

# Textiles Offer Wide Range Of Jobs

The textile industry offers perhaps the widest range of jobs of any manufacturing industry.

As an employer of some 750,000 people, there are opportunities for hourly production workers, office managers, computer programmers, chemists, engineers, environmental scientists, stylists, marketing directors and strategic planners, among others.

Job opportunities are available in locations from the heart of New York City to

small cities, depending on personal interests and the pace of life one wants to lead.

Textile science colleges report that nearly every graduate had a job upon graduation this past June and many had several high-paying offers from which to choose.

The variety of jobs in the industry requires different levels of education, training, skills and interest.

Hourly production workers receive on-the-job training while computer program-

mers, stylists, designers and technicians require training at a technical institution, a two-year junior college or a four-year textile college.

The majority of those involved in textile management and administration, such as plant managers and engineers, have graduated from a four-year college. Many have advanced degrees.

Those interested in strategic planning and finance might have degrees in management, business or finance, while chemists, environmental scientists and those involved in research and development might have B.S. degrees of PhDs in chemistry or biology.

In major universities, small colleges, technical schools and on the job, people are learning about the many different facets of the industry.

Degrees in textile science and management are offered by nine colleges and universities: Auburn University, Clemson University, Georgia Institute of Technology, University of Lowell, North Carolina State University, Philadelphia College of Textiles and Science, Southeastern Massachusetts University, Texas Tech University and the Institute of Textile Technology. The Fashion Institute of Technology offers degrees in textile design, marketing and museum studies in textiles.

Students also pursue studies in the liberal arts and in fashion merchandising, textile design and marketing in textile and clothing schools across the nation.

The industry works closely with educators and underwrites scholarships, research projects and general education programs offered by many colleges and universities.

## Speaking Of Textiles

Spinning a yarn  
Hanging by a thread  
Tossed his hat in the ring  
Throwing in the towel  
Made out of whole cloth  
A stitch in time  
Smooth as silk  
A golden parachute  
That man is wearing a rug  
A coat of paint  
Knitting up his brow  
Weaving through traffic  
The fabric of society  
A man of the cloth  
A wolf in sheep's clothing  
Pulling the wool over his eyes  
He had him in stitches  
Every cloud has a silver lining  
No moral fiber  
He cottoned to her  
He was sacked  
It fit like a glove  
Button your lip  
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## Textile Week

American Textile Week, October 19-24, is the textile industry's annual salute to the 736,000 men and women who make the industry the most productive and efficient in the world.

The promotion also focuses on the contributions of the textile industry to local communities and the American way of life.

The theme of the American Textile Week '87 is "We Put The Pride In Crafted With Pride," in harmony with the national Crafted with Pride in U.S.A. campaign.

The observance features banquets, athletic events, parades and open house tours of modern textile manufacturing facilities, and it has been strongest in the textile states of North Carolina, South Carolina, Georgia, Alabama and Virginia.

But in 1987, for the first time, American Textile Week has reached Tennessee and the New England states represented by the Northern Textile Association.

The reason: the first national ATMI Textile Citizen of the Year Contest. Every hourly employee of an American textile manufacturer is eligible for this contest, which is seeking the person whose job and community contributions represent the finest attributes of the industry.

The winner will be chosen from among state finalists at a ceremony October 22 at the National Press Club in Washington, D.C. ATMI President Robert G. Laidlaw, Coats & Clark, Inc., is to present the award of \$1,000 and a plaque.

Ray Jimison, Dixie Yarns, Inc., is chairman of the ATMI American Textile Week Task Force, and Harold McLeod, Burlington Industries, Inc., is chairman of the Citizen of the Year Subcommittee.

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