

fabric[ˈfæbrɪk] *n*

1. ткань, материя
silk and woollen fabrics - шёлковые и шерстяные ткани
fabric gloves - нитяные перчатки
2. 1) структура, строение, устройство
the fabric of society, the social fabric - общественный строй
- 2) *спец.* текстура
3. выделка, выработка
cloth of a beautiful fabric - ткань красивой выработки
4. изделие, фабрикат
5. сооружение, здание; остов
6. *редк.* фабрика; мануфактура

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fab-ric [fabric fabrics] *BrE* [ˈfæbrɪk] ^u *NAmE* [ˈfæbrɪk] ^u **noun**

1. **uncountable, countable** material made by **weaving** wool, cotton, silk, etc, used for making clothes, curtains, etc. and for covering furniture
 - cotton fabric
 - furnishing fabrics
2. **singular the ~ (of sth) (formal)** the basic structure of a society, an organization, etc. that enables it to function successfully
 - a trend which threatens the very **fabric of society**
3. **singular the ~ (of sth)** the basic structure of a building, such as the walls, floor and roof

Word Origin:

late 15th cent.: from French **fabrique**, from Latin **fabrica** ‘**something skilfully produced**’, from **faber** ‘**worker in metal, stone, etc.**’ The word originally denoted a building, later a machine, the general sense being ‘**something made**’, hence sense 1 (mid 18th cent., originally denoting any manufactured material). Sense 2 dates from the mid 17th cent.

Thesaurus:**fabric** **noun** U, C

• They sell a wide variety of printed cotton fabrics.

cloth • • **material** • • **textile** •**woven/cotton/woollen** fabric/cloth/material/textiles**make/produce/weave/dye** fabric/cloth/textiles**a length/piece/strip/roll/scrap** of fabric/cloth/materialSynonyms:**fabric**

cloth • material • textile

These are all words for woven or knitted cotton, silk, wool, etc, used for making things such as clothes and curtains, and for covering furniture.

fabric • woven or knitted cotton, silk, wool, etc, used for making things such as clothes and curtains, and for covering furniture: = cotton fabric ◊ = furnishing fabrics

Fabric is often fairly strong material, and is often used when talking about covering furniture or making curtains.

cloth • fabric made by weaving or knitting cotton, wool, silk, etc: = His bandages had been made from strips of cloth.

Cloth is often fairly light material, especially in a form that has not been printed, treated, or prepared for use in any way. **Cloth** is frequently used in talking about buying and selling woven material.

material • fabric used for making clothes, curtains, etc: = ‘What material is this dress made of?’ ‘Cotton.’ **Material** is a more general word than **fabric** or **cloth** as it has the related meaning of ‘a substance that things can be made from’. It is not used when it might not be clear which type of material is meant: furnishing material ◊ the material industry ◊ a material manufacturer

textile • any type of fabric made by weaving or knitting: = He owns a factory producing a range of textiles. ◊ = the textile industry

Textile is used mostly when talking about the business of making woven materials. The industry of making textiles is called **textiles**: = He got a job in textiles.

woven/cotton/woollen fabric/cloth/material/textiles**synthetic** fabric/material/textiles**printed** fabric/cloth/textiles**furnishing/curtain/dress** fabric/materialExample Bank:

- He believes that such legislation would threaten the fabric of our society.
- My clothes smell of fabric softener.
- The city retains much of its historic fabric.
- The fabric is woven on these machines.
- The government's policies have destroyed the social fabric.
- a threat to the very fabric of society
- fabric swatches of the different types of mattress covering
- rich fabric wall coverings
- the basic fabric of family life

- They sell a wide variety of printed cotton fabric.
- This is a worrying trend which threatens the very fabric of society.
- We manufacture quality furnishing fabrics.

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fab **ric** /'fæbrɪk/ *BrE* ^ˈ *AmE* ^ˈ *noun*

[Date: 1400-1500; Language: Old French; Origin: fabrique, from Latin fabrica *'thing made, place where things are made'*]

1. **[uncountable and countable]** cloth used for making clothes, curtains etc **SYN material** :
 - " our new range of fabrics and wallpapers
 - cotton/silk/synthetic etc fabric**
 - " printed cotton fabric
2. **[singular]** the fabric of a society is its basic structure, way of life, relationships, and traditions
fabric of
 - " Drug abuse poses a major threat to the **fabric of** our **society**.
 - " The country's **social fabric** is disintegrating.
3. **the fabric of something** the fabric of a building is its basic structure, including walls and the roof:
 - " the need to preserve the fabric of the church
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THESAURUS

■ **for making clothes etc**

- **material** *noun* **[uncountable and countable]** cloth used for making clothes, curtains etc: She bought some pretty dress material.
- **fabric** *noun* **[uncountable]** cloth used for making clothes, curtains etc: Man-made fabrics such as polyester are easy to wash and iron. | furnishing fabrics
- **cloth** *noun* **[uncountable]** woven material, especially material made from natural substances such as cotton and wool, which has not yet been made into any other products: The main trade was the production of woollen cloth.
- **textiles** *noun* **[plural]** *formal* a general word for all types of cloth – used especially when talking about the business of producing and selling them: Textiles are one of Mexico's main exports. | the textile industry

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