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Sustainable Fashion With Cationic Cotton





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CATIONIC COTTON

Technical Details
Application
Benefits

WHAT IS CATIONIC COTTON?

- Cationic cotton refers to cotton that has been chemically modified to possess a permanent cationic (positive) charge
- Typical cationization reagent, 3-chloro-2hydroxypropyltrimethylammonium chloride (CHPTAC)
- 1:1 equivalent NaOH to CHPTAC to form EPTAC



REACH CERTIFICATION

- CHPTAC Intermediate Registration
- http://echa.europa.eu/information-on-chemicals/registered-substances/-/disreg/substance/100.020.045
- http://echa.europa.eu/brief-profile/-/briefprofile/100.020.045#collapseSeven
- http://echa.europa.eu/brief-profile/-/briefprofile/100.020.045#SDe-RegistrantsSuppliers



CATIONIZATION PROCESS

OH

$$CI$$
 N^{+}
 CI
 OH
 OH
 OH
 CH
 OH
 OH



APPLICATION PROCESS

- Versatile Chemistry
 - Can react with variations of time, temperature, and levels of caustic
- Many processes
 - Exhaustion, cold pad batch, pad steam, pad dry cure, combinations
- Apply to various cotton substrates
 - Fiber, yarn, or fabric
- The efficiency of the reaction and the resulting degree of cationization is directly related to the amount of quat applied and the substrate and process utilized



WHAT GOOD IS IT?

- From permanent cationic charges, traditional dyeing of cotton goods can now be accomplished:
 - Without the need for salt,
 - Up to 100% dye utilization of anionic dyes (mainly acid, direct, reactive)
 - With reductions in consumables such as energy, water, and steam,
 - Overall cost savings are possible
 - Will become more important as reactive dye prices increase
- Dyestuff Reduction
 - Related to dyes used, dye process, liquor ratio, shade



COMPARISONS



Farrell MJ, Ankeny MA, Hauser PJ (2014) Prediction of recipes for cotton cationisation and reactive dyeing to shade match conventionally dyed cotton Coloration Technology 130,363-367.



LEVEL OF CATIONIZATION

- If buying from a supplier, the supplier may offer several levels of 100% cationic yarn or blended yarn
 - If treating in house, have control of the level of cationization
- The higher the level of cationization or blend of cationic fiber, the more dye the fiber can hold

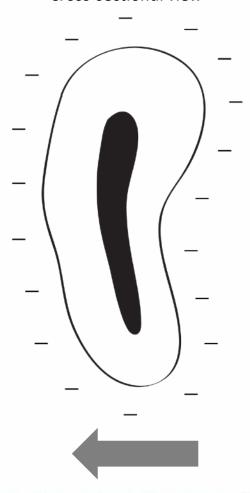
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Increasing Cationization

