippt

Italian tessuto a coste

Portuguese gorgorão Spanish canutillo Swedish ripsartad

General term used for textiles with strongly defined

ribs.

Right side

French face endroit

German Oberseite, rechte Seite

Italian diritto Portuguese direito

tejedo del reverso Spanish

Swedish rätsida, räta The obverse face of a textile, that is intended to be

seen.

This shares a meaning with "Face", but is not

synonymous. Cf. Face

Rigid heddle loom

métier à la grille French German Webgitter

Italian griglia per tessere,

telaio alla griglia

Portuguese grade para tecer

Spanish lizo rigido

Swedish bandgrind, bandsjäll Small weaving implement used to produce narrow tabby bands, generally ribbons. It consists of a frame containing vertical slats, each with a central hole. The threads are passed alternately through a hole or between the slats. Raising or lowering the frame produces the two sheds of the tabby weave.

# Rigid heddle weaving

French tissage à la grille German Gitterweberei Italian

grata telaio, tessitura

alla grata

Portuguese tear de grade,

grade para tecer

Spanish verja tejeduria

Swedish vävning met bandgrind

Rod

French Cf. Heddle Rod, Velvet rod

German Italian Portuguese Spanish

Swedish

Roller

French Cf. Beam

German Baum Italian

Portuguese Spanish Swedish

**Samite** 

French Historic term for silks and half-silks woven in weftsamit German Samit faced compound twill, derived from the Byzantine Italian sciamito Greek, εξάμιτος (Lat. samitum). They can be plain or

Portuguese samito

Spanish samito Cf. Weft-faced compound twill, Weft-faced

Swedish samitum compound weave

Satin

French satin

German Atlas, Atlasbindung

Italian raso Portuguese cetim Spanish raso, saten

Swedish satin, atlas bindning Weave based on a unit of five or more ends, and a number of picks equal to, or a multiple of, the number of ends. In a warp-faced satin, each end passes over four or more adjacent picks and under the next one. The binding points are set over two or more ends on successive picks. Satins are called regular or irregular according to the regular or irregular spacing of the binding points. A regular satin may be defined by the number of ends in the weave unit and by the interruption, e. g. 8-end satin, interruption 2. An irregular satin may be defined by the number of ends in the weave unit and by the interruption, but as the latter is variable, it must be expressed fully, e. g. 6-end

satin, interruption 1. 2. 3. 3. 2. 1.

Cf. Broken twill, Interruption, Irregular satin

Weaving executed on a rigid heddle loom.

Cf. Rigid heddle loom

Satin damask

French : Damask based upon a satin weave.

German : Cf. Damask, Twill damask

Italian :
Portuguese :
Spanish :

Swedish

Satin turc

French : Name given to a 3/1 broken twill, with staggered binding points, presenting a glossy surface.

Italian : Cf. Broken twill

Portuguese : Spanish :

Swedish :

**Schappe** 

French : schappe Silk yarn produced by combing and spinning waste silk

German : Florettseide, after partial degumming.
Schappseide Cf. Bourrette, Waste silk

Italian : seta fioretto, schappe

Portuguese : borra de seda

Spanish : azache, chape, schappe Swedish : schappe, spunnet silke

Scutch (v)

French : teiller Part of the processing of bast fibres.

German : schwingen To free the bast from the retted and broken wood portions of the stalks of flax and hemp, and to separate short tow fibres from the rest. The stems are held over spanish : espardar a block and tapped with a wooden tool called a

Spanish . espandar a block and tapped with a wooden tool called a

Swedish : skäkta scutching knife.

Cf. Bast, Break, Rett

Sea silk

French : soie marine, soie de Silk obtained from the beard of the mollusk *Pinna* 

moule, Byssus Nobilis.

German : Muschelseide The textile woven with this silk.

Italian : bisso Syn. **Pinna** 

Portuguese : seda marítima Spanish : seda marina Swedish : havssilke, pinna

Self-patterned

French : Term used to describe a pattern achieved by a modification of the regular binding system.

Italian : Cf. Damask, Damas robe, Diaper, Liseré

Portuguese : Spanish : Swedish :

# Selvedge (Selvage)

French : lisière, cordon
German : Webkante
Italian : cimosa
Portuguese : ourela

Spanish : orillo

Swedish : stadkant. stad

The longitudinal edge of a textile, often distinguished by warp ends differing from those in the body of the textile in colour, and sometimes by a change in the

binding from the rest of fabric.

Cf. Selvedge cord, Transverse selvedge

## Selvedge (Selvage) cord (bundle)

French : cordeline German : Leistenfaden,

Webkantenkordel

Italian : cordellina
Portuguese : ourelo
Spanish : cordelina
Swedish : stadkordong

The end, frequently a heavy cord or group of warp ends (bundle) working together, at the outer edges of a textile around which the picks turn before passing back

across the fabric. Cf. **Selvedge** 

#### Sericin

French : grès, séricine German : Seidenleim, Serizin

Italian : sericina
Portuguese : sericina
Spanish : sericina

Swedish : sericin, silkelim

The gummy substance deposited on the outside of the filament by the silkworm; it is actually everything that is not silk fibre (or fibroin). It constitutes from 15% to 25% of the bave. Its chief constituent is an albuminoid protein called sericin. The gum cements the two brins of the bave together.

Cf. Fibroin Syn. Gum sericin

# Sericulture

French : sériciculture
German : Seidenzucht
Italian : sericoltura
Portuguese : sericultura

Spanish : sericicultura, sericultura

Swedish : silkesodling

The cultivation of the silkworm and the processing of

cocoons.

### Shaded, Shaded effect

French : ombré, (en) dégradé German : ombré, schattiert

Italian : ombré Portuguese : esfumado

Spanish : esfumado, efecto de

sombra, sombreado

Swedish : skuggad

Textile whose colour is modified by the juxtaposition of several tones of a colour, passing from light to dark.
 A "graded" effect on a point paper plan transitioning from the predominance of the warp to that of the weft.

Cf. Berclé, Hatched

#### Shaft

French : lisse
German : Schaft
Italian : liccio
Portuguese : liço
Spanish : lizo
Swedish : skaft

A group of heddles fixed side by side in order that they may be moved together at the same time. Most commonly it consists of a series of heddles between two horizontal bars.

**Shaft figure harness** 

French The harness which executes the pattern in figured German textiles and controls the warp as required for the formation of this pattern consists, in a shaft loom of a Italian

group of shafts (Fr. corps de lisses de dessin). Portuguese

Spanish Cf. Figure harness

Swedish

**Shaft Ioom** 

French métier a lisses A loom with shafts to raise and lower the warp threads to form a shed for the passage of the shuttle.

German Schaftwebstuhl telaio a licci Italian tear de liços Portuguese Spanish telar de lizos Swedish skaftvävstol

Shed

French pas, foule, marchure The opening in the warp that permits the passage of

German Fach the shuttle and thereby the pick.

