

Glossary for My Cotton Dress Powerpoint

Basting - to sew with long loose stitches in order to hold something in place temporarily

Bobbin - a cylinder or spindle on which yarn or thread is wound

Card - to cleanse, disentangle, and collect together fibers by the use of cards preparatory to spinning

Carder – person who runs a carding machine, which disentangles, and collects together fibers by the use of cards preparatory to spinning. Mounts cones of threads onto spindles and threads ends through guides.

Carding Machine – a machine which disentangles, and collects together fibers by the use of cards preparatory to spinning

Combing cotton – To comb the seeds and plant parts from the cotton boll using either hand combs or combing machines

Cotton bales - a large bundle of cotton, closely pressed, bound and wrapped

Cotton bolls – The pod or capsule of the cotton plant

Doffer - Doffs bobbins of yarn from spindles of spinning, twisting, or roving frames: Pushes button to stop machine and depresses pedal to lower ring bar, allowing yarn to wind around base of spindle to facilitate restarting. Removes full bobbins of yarn from machine spindles, deposits yarn in handtruck, and places empty bobbins on spindles of machine. Releases pedal to raise ring bar, starts machine, and pieces up breaks in roving or ties breaks in yarn ends.

Embroidery – the art or process of forming decorative designs with hand or machine needlework

Flatfooted - a condition in which the arch of the instep is flattened so that the entire sole rests upon the ground

Industrious - constantly, regularly, or habitually active or occupied

Lessons - something learned by study or experience

Mend - To patch

Ravelings – Tangled fabric strips.

Scallops- A border on fabric made of a continuous series of circle segments or angular projections

Spinner – Tends spinning frame that draws out and twists roving or sliver into yarn: Patrols work area and observes spinning to detect nearly exhausted supply packages and breaks in yarn, roving, and sliver. Pieces up breaks in yarn, roving, and sliver and replaces nearly exhausted supply packages with full packages. Twists end of material from supply package to material in machine or threads material from supply package through machine guides and drawing rollers. Brushes yarn or lint from drawing rollers, guides, and rails. Notifies designated personnel of machine malfunction.

Spinning Room – workroom with spinning machines

Sweeper – workers who cleaned the lint, trimmings, dust and other leavings from the floor of the mill

Tenement – An apartment building meeting minimum standards of sanitation, safety, and comfort and usually located in a city

Thread - a filament, a group of filaments twisted together, or a filamentous length formed by spinning and twisting short textile fibers into a continuous strand

Trimming - a decorative accessory

Weave - to form cloth by interlacing strands of yarn or string on a loom by interlacing warp and filling threads

Weft - a filling thread or yarn in weaving

Warp - a series of yarns extended lengthwise in a loom and crossed by the weft

Warper - Operates machine to wind yarn from packages onto reel and from reel onto loom beams to prepare multiple colored warps for weaving: Moves portable reel into position in front of creel and draws yarn from packages on creel, according to specified pattern. Ties yarn ends into loop and places loop over hook on reel to secure ends for winding. Sets yardage meter to stop machine when specified yardage for section is wound on reel. Inserts lease strings in wound section to keep threads in position for weaving. Cuts yarn, using scissors, and places ends under section wound to prevent raveling. Moves reel to front of creel to facilitate winding of additional sections of yarn. Positions loom beam on brackets, using hoist, and secures ends from all sections onto beam. Pulls lever to reverse reel and pushes button to start yarn winding onto beam. Doffs full loom beam, using hoist.

Warping Machine – Machine that winds yarn onto multiple warpers for weaving.

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