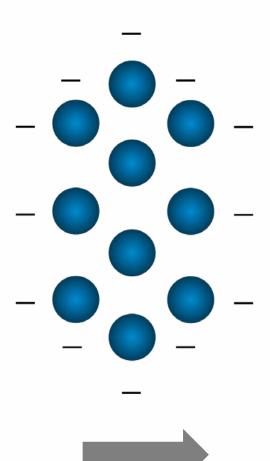


Cotton Fiber

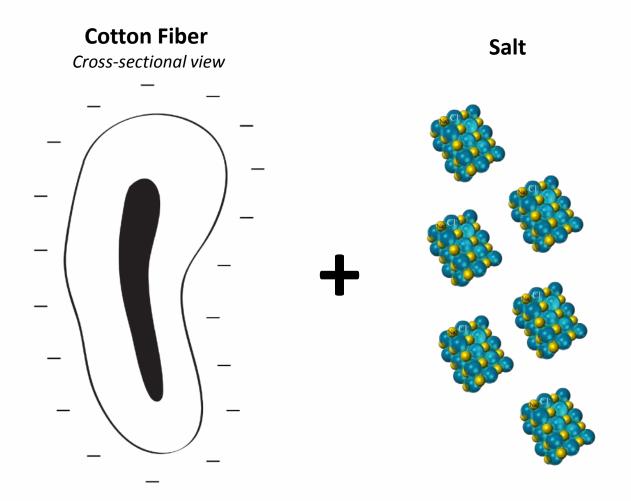
Cross-sectional view



Fiber Reactive Dye



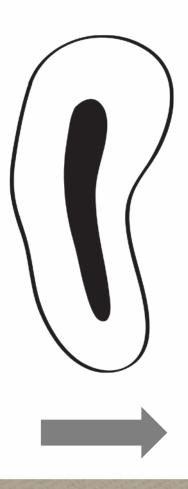


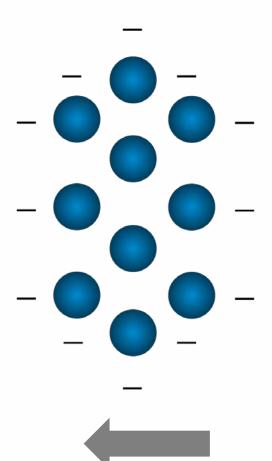




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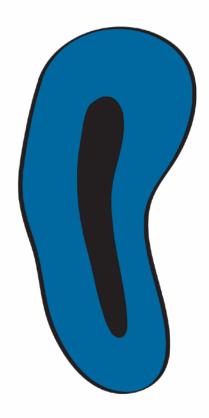






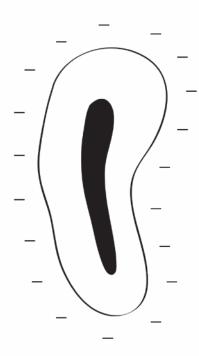


Dyed Cotton Fiber



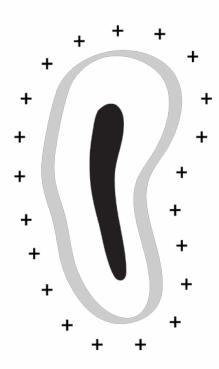


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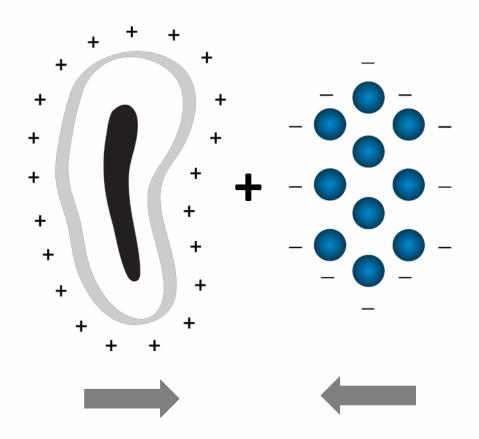
Cationic Treated Cotton Fiber





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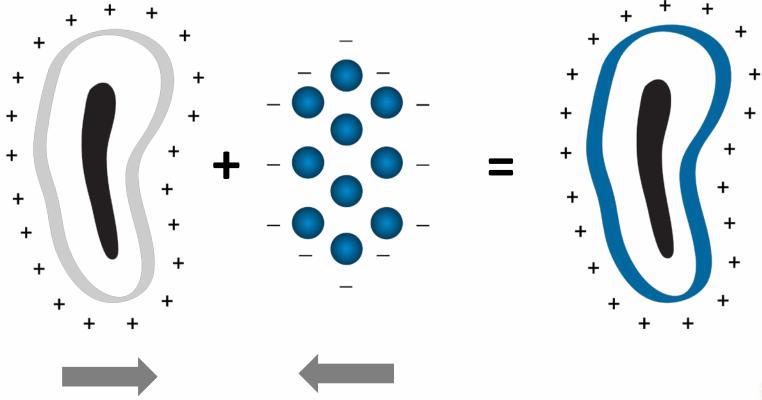
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Fiber Reactive Dye





HOW TO DYE

- Challenge: To control dye strike rate for blended yarn and/or 100% cationic yarn of fabric
 - Too rapid dye strike results in un-level fabric
 - Generally, lower temperatures and slow dye addition slow strike rate
 - If shade depth and cationization level are comparable, easier to control the dyeing process
 - As good or better fastness properties can be obtained with cationic cotton because of ionic and covalent bonding
- Dye Processes
 - Best suited for exhaust batch dyeing, either piece or garment



CATIONIC COTTON DEVELOPMENTS

- Area where Cotton Incorporated continues to research and develop
 - Funded multiple research projects around cationic cotton
 - Deep blacks, capping and modeling, dyeing processes for cationic cotton, simultaneous preparation and cationization, MS and PhD thesis
 - Written papers on reducing the odor of cationization, predicting dyeing and cationization recipes, how to obtain deep black cotton shades, how to dye cationic cotton
- ColorZen
- Evaluation of new cationic chemistries resulting in new cationic cottons
 - Impart new functionalities to cotton fabrics with new cationic cotton