Italian passo Portuguese cala Spanish calada Swedish skäl

Shed rod

French bâton de croisure fixe A rod used to separate selected groups of warp

German threads in order to create a shed on simple weaving Trennstab

Italian verga de incrocio fissa devices.

Portuguese

Spanish

Swedish skälkäp

**Shedding fault** 

The fault, usually an abnormal float, that results from French enlevage German Fachfehler the imperfect operation of the shedding mechanism, Italian appiccicatura especially frequent in fabrics woven on a drawloom

Portuguese falha due to the pulley cords being raised irregularly Spanish torpe alzada because of the pressure of neighbouring cords.

Swedish skälfel, felaktigt skäl

Shedding mechanism

French organes de commande German Fachbildungsvorrichtung

Italian organi di commando dei

fili

mecanismo de Portuguese

commando

Spanish organos de mando Swedish skälbildande apparat

The means by which a shed is made in the warp. The term refers primarily to the leashes and shafts which act directly on the ends. By extension, in a drawloom, it also refers to the tail cords, the lashes and the treadles which likewise contribute to the opening of the

shed, or to the mechanism that has replaced them in a

Jacquard loom.

**Shoot** 

French

French coup, duite A single passage of the shuttle through the shed,

Eintrag, Schuss German carrying one or more weft threads.

Italian colpo, inserzione Syn. Pick

Portuguese

Spanish

Swedish inslag, skott

**Shot** 

German Changeant, the weft are of different colours, producing variations in Schillereffekt (obs.) colours or tones due to the reflection of light.

Term used to describe a textile in which the warp and

Italian cangiante Portuguese cambiante Spanish tornasol Swedish skiftande

Shuttle

Spanish

French Tool by which the pick is passed through the shed. It navette

Schütze, Schiffchen holds the bobbin with the weft threads. German

Cf. Flying Shuttle Italian navetta Portuguese lançadeira

Swedish skyttel, inslagssticka\*,

mattsticka\*

lanzadera

changeant

**Shuttling error** 

French faute de lattage A mistake made in the order of the passage of picks. German Schussfolgefehler

Italian errore di tessimento Portuguese erro de passagem de

lançadeira

error de lanzadera Spanish

Swedish inslagsfel

**Shuttling fault** 

Italian

French The fault in the textile that results from a mistake made faux lat

Schussfolgefehler German in the order of the passage of picks.

Portuguese erro de passagem de lançadeira

error de lanzadera Spanish

errore di tessimento

Swedish inslagsfel

Shuttling order

French lattage, navetage, The order of passing various picks in weaving a textile. tramage

German Schussfolge

Italian nota di tessimento Portuguese comando das

**lancadeiras** 

Spanish juego de lanzaderas Swedish inslagsordning

Silk

French 1.-2. soie, 3. soierie

German Seide Italian seta Portuguese seda Spanish seda

Swedish silke, odlat silke,

ädelsilke

1. The name given to the continuous filament secreted by various insects, especially the larvae of the caterpillar Bombyx mori known as the silkworm. The silk is secreted as viscous fluid from two glands in the lateral parts of the body. These communicate by ducts with spinnerets on the lower lip. The silk filaments (the

brins) from the two glands are held together by gum sericin to form the bave.

2. Yarn made of silk.

3. Textile woven of silk.

Silkworm

French ver à soie A caterpillar belonging to the general order of Lepidoptera, the genus Bombyx of which the principal

German Seidenraupe baco da seta Italian Portuguese bicho-da-seda Spanish gusano de seda Swedish silkesmask

species is Bombyx mori.

Silver-gilt (or silver) filé

French filé d'argent doré A wrapped metal thread, composed of a lamella of

(d'argent) silver-gilt (or silver) spun around a core that is usually

German

filato d'oro (d'argento) Italian

Portuguese Spanish Swedish

Cf. Cyprus gold, Cyprus silver, Filé, Lamella

**Single** 

French fil simple 1. Thread formed of a single strand of wool, cotton,

German linen, spun silk etc.

Italian filo solo 2. Thread resulting from the initial spinning of silk, only

fio simples grège and poil are single. Portuguese Spanish hilo semple

Swedish

**Singles** 

French Term used in England for poil. Not recommended by

German CIETA. Italian

Portuguese Spanish Swedish

Cf. Poil

Sisal

Spanish

French sisal Fibres from the leaves of Asparagaceae, a member of

German Sisal the family Amarylidaceae. Italian sisal Portuguese sisal

Swedish sisalhamp, sisal

sisal

Skein

French : écheveau,

flotte (de soie)

German : Strang
Italian : mannella
Portuguese : meada
Spanish : madeja
Swedish : härva

Thread wound in a loop, in order to facilitate its

transfer onto bobbins.

Skin wool

German

French : laine de peau,

Wool from dead animals.

laine morte Cf. **Fleece**Hautwolle Syn. **Dead wool** 

Italian : lana di concia

Portuguese : lã morta, lã de pelego Spanish : lana de piel, lana muerta

Swedish : dödhår, stickelhår

**Sleying** 

French : piquage en peigne

German : Blattstechen Italian : impettinatura

Italian : impettinatura Portuguese : repassado

Spanish : remetido del peine

Swedish : skedning

1. The action of passing threads through the dents of the reed.

2. The number of threads passed per dent of the reed.

Sleying fault

French : faute de piquage en

peigne

German : Blattstreifen

Italian : errore di passatura nel

pettine

Portuguese : falha de repassado,

falha de pente

Spanish : error de remetido en el

peine

Swedish : skedningsfel

An error in passing threads through dents of the reed, which normally causes a longitudinal stripe in the

textile.

**Sliver** 

French: ruban de carde

German : Flocke Italian : stoppino

Portuguese : fita de fibra cardada

Spanish

Swedish : kardrulle, tulla

A long, loose roll of fibres, prepared for spinning.

**Small-figured** 

Portuguese

French : petit façonné
German : gemustert\*
Italian : piccolo operato

Spanish : labrado\* pqueño Swedish : mönstrad\*, figurad

lavrado pequeno

Term sometimes applied to figured textiles with small

pattern repeats, normally woven with shafts.

Soft silk

French soie cuite.

soie décreusée

German Italian

entbastete Seide

Portuguese

seta cotta, seta purgada seda cozida.

seda expurgada

Spanish

seda cocida, seda descrudada

Swedish

mjukt silke

Sorbec

French sorbec

German Sorbec Italian sorbec sorbec Portuguese

Spanish Swedish

sorbec sorbec

Soumak

French soumak German Sumakh Italian soumak Portuguese soumak

Spanish soumak

Swedish snärjväv, soumak

A metal-wrapped yarn (filé) with a contrasting coloured

Silk from which the gum sericin has been removed.

Cf. Hard silk, Souple silk

Syn. Cooked silk, Degummed silk

Construction with one warp and one weft that does not pass through a shed but is carried manually over a group of warp ends, and then passed under and back around part of the group. The process is repeated with successive groups of warp ends across the width. On one face, the weft floats are at right angles to the warp, but on the other face, they cross obliquely. The oblique

floats may be in opposite directions on alternate rows, or may all be in the same direction.

