

GLOSSARY

Some of the terms used in the text, diagrams and tables are defined below; others are defined in the text (see, e.g., p. 221).

Beaming	The primary operation in making a warp , in which fibre ends are wound onto a cylinder (beam)
Blowing	Process by which revolving beaters and exhaust fans remove motes and dust from compressed cotton
Carding	Process of cleaning, opening and paralleling fibres
Drawing	Operations by which a continuous strand of fibre (formed after carding or combing) is blended, levelled and reduced to roving
Drug room	Area of dye house where dyes are stored and weighed
Dye house	Dyeing department of a textile factory
Elutriator	Appliance for washing or sizing very fine powders in an upward current of water or air
Filling	(1) Used in Canada and the USA to denote weft yarns (2) Size added to cloth
Finishing	Treatment (mainly chemical) to enhance properties of fabrics and textiles; usually includes impregnation, drying and curing
Hackling	Process of combing beaten flax to parallel long fibres and to remove short fibres and impurities
Opening	Action of separating closely packed fibres from each other at an early stage in the processing of raw material into yarn
Picking	Removing extraneous matter (e.g., outstanding hairs or tufts) from the face of a fabric and delivering the thick sheet of fibres for further processing
Piecing	Finishing lengths of woollen fabric by subjecting them to pressure
Roving	A continuous strand of fibres drawn to a diameter suitable for twisting into yarn

Slashing	Coating warp yarn with size, drying it and rewinding it onto a weaver's beam
Spooling	Winding yarn onto a bobbin
Stripper and grinder	Person who sharpens the cutting edges in carding machines in revolving carborundum rollers then resets the machine
Twisting	Process carried out to improve yarn strength and uniformity; spiral disposition of a yarn, usually as a result of relative rotation of the extremities
Warp	Total number of yarns wound onto the weaver's beam to constitute the lengthwise threads in a piece of cloth
Warping	Arranging threads in long lengths parallel to one another preparatory to further processing
Weft	Threads across the width of a fabric
Willow	Old term for willey
Willey	A revolving machine of a conical or cylindrical shape armed internally with spikes for opening and cleaning wool, cotton and flax
Winding	Process in which yarn is transferred onto spools