CATIONIC COTTON

Sustainability Opportunity Inventory Advantages Design Possibilities

REDUCED WATER, ENERGY, & CHEMICALS

- Salt and alkali not needed to dye cloth
- Color adheres to fabric quickly
- Less dye needed to achieve same color
- Less effluent left in dye bath



INVENTORY ADVANTAGES

- Can be piece or garment dyed
- Reduction in product SKUs
- Minimized forecasting risk
- Reduced package-dyed yarn inventories
- Quick replenishment of product



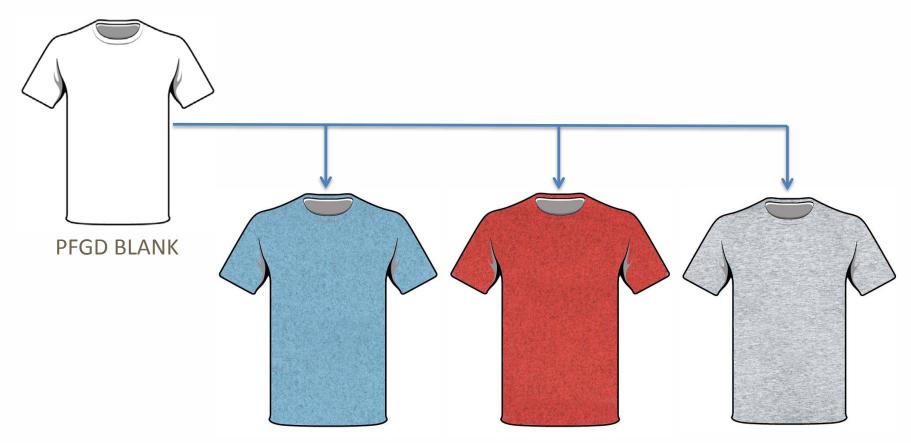
DESIGN POSSIBILITIES

- Solids & stripes
- Color and white
- Heathers & melange
- Gradient effects
- Tone on tone
- Texture
- Jacquards
- Colored warps
- Print effects