Soumak may be patterned by using weft threads of different colours for different areas, and it is sometimes

used for brocading.

In rug weaving, one or two tabby picks are usually

inserted after each row of soumak weft.

Souple

French souple German Souple-Seide

addolcita Italian Portuguese frouxo 1 Spanish a torsión débil Swedish souplesilke

Term used to describe the state of the silk yarn after it has been partially degummed in order to reduce its

stiffness.

core.

Cf. Filé

Spin (v)

French filer German spinnen filare Italian Portuguese fiar

Spanish hilar Swedish spinning To twist together fibres, other than filaments, into a continuous thread, either by hand or mechanically.

**Spindle** 

French 1. fuseau, 2. cannette

German Spindel

1. fuso, 2. spola Italian

Portuguese 1. fuso

Spanish 1. huso, 2. canilla Swedish 1. spindel, 2. slända

**Spiral** 

French ondé Ondégarn German ondato Italian

Portuguese fio enrolado em espiral

Spanish hilo entorchado Swedish ondégarn

Spool

French espolin

German Spule, Broschierschütze

Italian spolino Portuguese espolím Spanish espolín

Swedish spol, brokadsskyttal Small cylinder (of wood or other material) on which thread for weaving or embroidery is wound.

A thread composed of a thick yarn twisted in a spiral

around a fine yarn so as to produce undulations.

1. The tool used for spinning thread.

2. Occasionally, bobbin.

Cf. Bobbin

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(In English and in French, the differences between

"espolin" and "bobine" are not so clear).

Cf. Bourrette, Schappe, Waste silk

Silk fibres spun into yarn.

Spun (silk)

French filé (poil)

German Gespinst Italian filato

Portuguese fio simples (fiado)

Spanish hilado Swedish spunnen tråd

Stamped (velvet)

French frappé (velours) Term used to describe patterns impressed on velvet. Cf. Gauffered German gepresst (Samt)

Italian impresso (velluto) Portuguese gofrado (veludo) gofrado (terciopelo) Spanish Swedish stämplat, pressat

(sammet)

**Staple** 

French Fibre of cotton, wool or flax, qualified according to its

German length.

Italian Portuguese Spanish Swedish

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# Starting border

French

**Anschuss** 

German

Italian

2. tirella (when the initial wefts are thick, before

starting the textile

Portuguese

proper) tirela

Spanish

varpstad, tvärstad

Swedish

Cf. Terminal border, Loom end

Stitching tie

French

point de liage de

matelassage

German Italian

Zwischenbindung

punto de ligação

suplementar

Portuguese Spanish

punto de ligadura

especial

Swedish

anbindepunkt

A special binding point, supplementary to the basic construction, for structural or pattern purposes (in

The first picks in the length of a fabric that often differ

in structure and material from the main field.

Both warp and weft, or either, may be used for the stitching tie, it is seldom visible on the face of the

textile.

Cf. Double weave, Matelassé

Straight comber unit

French German chemin suivi geradliniger

Harnischrapport

campo seguente

Italian Portuguese caminho seguido

Spanish Swedish

camino seguido rak rapport

A comber unit whose ends are joined to the central

cords in the same order as their numbering.

Cf. Comber repeat, Comber unit, Reverse comber

unit

Syn. Straight repeat

Straight repeat

French German chemin suivi geradliniger

Harnischrapport campo seguente

Italian Portuguese

caminho seguido camino seguido

Swedish

Spanish

rak rapport

A comber unit whose ends are joined to the central

cords in the same order as their numbering. Cf. Comber repeat, Comber unit, Reverse comber

Describes textiles presenting stripes of different

The weave, or combination of weaves of which a

colours in the warp direction (not to be confused with

unit

Syn. Straight comber unit

Striped

French German rayé gestreift rigato

Italian Portuguese

rayado, listado Spanish Swedish långrandig

Pékin). tecido de riscas Cf. Banded

**Structure** 

French

structure, contexture

German

Gewebestruktur

Italian

struttura

Portuguese

contextura, textura

Spanish

ligamento

Swedish

struktur

textile is composed.

Syn. Construction

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Stuff

French : A term for worsted cloths.

German : Cf. Worsted

Italian :
Portuguese :
Spanish :
Swedish :

**Swift** 

French : guindre A rotating holder of adjustable size used to hold a German : Haspel skein of yarn when it is being unwound. (Not to be

Italian : aspa confused with a Reel).

Portuguese : aspa, dobadura Cf. Reel

Spanish : aspa

Swedish : haspel, härvel

Sword

French : latte, sabre A flat, blade-like stick used with simple looms to beat German : Webschwert in the weft.

German : Webschwert in the Italian : asta per battere,

asta per aprire il passo

Portuguese : battente Spanish : varilla plana Swedish : skälblad, väysvärd

**Tabby** 

French : taffetas, toile Binding syste

German : Leinwandbindung, Taft

Italian : taffetas, tela Portuguese : tafetá, tela

Spanish : tafetán, tela plana, tejido

plano

Swedish : tuskaftsbindning,

lärftsbindning

Binding system or weave based on a unit of two ends and two picks, in which each end passes over one and under one pick, with the binding points set over one end on successive picks. If, in the weave unit, two or more ends or picks move together, the term "extended

tabby" is used.

Cf. Extended tabby, Tabby variant

Tabby-tabby

French : Denotes a weave in which the ground and pattern are German : both bound in tabby; most often used for lampas silks ltalian : with a warp-faced tabby ground and a weft-faced tabby Portuguese : pattern, called "tabby-tabby lampas".

Spanish : Swedish :

**Tabby variant** 

French : taffetas dérivé Tabby in which warp ends or weft picks, or both, move

German : abgeleitete in groups of two or more.

Leinwandbindung Cf. Cannelé, Gros de Tours, Louisine, Natté,

Italian : **Taffetas doublé**Portuguese : Syn. **Extended tabby** 

Spanish : Swedish :

#### **Tablet loom**

French métier aux plaquettes,

métier aux cartons

(obs.)

German Brettchenwebgerät Italian telaio a cartoni Portuguese tear de cartões

Spanish telar de cartones

Swedish vävbrickor, brickor A weaving device comprising a number of polygonal (often square) tablets or cards pierced with holes at the angles (or corners) through which the warp ends are threaded.

The sheds for the passage of the weft are made by rotating the cards. According to the number of holes in the cards, the method of threading the warp ends, and the method of rotation, many types of weave may be produced. These may be tablet weave, tablet-woven double-weave, tablet-woven gauze etc.

The pattern may be produced by the weave alone, by the colours of the warp threads, or by the introduction

of supplementary wefts.

#### **Tablet weave**

French tissu aux plaquettes,

tissu aux cartons (obs.)

Brettchengewebe German Italian tessuto a cartoni tecido por cartões Portuguese teiido de cartones Spanish Swedish brickvävnad, brickband A twined-warp weave made on tablets. It is characterized by the warp ends threaded

through each tablet being twisted together.

