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INDUSTRY TERMINOLOGY

Mill: A weaving or knitting company that manufactures fabrics and textile products. The word mill also refers to the actual building that the spinning, weaving, knitting etc takes place in.

Minimums: the 'required' amount of fabrics to be ordered from a fabric source. There are different minimums for sampling quantities and production quantities.

Novelty fabrics: Unusual prints, patterns, woven or knit that make a product line unique.

Notions: Notions are any small tools or accessories used in sewing.

Pattern Chart: A spec form listing all of the pattern pieces that make up the set needed to make the style.

PFD (prepared for dyeing): Fabrics that are left in their natural color and without any finishes that are ready to be dyed into whatever color a customer chooses, in a dye house.

PFP (prepared for printing): Fabrics that are left in their natural color and without any finishes that are ready to be printed in whatever pattern a customer chooses, at a printing studio.

Pilling: Formation of fiber balls on the surface of a fabric.

Precosting: Developing a preliminary cost estimate including all costs incurred in producing a sample garment

Production Sample: Garment that reflects the exact product expected to come off of a production line. The final stage of the product before it goes into full production.

Prototype: The first garment made from a pattern.

Quota: An annual limit on the quantities of textiles that can be shipped from an exporting country to an importing country.

Repeat: The specific measurements of a print/pattern so that it will print continuously along the length and width of a fabric.

Staple Fiber: Fiber that comes in short strands. Mostly all natural fibers are 'staple'.

Selvage: Finished edge of a fabric that is always parallel to the warp direction.

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