DESIGN & INVENTORY ADVANTAGES

Versatility in All-Over Heathers

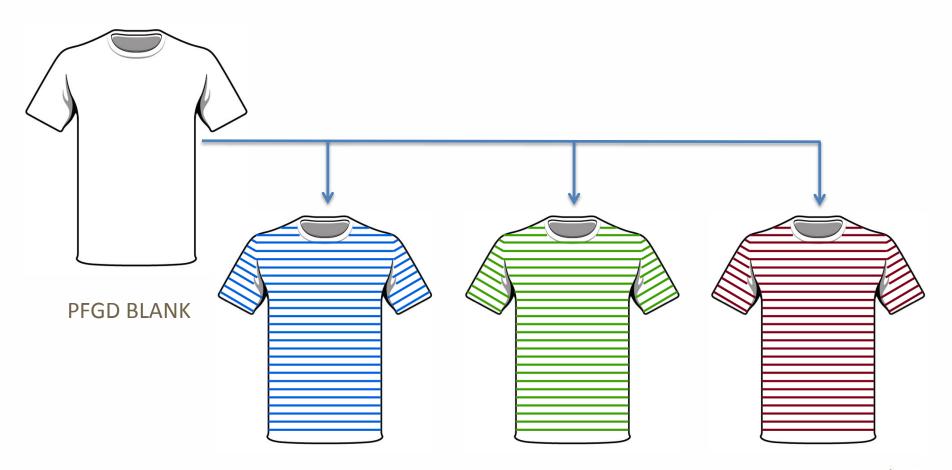


COLOR POSSIBILITIES FROM ONE SKU



DESIGN & INVENTORY ADVANTAGES