As the number of warp ends is limited by the number of tablets that can conveniently be operated, tablet weaving is normally used for belts, ribbons etc., although pieces of greater width are occasionally

found.

#### **Taffeta**

French taffetas German Taft Italian taffeta Portuguese tafetá

tafetán, tejido plano, Spanish

tela plana

tuskaftsbindning, Swedish

lärftsbinding

In English, a commercial term for some plain silk or synthetic fabrics in a compact tabby weave. (In some other languages, "taffeta" is not only a tabby silk textile, but is also synonymous with a tabby weave structure. This is not the case in English).

Cf. **Tabby** 

### Tail cord

French corde de rame German Rahmenkorde,

Colletschnur

corda del ramo Italian Portuguese cordas do ramo Spanish cuerda de ramo Swedish harnesksnöre, stropp In English, the section of cord between the necking cord and the pulley on a drawloom is called pulley cord. After passing over the pulley, this cord is called a tail cord. The equivalent terms in other languages refer to the whole cord: both pulley and tail cord sections.

Cf. Pulley cord

### Take-up

French embuvage

German Einarbeitung, Einsprung

Italian imborso Portuguese quebra encogimiento Spanish Swedish invävning

The difference between the length of warp yarn put into a textile and that of the finished textile.

# **Tapestry**

French : tapisserie

German : Tapisserie, Wirkerei

Italian : arazzo
Portuguese : tapeçaria
Spanish : tapiz
Swedish : flamskväv,

flamskvav, gobelängvävnad Weave with one warp and a weft composed normally of threads of different colours, each of which is interwoven only with that part of the warp where it is required by the pattern. Thus, each colour is formed by a continuous thread that is carried back and forth until it is completed. Tapestries with a tabby pick from selvedge to selvedge after one or more rows of tapestry weft are referred to as "reinforced". Where the weft threads of two adjacent areas meet in the warp direction, they may be handled in various ways, and tapestry fabrics are classified as:

- 1. **Slit tapestry** where the two weft threads are turned alternately around adjacent ends.
- 2. **Toothed tapestry** when the two weft threads are turned alternately around a common end.
- 3. **Dovetailed tapestry** when the weft threads are turned in groups alternately around a common end.
- 4. **Interlocked tapestry** when the weft threads are linked together either between adjacent ends, or around a common end.

The binding is generally tabby, but may be louisine or twill

Cf. Kesi

# **Tapestry bobbin**

French:

German : Fliete

Italian :
Portuguese :
Spanish :
Swedish :

A slender bobbin that carries the weft thread for tapestry weaving, historically made of wood or bone, nowadays also of synthetic material. It has a head that can be diamond-shaped, or a round knob, then a shank that carries the thread, and then a barrel that tapers almost to a point, suitable for the insertion of picks in specific areas, according to the requirements of the design.

Syn. Flute

#### **Taqueté**

French : taqueté

German : Taqueté, Leinwand-

Schuss-

Kompositbindung

Italian : taqueté Portuguese : taqueté Spanish : taqueté

Swedish : inslagtuskaft med två

varpar

Weave employing a main warp, a binding warp, and a weft composed of two or more series of threads, usually of different colours. By the action of the main warp ends, only one weft thread appears on the face, while the other or others are kept to the reverse. The ends of the binding warp bind the weft in passes, and the ground and the pattern are formed simultaneously. The entire surface is covered by weft floats which hide the main warp ends.

the main warp ends.

If the passes are bound in tabby, the construction is

called "weft-faced compound tabby" or "taqueté".

Cf. Weft-faced compound tabby, Weft-faced

compound weave

## Tasar (Tussah, obs.)

French : tasar, tussar
German : Tasar, Tussar
Italian : tasar, tussar
Portuguese : tasar, tussar
Spanish : tasar, tussar

Swedish : tasarsilke, tussarsilke

Silk produced from cocoons of the *Anthereae*, Asiatic silkworms of the family *Saturniidae*. This is the principal type of wild silk. In future, Tussah (obs.) will

be transcribed "Tasar" or "Tussar".

Syn. Tussar

**Temple** 

French : templet A device to

German : Breithalter Italian : tempiale Portuguese : tempereiro Spanish : templazo Swedish : spännare

A device to maintain the textile at a constant width

during weaving.

**Terminal border** 

French : bordure terminale, The last picks in the length of a textile that often differ

fin de tissage in structure and material from the main field.

German : Abschuss Cf. **Starting border** Italian : 1. facciolo o testata Syn. **Loom end** 

Portuguese : tirela

Spanish

Swedish : varpstad, tvärstad

della pezza

· varpotau, trai otau

Tex

French International unit of measurement expressing the tex linear density of threads, intended eventually to German Tex Italian tex replace the denier. It indicates the weight in grams of Portuguese tex 1000 metres of thread. It has a subdivision, the decitex Spanish (dtex), 1/10 of a tex, expressing the weight of 1000 tex Swedish metres of thread in decigrams, and a multiple, the tex kilotex (ktex), expressing the weight in kilograms.

Cf. Count, Denier, Decitex, Kilotex

**Textile** 

French : textile, tissu - Textile materials of all kinds.

German : Textil, Gewebe - A woven fabric in any fibre.

Italian : tessile, tessuto Cf. Cloth, Fabric

Portuguese : têxtil

Spanish : textile, tejido Swedish : textil, tyg

Thread (n) (warp, weft)

French : fil (chaîne, trame)
German : Faden, Garn
Italian : filo (ordito, trama)
Portuguese : fio (teia, trama)

Spanish : hilo (urdimbre, trama)

trådtäthet

Swedish : tråd, stränd

1. A continuous strand, single or compound, made from any fibre or filament by reeling, spinning, twisting or throwing.

2. In English, term used in weaving, sewing and

embroidery, but not knitting.

Cf. Yarn

Thread count

Swedish

French : réduction
German : Fadenzahl
Italian : riduzione
Portuguese : redução
Spanish : reducción

The number of warp ends or picks per centimetre.

Cf. Count, Proportion

**Threading** 

French : remettage The process of threading the warp ends through the

German : Einzug heddles or leashes. Italian : rimettaggio Syn. **Entering** 

Italian : rimettaggio Syn. Enterin
Portuguese : remissa
Spanish : remetido

solvning

moulinering, silketvinning

**Throwing** 

Swedish

Swedish

French : moulinage, ouvraison The twisting of filament yarns.

German : Mulinieren Cf. Double, Doubling, Thrown silk

Italian : torcitura
Portuguese : torcedura
Spanish : molinaje

Thrown silk

French : soie moulinée, The silk threads that result from the throwing of German : soie ouvrée (obs.) The silk threads. According to their composition and

Italian : Mulegarne twist they are defined as follows:

Portuguese : seta lavorata

Poil - a grège thread with added twist.

Swedish : seda obrada, seda together (usually 80-150 twists per metre).

operata, seda torcida **Crêpe** - two or more grège threads twisted together to

the maximum, or nearly so.

