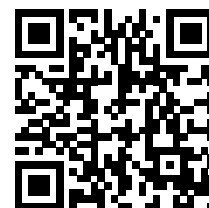


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Exploring Colonial American Textiles



In Colonial America, _____ were more than just materials for clothing. They represented the skill and _____ of the weavers. Many of these textiles were made from _____, which was sheared from sheep. The process of making a piece of fabric started with _____ the wool into yarn. This task was often done by women and children in the _____. Dyeing the yarn was another important step, using materials like _____ for blue or walnut shells for brown.

Wealthier families often had clothes made from _____ or imported fabrics. However, most people wore garments made from locally produced _____ or wool. In the 18th century, a popular pattern for textiles was _____, reflecting European influences. Quilting, a method of sewing layers of fabric together, became a popular _____. Quilts were not only functional but also an expression of _____.

Colonial women also knitted _____ and other garments. This was essential as there were no factories to produce these items. The _____ was a vital tool in many households for weaving textiles. By the mid-1700s, some colonies started establishing their own _____, reducing dependence on British imports.

Textile production in Colonial America was not just about fashion. It played a significant role in the _____ and symbolized a growing sense of _____ from Europe. The development of textile art in this era laid the foundation for the future of American _____ and fabric arts.

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