Versatility in Colored Stripes





BEFORE & AFTER

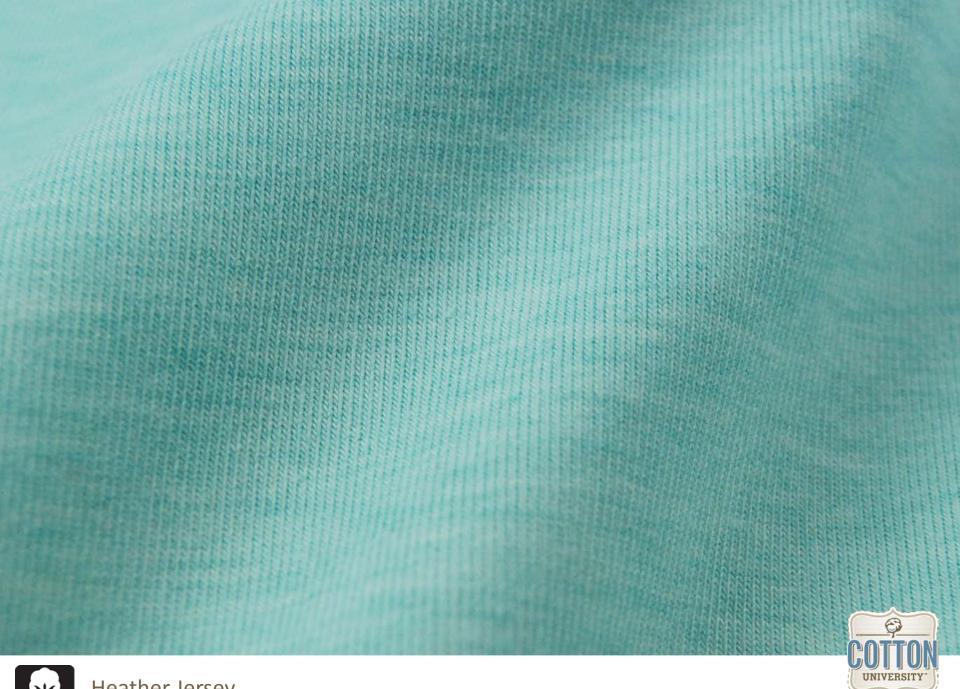


Greige Fabric

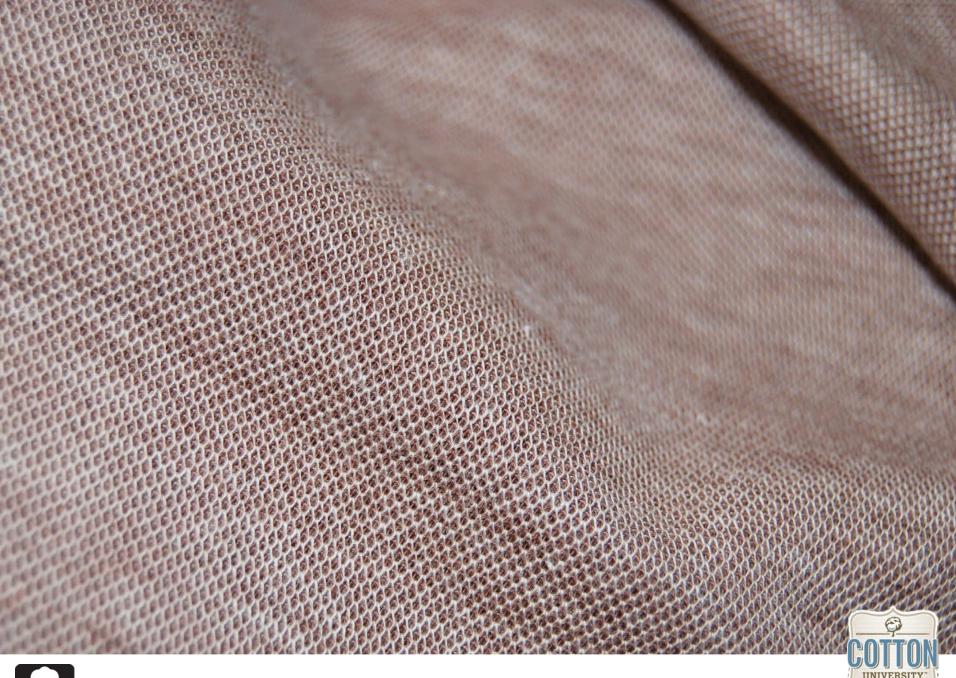


Dyed Fabric