**Organzine** - two or more poil threads twisted together (generally 350-750 twists per metre) in the opposite

direction to the twist of the individual ends.

**Grenadine** – two or more poil threads tightly twisted together, generally 3 or 4 times more than organzine, in the opposite direction to the twist of the individual

ends.

Tie

French : lier In weaving, to tie down picks by ends, or, in certain

German : abbinden cases, ends by picks.

Italian : legare Syn. **Bind** 

Portuguese : ligar Spanish : ligar Swedish : binda

Tie-dyeing

Swedish

French : A process of resist-dyeing in which the fabric is tied German : tightly thereby creating areas in which the fabric will

Italian : not be exposed to the colourant.

Portuguese : Cf. Plangi, Resist-dyeing, Tritik

Portuguese : Cf. Plangi, Resist-dyeing, Tritik
Spanish :

Tie-up

French : attachage des marches,

confection des lacs

German : Verschnürung, Einlesen Italian : attacco dei pedali,

: attacco dei pedali, confezione dei lacci

Portuguese : atado da marcha,

confecção de laçadas

Spanish : ligadura de pedal,

confección de los lazos

Swedish : uppknytning, inräkning

A woven fabric.

lashes.

Cf. Cloth, Fabric, Textile, Stuff

1. In a shaft loom, the connection between the shafts

2. In a drawloom, the tie-up refers to the lacing of the

and the treadles. The order in which this connection is

Tissue (1)

French : tissu, textile, étoffe

German : Gewebe Italian : tessuto, textile

Portuguese : tecido Spanish : tejido

Swedish :

Tissue (2)

French: In English, "tissue" held specific historical meanings.

German: From the 1420's into the 17th century, "cloth of gold/silver of "tissue" denoted textiles woven with gold

Portuguese : or silver loops, at first only in velvet, then also in Spanish : lampas or brocatelle. By the 18<sup>th</sup> century it simply denoted a type of expensive, finely woven lampas silk

with metal thread.

**Tobine** 

French : An English 18<sup>th</sup>-century commercial term for a figured silk fabric in a flushing warp weave, which can be

Italian : silk fabric in a flushing warp weave, which can be striped, and can incorporate a cannelé effect, and

Portuguese : brocading.

Spanish : Cf. Cannelé, Flushing warp weave Swedish :

Tow

French : étoupe Short fibres used to make low-grade thread of flax or German : Hede, Werg hemp. They are separated from the long fibres by

Italian : stoppa scutching and heckling.
Portuguese : estopa Cf. **Heckle**, **Scutch** 

Spanish : estopa, rábano Swedish : blånor, skäktefell

> blångarn, skäktefellsgarn

Tow yarn

Swedish

French : fil d'étoupe Yarn made of short fibres of flax or hemp.

German : Hedegarn, Werggarn Cf. Flax, Hemp, Tow

Italian : filo de stoppa
Portuguese : fio de estopa
Spanish : hilo de estopa

Tram

French 1. trame German Trame Italian trama Portuguese trama

A silk yarn formed by doubling two or more grège threads and then throwing them slightly, generally 80 to 150 twists per metre. It is one of the thrown silk

varns.

Spanish 1. trama Cf. Thrown silk

Swedish tramsilke

Transverse selvedge

French lisière transversale German waagrechte Webkante cimosa transversale Italian Portuguese ourela transversal Spanish orillo transversal Swedish begynnelseband, avslutningskant

In some textiles woven on simple equipment, the transverse edge, resembling a true selvedge, that is closed by warp loops. It may occur at one or both ends of the piece.

**Treadle** 

French marche, pédale

German Tritt Italian pedale Portuguese premedeira Spanish pedal Swedish trampa

A foot pedal of a loom, operated by the weaver to raise of lower a shaft.

**Treadling** 

French marchure, pédalage

German Trittfolge

apertura del passo Italian

Portuguese marcha Spanish abrir calada Swedish trampordning

The action of raising and lowering the shafts by means of the treadles in order to produce sheds for the

passage of the weft.

Triple weave

French triple-étoffe German Dreifachgewebe Italian tessuto triplice Portuguese tecido triplo Spanish triple tela Swedish tredubbel väv

Weave which produces three textiles simultaneously, one above the other. The warp is composed of three series of ends, and each is bound by its own weft, or by a common weft which works with each series in turn. The binding of each textile is usually the same, most commonly tabby, but other bindings may also be used. The three textiles may be entirely separate. linked by stitching ties, or joined along one or both selvedges.

Cf. Double weave

Triple-pile velvet

French velours poil-triple,

velours à trois poils

German

Italian terciopelo

Portuguese

Spanish terciopelo

Swedish

Denotes a high quality velvet woven with three pile ends per dent of the reed. For velvets woven with

more than one height of pile,

Cf. Pile-on-pile velvet

Note: In Spanish "terciopelo" is also the generic term

for velvet.

**Tritik** 

French : tritik
German : Tritik
Italian : tritik
Portuguese : tritik
Spanish : tritik
Swedish : tritik

1. Malay-Indonesian term for a process of decoration by reserve-dyeing in a version of tie-dyeing. The design is stitched onto the textile, and the thread gathered tightly. When the textile is dyed the stitched,

gathered areas reserved.

2. Textile decorated in this way.

**Turning on** 

French : ourdissage, pliage
German : Aufbäumen
Italian : piegatura
Portuguese : urdissagem
Spanish : urdisaje
Swedish : varpning

Arranging and winding the warp on the warp beam of

the loom. Syn. **Beaming** 

Tussar

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Syn. Tasar

Twill

French : sergé

German : Köper, Köperbindung

Italian : saia
Portuguese : sarja
Spanish : sarga
Swedish : kypert

Binding system or weave based on a unit of three or more picks, in which one end passes over two or more adjacent picks and under the next one or more, or under two or more adjacent picks and over the next one or more. The binding points are offset by one end, always in the same direction, on successive picks, forming diagonal lines. The repeat of a twill may be expressed as a numerical ratio, the first figure indicating the number of picks over which an end passes. Thus 3/1 twill indicates a binding system in which, on the face of the textile, the ends pass over three picks and under the next one, in a warp-faced twill.

CIETA recommends the use of this notation, but other twill notations are also in use.

The diagonal bar between the figures is sometimes used to indicate the direction of the twill diagonal, but the bar from lower left to upper right (/), is also commonly used without any such implication.

For variants of the basic twill weave,

Cf. Broken twill, Chevron twill, Compound twill,

Diaper, Lozenge twill

Twill damask

French : Damask based upon a twill weave (normally a 3/1 twill).

Italian : Cf. Dam

Portuguese : Spanish : Swedish : Cf. Damask. Satin damask

Twill diaper

French : German : Italian : Portuguese : Spanish : Swedish :

Denotes textiles in which the pattern, limited to a simple arrangement of squares and rectangles, is formed by the contrast of the warp and weft faces of the same weave, producing an effect similar to that of damask. If the weave is twill, the term Twill diaper is used.

Cf. Diaper

Twist (1) (n)

French : torsion, apprêt (obs.)
German : Drehung, Verdrillen

Italian : torsione Portuguese : torção Spanish : torsión

Swedish : snodd, filering (silke)

1. The twist of thread around its axis resulting from

spinning, twisting, throwing or plying.

The direction of the twist is indicated by the letters S and Z. The tightness of the twist is indicated by the number of turns in a given unit of length. It may also be indicated by the helix angle. In French, "apprêt" is a

synonym for "torsion" but only for silk.

2. The twist which makes a plied yarn is also referred

to as the ply of a yarn.

Cf. Ply

Two-sided

French : double-face

German : doppelseitiges Gewebe

Italian : doppia faccia
Portuguese : duas faces
Spanish : tela a dos caras

Swedish : dubbelsidiga bindningar

Denotes a textile having either side usable as the face.

Cf. **Double-faced weave** Syn. **Reversible (1)** 

**Uncut velvet** 

French : velours frisé

German : ungeschnittener Samt

Italian : velluto riccio
Portuguese : veludo frisado
Spanish : terciopelo rizado,

terciopelo de rizo

Swedish : oskuren sammet

Velvet in which the loops formed by the pile are uncut.

Cf. Broderie velvet, Ciselé velvet

**Undyed** 

French : écru Term used to describe yarn that is undyed and

German : ungefärbt unbleached. Italian : crudo, greggio Syn. **Ecru** 

Portuguese : cru
Spanish : crudo
Swedish : naturfärgat

Union

French : Denotes a textile with a warp and weft made of two

German : different fibres.
Italian : Cf. Linen union

Portuguese : Spanish : Swedish :

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#### Velours au sabre

velours au sabre French German Säbelsamt Italian velours au sabre Portuguese veludo sabre Spanish terciopelo al sable Swedish verlours au sabre

An imitation of "voided satin velvet" (not a true velvet weave) in which a pattern is printed on a satin with long warp floats (usually 10- or 12- end satin) and pile is created only in these printed areas by cutting the warp floats with a small sharp knife.

### Velvet

French velours German Samt Italian velluto Portuguese veludo Spanish terciopelo Swedish sammet

A pile weave in which the pile is produced by a pile warp that, by the introduction of rods during weaving, is raised in loops (which may subsequently be cut), above a ground weave. Velvets may be described as "solid" when the ground is entirely covered with pile, or "voided" when areas of the ground are left free of pile. Velvets may be classified depending on the nature of the pile.

Cf. Plush, Velours au sabre, Broderie velvet, Ciselé velvet, Pile-on-pile velvet, Triple-pile velvet, Uncut velvet, Voided velvet

## Velvet rod, Velvet wire

French fer

German Rute. Samtrute ferro da velluto Italian

Portuguese

Spanish pasada de hierro, varilla

Swedish stav, nål A metal wire with a round, square or rectangular section, in various thickness, with a groove (for cut pile) or smooth (for uncut pile), used to weave velvet whose pile is formed by the pile warp. Although velvet rods are normally metal, there are rods made of wood for plush velvet in the Musée des Tissus at Lyon.

### Velveteen

French velours par la trame German Schusssamt

Italian velluto per trama Portuguese veludilho, veludo por

trama

Spanish terciopelo por trama,

pana

Swedish inslagssammet

1. Weft-pile cotton fabric resembling velvet, plain or ribbed; the pile is formed on a tabby or twill ground by cutting the floats of a pattern weft; the ribbed version is called "corduroy".

2. Sometimes used generically for cotton velvet. Cf. Corduroy, Cotton velvet, Weft-pile weave

### Vise shed

French

German Italian

Portuguese Spanish

Swedish

pas de serrage

In velvet weaving, when two ground wefts are passed in the same shed to secure the velvet pile, that shed is

called the "vise" shed.

(20th century descriptive term invented by Milton

Sonday.)

# Voided velvet

French velours façonné German ausgesparter Samt,

Dekorsamt

Italian velluto operato Portuguese veludo lavrado Spanish terciopelo labrado

Swedish utsparad sammat Figured velvet in which certain areas of the ground are left free of pile.

In these areas, the voided pile end is still present, but it is not raised over the velvet rods and binds the ground

weft by one and two picks.

In English, can be qualified as "voided satin velvet" or "voided tabby velvet" (etc.) to indicate the ground weave.

# **Wadding warp**

French : chaîne de bourré

German : Füllkette

Italian : ordito di imbottitura Portuguese : teia de enchimento Spanish : urdimbre de alma,

urdimbre de mecha

Swedish : fyllnadsvarp

# Wadding weft

French : trame de bourré

German : Füllschuss

Italian : trama di imbottitura
Portuguese : trama de enchimento
Spanish : trama de alma, trama de

mecha

Swedish : fyllnadsinslag

Warp (n)

French : chaîne German : Kette

Italian : ordito, catena (obs.)

Portuguese : teia Spanish : urdimbre

Swedish : varp

The longitudinal threads of a textile, those arranged on the loom. A single warp thread is called an end. Alone, the term "warp" denotes all the warp ends in a textile. Suitably qualified, it denotes all of the warp ends

A thick warp that is inserted in a textile to produce

A thick weft that is inserted in a textile to produce

relief, give added weight, etc.

relief, give added weight, etc.

Cf. Matelassé

engaged in a specific function.

Cf. Binding warp, Doup end, Fixed end, Flushing

To prepare the warp for the loom, by arranging the

warp, Inner warp, Main warp, Pile warp

Warp (v)

French : ourdir
German : schären
Italian : ordire
Portuguese : urdir

Spanish : urdir Swedish : varpa threads to lie parallel and enrolling them on the warp beam. This is performed with the aid of a warping frame.

Warp beam

French : rouleau de chaîne,

ensouple

German : Kettbaum

Italian : subbio dell'ordito

Portuguese : orgåo

Spanish : plegador de urdimbre

Swedish : varpbom

The roller of the loom on which the warp is arranged

preparatory to weaving. Cf. **Beaming, Turning on** 

Syn. Cane roller

Warp face

French : face chaîne German : Kettseite

Italian : faccia dell' ordito

Portuguese : face teia Spanish : haz urdimbre Swedish : varpsida The side of the textile on which the warp

predominates.

# Warp-faced compound tabby

French : taffetas façonné à

German

chaînes multiples, endroit chaîne

Leinwand-Kett-

Kompositbindung

Italian : taffeta a orditi multipli,

faccia ordito

Portuguese : tafetá de teias múltiplas,

face teia

Spanish : tafetán doble cara por

urdimbre

Swedish : varpmönstrade tuskaft

Weave employing a warp composed of two or more series, and one weft. Alternate picks serve to separate the warp ends so that only one appears on the face, while the other or others are kept on the reverse. The remaining series of picks bind the warp ends. The ground and pattern are formed simultaneously, and the entire surface is covered by warp floats which hide the weft. If the binding of the warp ends is in tabby, the construction is called warp-faced compound tabby.