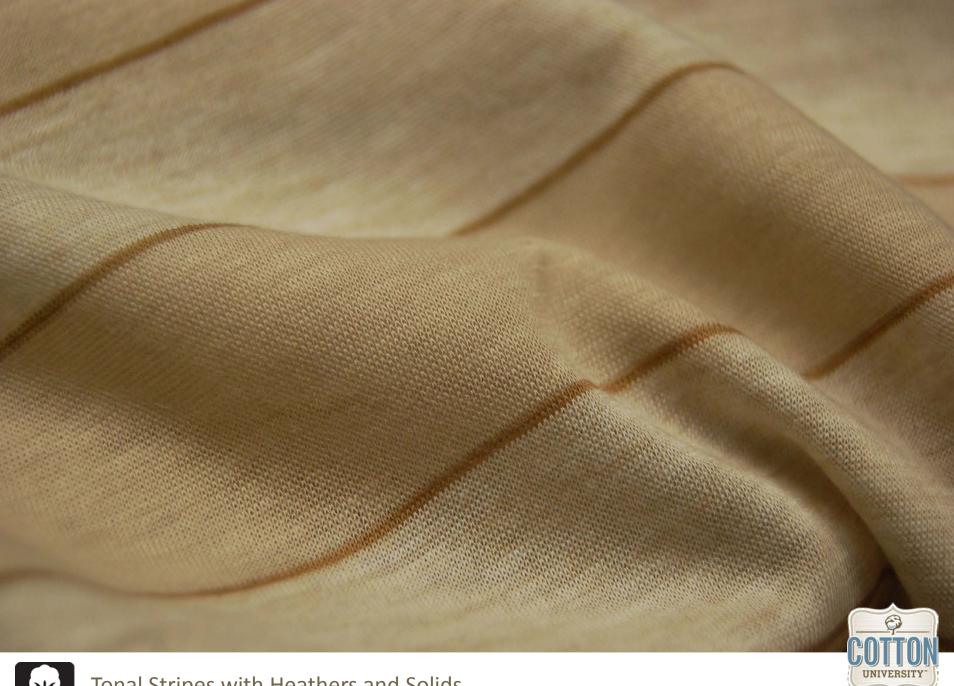






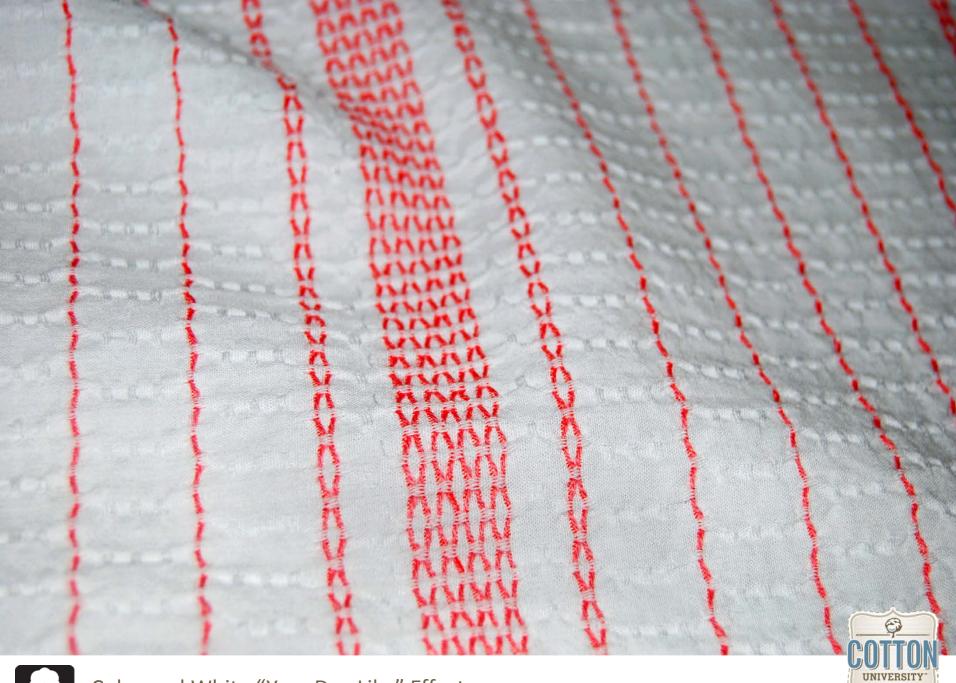


















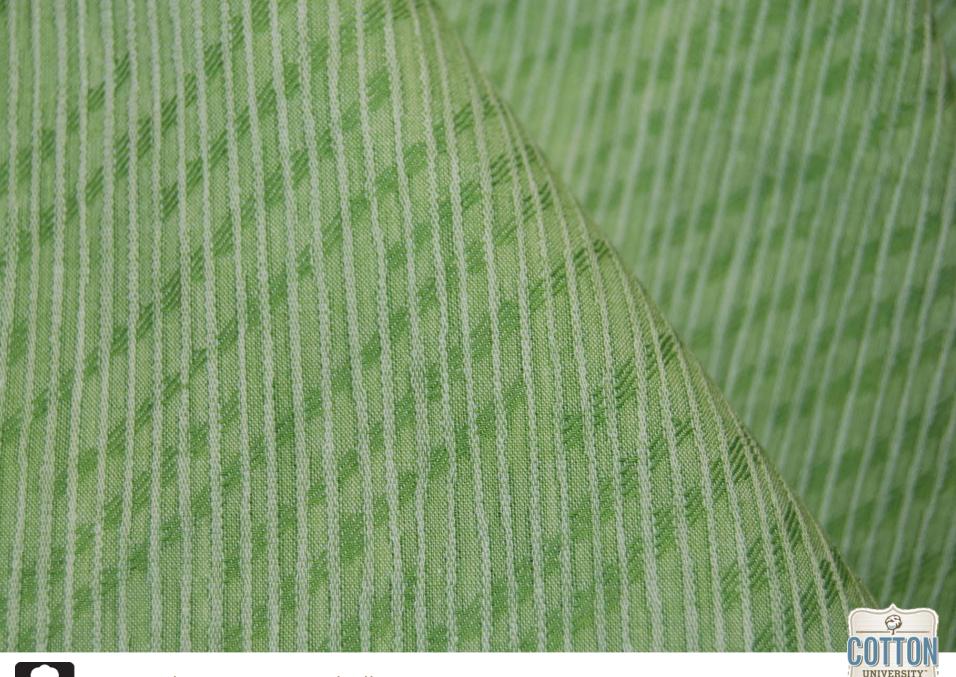




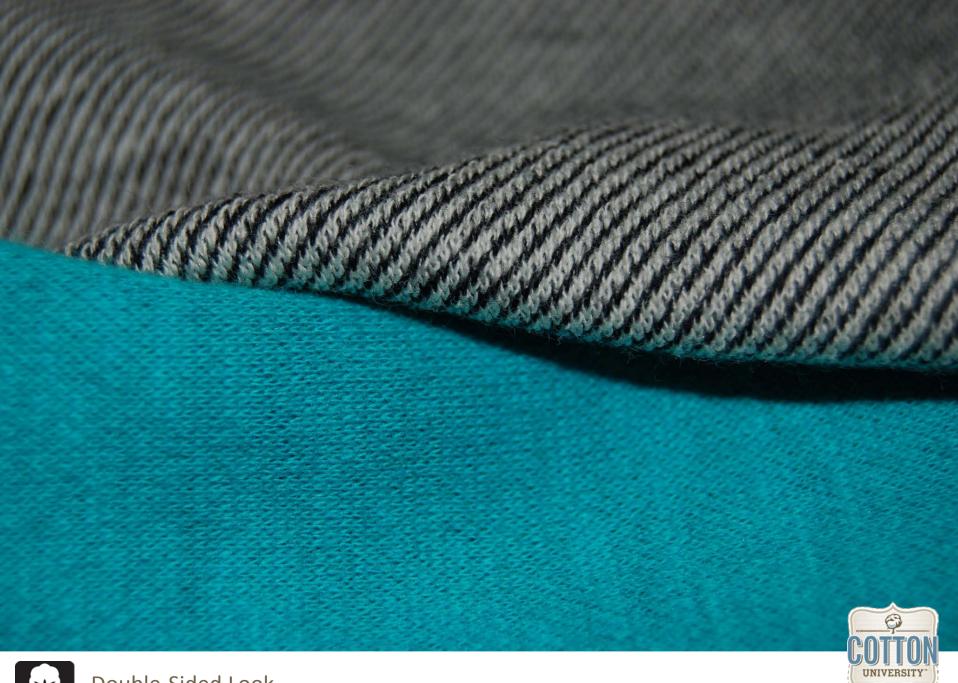