Cf. Warp-faced compound twill

# Warp-faced compound twill

French : sergé façonné à chaînes

multiples, endroit chaîne

German : Köper-Kett-

Kompositbindung

Italian : saia a orditi multipli,

faccia ordito

Portuguese : sarja de teias múltiplas,

face teia

Spanish : sarga doble cara por

urdimbre

Swedish : varpmönstrade kypert

Weave employing a warp composed of two or more series, and one weft. Alternate picks serve to separate the warp ends so that only one appears on the face, while the other or others are kept on the reverse. The remaining series of picks bind the warp ends. The ground and pattern are formed simultaneously, and the entire surface is covered by warp floats which hide the weft. If the binding of the warp ends is in twill, the construction is called warp-faced compound twill.

Cf. Warp-faced compound tabby

# Warp-faced compound weave

French :
German :
Italian :
Portuguese :
Spanish :
Swedish :

Weave employing a warp composed of two or more series, and one weft. Alternate picks serve to separate the warp ends so that only one appears on the face, while the other or others are kept on the reverse. The remaining series of picks bind the warp ends. The ground and pattern are formed simultaneously, and the entire surface is covered by warp floats which hide the weft. If the binding of the warp ends is in tabby, the construction is called "warp-faced compound tabby"; if in twill, "warp-faced compound twill".

Cf. Warp-faced coumpound tabby, Warp-faced compound twill, Weft-faced compound weave

# Warp-faced weave

French : armure face chaîne

German : Kettbindung

Italian:armatura per orditoPortuguese:efeito teia, ponto teiaSpanish:ligamento por urdimbreSwedish:bindning med varpeffekt,

varpväv

A weave in which the warp predominates on the face of the textile.

# Warp frame

French : ourdissoir German : Schärrahmen

Italian : orditoio
Portuguese : urdição
Spanish : urdidor
Swedish : rätvarpa

Frame on which the warp is arranged in preparation for its beaming.

Cf. Warp (v), Beam (v)

Warp ikat

French ikat de chaîne Kettikat German Italian ordito ikat

Portuguese teia ikat Spanish urdimbre ikat

Swedish varpikat

1. A term originating in Indonesia, now widely used to describe the process by which a pattern is resist-dyed

on the warp, before weaving.

2. By extension the term is applied to the woven fabric, termed "warp ikat" if the warp of the textile is dyed in

this manner.

Cf. Ikat

# Warp ordered by colour or function

chaîne à disposition French

German kettgestreift, Kettschärung

ordito a disposizione Italian teia a disposição

Portuguese

Spanish Swedish Warp threads arranged in a particular order according to the requirement of the design, (for example in striped textiles), such as mexicaines, or velvets.

Syn. Warp striping

# Warp-patterned

French Cf. Flushing warp, Flushing-warp weave

German kettgemustert Italian Portuguese

Spanish Swedish

### Warp-printed

French imprimé sur chaîne Textiles decorated with designs printed only on the

German warp threads, following a preliminary loose weaving Kettdruck

Italian stampato su ordito with a fine, sparse provisional weft. This weft is then Portuguese estampado em teia removed, and the printed warp threads returned to the

Spanish estampación de la loom for the second, final weaving.

urdimbre Cf. Chiné, Chiné à la branche, Ikat, Resist-dyeing

Swedish varptryck

## Warp proportion

French proportion des chaînes The proportion of warps of different functions, e.g.

German Kettverhältnis main, binding and pile warp.

Italian proporzione degli orditi Portuguese proporção das teias

Spanish proporción de urdimbres

Swedish varprelation

# Warp rib

French A slight transverse ridge formed on the surface of a

German textile by the interplay of ends and picks.

Cf. Rib

Italian Portuguese Spanish Swedish

## Warp striping

French : chaîne à disposition

German : kettgestreift,

Kettschärung

Italian : ordito a disposizione Portuguese : teia a disposição

Portuguese Spanish

Swedish

Warp threads arranged in a particular order according to the requirement of the design, (for example in striped textiles), such as *mexicaines*, or velvets.

Syn. **Warp ordered by colour or function** 

# Warp-weighted loom

French : métier à poids
German : Gewichtwebstuhl
Italian : telaio a pesi
Portuguese : tear de pesos

Spanish : telar a pesos Swedish : oppstadgogn,

uppstadgogn

A simple loom in which the warp ends hang freely from a bar, which is supported by two uprights placed on a slight slant. The warp is tensioned by sets of weights. Weaving proceeds from the top of the loom,

consequently the normal position of the shed stick and

heddle rod are reversed.

#### Waste silk

French : déchets de soie
German : Abfallseide
Italian : cascami di seta
Portuguese : desperdicios de seda
Spanish : desperdicios de seda

Swedish : avfallsilke

Short fibres of silk produced as waste from the various processes involved in raising the silkworm, reeling the raw silk, and converting the raw silk into yarns that are

classed as spun silk.

Cf. Bourrette, Schappe

### Watered

French : moiré German : Moiré

Italian : marezzato, moiré

Portuguese : moiré

Spanish : moaré, tela de aguas

Swedish : moaré

Term used to describe textiles in which a watered effect is produced by pressing certain warp rib fabrics in such a way as to flatten part of the ribs and leave

other parts in relief, so that the flattened and unflattened parts reflect the light differently.

Syn. Moiré

# Weave (n)

French : armure, croisure
German : Bindungsart
Italian : armatura, intreccio
Portuguese : ponto de tecelagem

väva

Spanish : ligamento Swedish : bindning (2) System of interlacing ends and picks on a loom in

order to produce all or part of a textile. Cf. **Binding system**, **Weave unit** 

#### Weave (v)

Swedish

French : tisser
German : weben
Italian : tessere
Portuguese : tecer
Spanish : tejer

To make a textile an o loom by interlacing the warp and weft in a specific order.

#### Weave unit

French : rapport d'armure
German : Bindungsrapport
Italian : rapporto d'armatura
Portuguese : repetição de ponto
Spanish : curso de ligamento
Swedish : bindningsrapport

The smallest cycle of the interlacing of warp and weft that is constantly reeated in a weave or binding system.

## Weft

French: trame

German : Schuss, Eintrag

inslag

Italian : trama
Portuguese : trama
Spanish : trama

The transverse threads of a textile, those which are passed through the sheds. Alone, the term denotes all the picks engaged in a specific function.

Cf. Brocading weft, Ground weft, Pile weft, Weft

loop

## Weft face

Swedish

French : face trame
German : Schussseite
Italian : faccia della trama
Portuguese : face trama

Portuguese : face trama Spanish : haz trama Swedish : inslagssida The side of the textile on which the weft predominates.

### Weft-faced compound tabby

French : taqueté

German : Taqueté, Leinwand-

Schuss-

Kompositbindung

Italian : taqueté Portuguese : taqueté Spanish : taqueté

Swedish : taqueté, inslagtuskaft

med två varpar

Weave employing a main warp, a binding warp, and a weft composed of two or more series of threads, usually of different colours. By the action of the main warp ends, only one weft thread appears on the face, while the other or others are kept to the reverse. The ends of the binding warp bind the weft in passes, and the ground and the pattern are formed simultaneously. The entire surface is covered by weft floats which hide the main warp ends.

If the passes are bound in tabby, the construction is called weft-faced compound tabby or taqueté.

Cf. **Taqueté**, **Weft-faced compound weave** 

# Weft-faced compound twill

French :
German :
Italian :
Portuguese :
Spanish :
Swedish :

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Cf. Samite, Weft-faced compound weave

## Weft-faced compound weave

French armure complexe face

trame

German Italian Portuguese Spanish Swedish

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#### Weft-faced weave

French armure trame German Schussbindung armatura per trama Italian ponto trama, efeito Portuguese

trama

ligamento por trama Spanish

Swedish inslagssida.

inslagseffekt\*

Term used to describe a weave in which the weft predominates on one or both sides.

## Weft ikat

French ikat de trame Schussikat German ikat per trama Italian trama ikat Portuguese Spanish trama ikat Swedish inslagsikat

1. A term used to describe the process by which a pattern is resist-dyed on the weft before weaving. 2. By extension the term is applied to the woven fabric.

Cf. Ikat

#### Weft loop

French trame de bouclé German Bouclé-Schuss Italian trama bouclé Portuguese anelado por trama Spanish anillado por trama Swedish bouclé inslag

A weft loop, often of metal thread, but also found in silk, linen and wool.

Cf . Bouclé

#### Weft-loop effect

French bouclé par la trame

German

Italian arricciato per trama anelado por trama Portuguese Spanish anillado por trama Swedish bouclé, noppväv

Design featuring rows of bouclé wefts.

Cf. Bouclé, Bouclé effect, Weft-loop weave, Weft-

pile weave, Tissue

## Weft-loop weave

French : bouclé par la trame German : Noppengewebe,

Schlingengewebe

Italian : arricciato per trama
Portuguese : anelado por trama
Spanish : anillado por trama
Swedish : bouclé, noppväv

Textile decorated with rows of bouclé wefts. Cf. **Bouclé**, **Weft-loop effect**, **Weft-pile weave**,

Tissue

# Weft-patterned

French : lancé German : lanciert

Italian : lanciato Portuguese : lançado

Spanish : efecto de perdido por

trama

Swedish : lanserat

Term used to describe a textile in which a pattern is formed, or the ground enriched, by the use of a pattern

weft.

Cf. Pattern weft

## Weft-pile weave

French : velours par la trame
German : Schusssamt
Italian : velluto per trama

Portuguese : veludilho

Spanish : terciopelo por trama,

pana (in cotton)

Swedish : inslagssammet

Weave, often in cotton, in which pile is produced by a pile weft added to a ground fabric. Weft-loop weave, Velveteen, and Corduroy are among terms used for some of these constructions. In the first, the loops are

uncut; in the other two, they are cut.

Cf. Corduroy, Velveteen, Weft-loop weave

# **Weft-proportion**

French : proportion des trames

German : Schussverhältnis Italian : proporzione delle trame Portuguese : proporção da trama

proporción de trama, relación de trama

Swedish : inslagsrelation

The proportion of wefts of different functions in a pass

e.g. ground, pattern, liseré and brocading.

## Weighting

Spanish

French : charge German : Beschwerung

Italian : carica
Portuguese : gomagem
Spanish : carga

Spanish : carga Swedish : fortygning Process of applying products to silk to increase its weight without compromising the dyestuff used.

Syn. Loading

#### Width

French : laize, laise, lé German : Gewebebahn,

Warenbreite

Italian : altezza Portuguese : largura

Spanish : ancho de telar

Swedish : bredd, vådbredd, våd

The complete width of a textile, including selvedges.

Syn. Loom width

Wild silk

French soie sauvage Silk obtained from the cocoons of caterpillars living in a Wildseide wild or semi-domestic state; mostly from the family German

seta selvatica Italian Anthereae, but also others.

Tasar is the most familiar of the wild silks. Portuguese seda selvagem

Spanish seda silvestre Cf. Tasar, Tussar

Swedish vildsilke

Wire

French trait (or, argent) Drawn wire thread, formed by drawing slender rods of German metal through the increasingly fine holes of metal Draht (Golddraht, Silberdraht) plates. Made of silver-gilt, or copper-gilt, or silver. Italian Syn. Drawn wire

oro tirator, argento tirato Portuguese

Spanish fio de feira Swedish alambré

metalltråd, dragentråd

Wool

French laine Yarn made of sheep's fleece and the hair of some

Wolle other animals. German

Italian lana Portuguese Ιã Spanish lana Swedish ull

Woollens

French Cloth woven from carded wool.

German "Woollens" refers specifically to broadcloth.

Cf. Broadcloth Italian

Portuguese Spanish Swedish

Woollen yarn

French Yarn made from carded wool, used for weaving or

German Kammgarn knitting.

Italian Portuguese Spanish Swedish

Worsted

French Stuff woven out of worsted yarn, named after (drap) peigné

Worstead (Norfolk), made in England from the Middle German Kammgarntuch Ages onwards in various twill weaves, and 5-end satin, Italian (drape) pettinato 5-end satin damask and other variations. Versions Portuguese penteado

were woven elsewhere, but not called "Worsted" (see Spanish peinado

Swedish kam translations given here). Cf. Stuff, Worsted yarn

# Worsted yarn

French : fil de laine peigné German : Kammgarn

Italian : filo di lana pettinata Portuguese : fio de la penteada Spanish : hilo de estambre

Swedish : kamgarn

A smooth, strong thread spun from wool fibres, usually long staple, which have been laid parallel by combing.

Cf. Staple

#### Yarn

French : fil German : Garn Italian : filo

Portuguese : fio Spanish : hilo

Swedish : garn, tråd, sträng

Thread when prepared for weaving or knitting.

Cf. Thread

#### Yarn count

French: titre, numéro métrique

German : Garnnummer

Italian : titolo Portuguese : título Spanish : titulo

Swedish : garnnummer\*

There are two principal systems for obtaining the

count:

- For continuous filaments, based on weight in relation to a fixed length; the finer the yarn, the smaller the

count. Cf. Denier.

- For yarns made of short fibres, based on the length in relation to a fixed weight; the finer the yarn, the higher

the count.

(Cf. Fr. Numéro métrique, It. Numero metrico, Sp.

Numero metrico). Cf. **Thread count** Syn. **Count** 

## Yarn-dyed

French : teint en fil
German : stranggefärbt
Italian : tinto in filo
Portuguese : tingido em fio

Spanish : teñido en madeja Swedish : hankfärgad, garnfärgad Term used to describe textiles composed of yarn dyed before weaving or knitting (also described as "dyed in

the yarn"). Cf. **Piece-dyed** Syn. **Dyed in the yarn** 

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