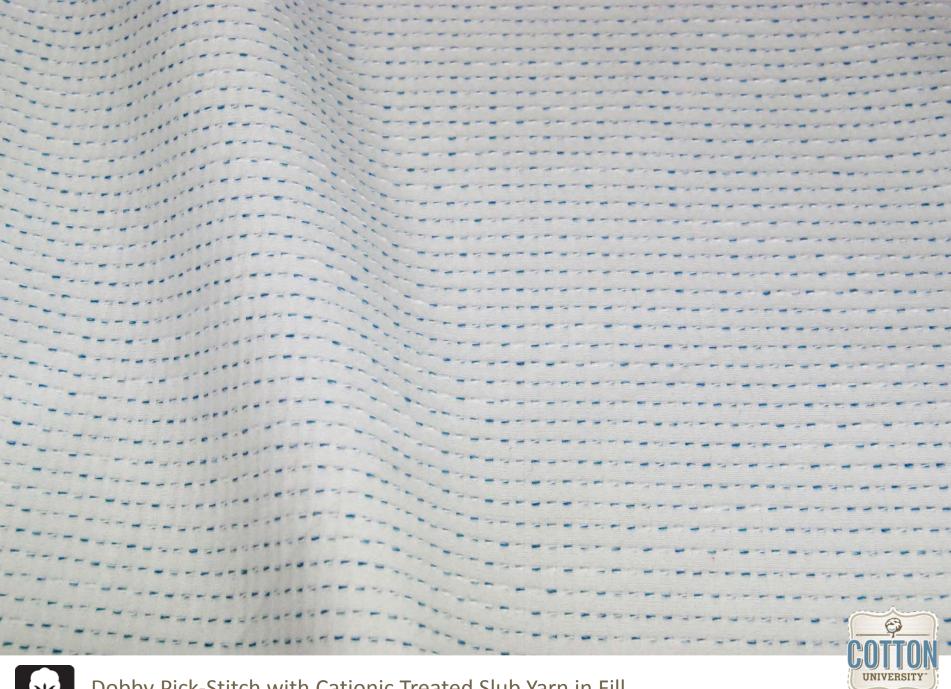














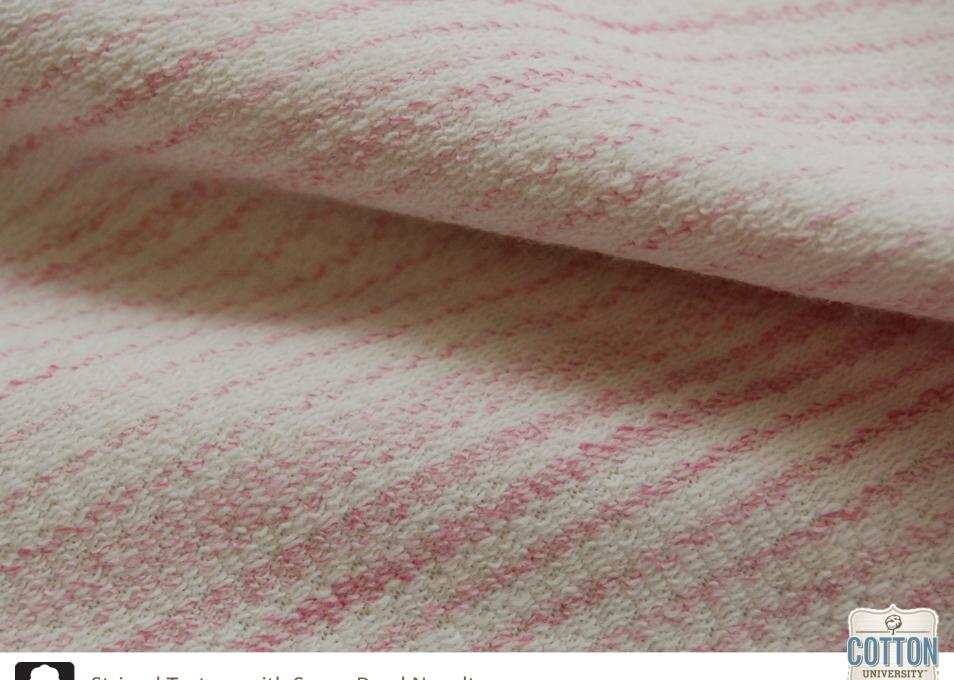
Dobby Pick-Stitch with Cationic Treated Slub Yarn in Fill





Plain Weave Filling Stripe of Cationic Treated Heather Yarn





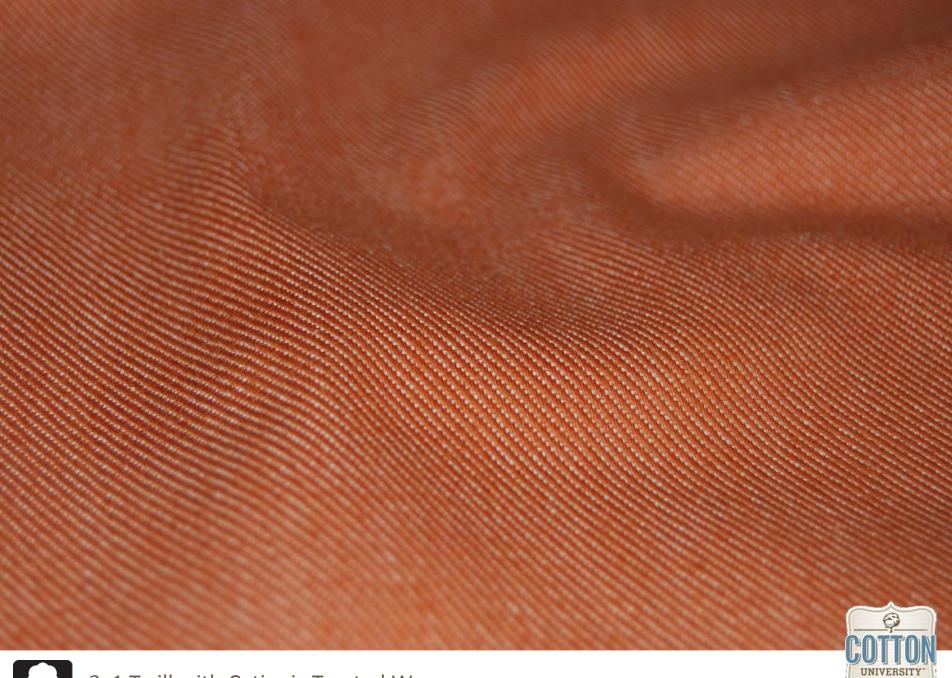








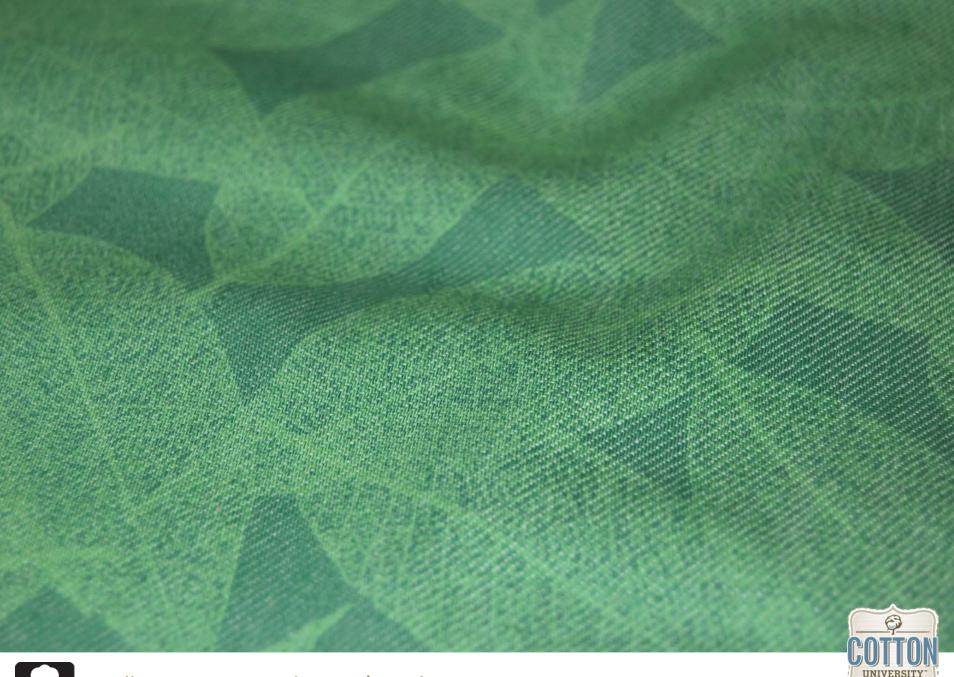
















Discharge Printed Tonal Fine Gauge Knit



CATIONIC COTTON

Suppliers Summary Q&A

SUPPLIERS

FIBER

YARN

FABRIC



Cationic Treated Fiber

www.tintoriapiana.com



ProTura™ Yarns

www.tuscarorayarns.com



Cationic Colored Denim

www.conedenim.com



Cationic Treated Fiber

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EcoFresh™ Yarns

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Cationic Treated Knits





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