



KHADI A HANDLOOM FABRIC NOW USE IN FASHION WORLD WITH NEW IDEAS

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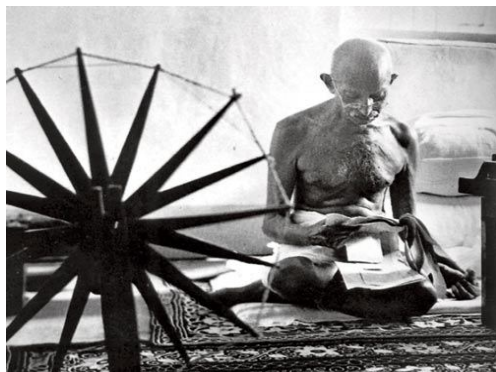
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Abstract:

*Khadi is the heritage fabric of India , which is a hand spun yarn of cotton , or it is also called as khaddar which is handspun, hand-woven natural fiber cloth . The cloth is usually woven from cotton and it may also include the silk, or wool, which are all spun into yarn on a spinning wheel called a **charkha**. It is a versatile fabric and it has ,rugged texture, comfortable to feel it provides coolness in summer and warmness in winter. "Gandhi's meaning of the fabric 'khadi' in the freedom struggle. It has been referred to as the 'fabric of Indian independence' and had a key role to play in the freedom struggle". Now a days khadi fabric is exploring day by day with a compass changes in new styles , designs , colors provided as according to the fashion . It is a Swadeshi fabric (soul of Indian's).*

Key words : Khadi , heritage, spun , swadeshi , charkha , exploring , texture , fashion , struggle

Introduction



"I believe that where there is pure and active love for the poor there is God also. I see God in every thread that I draw on the spinning wheel". By Mahatma Gandhi (*Young India*,20-5-1926)

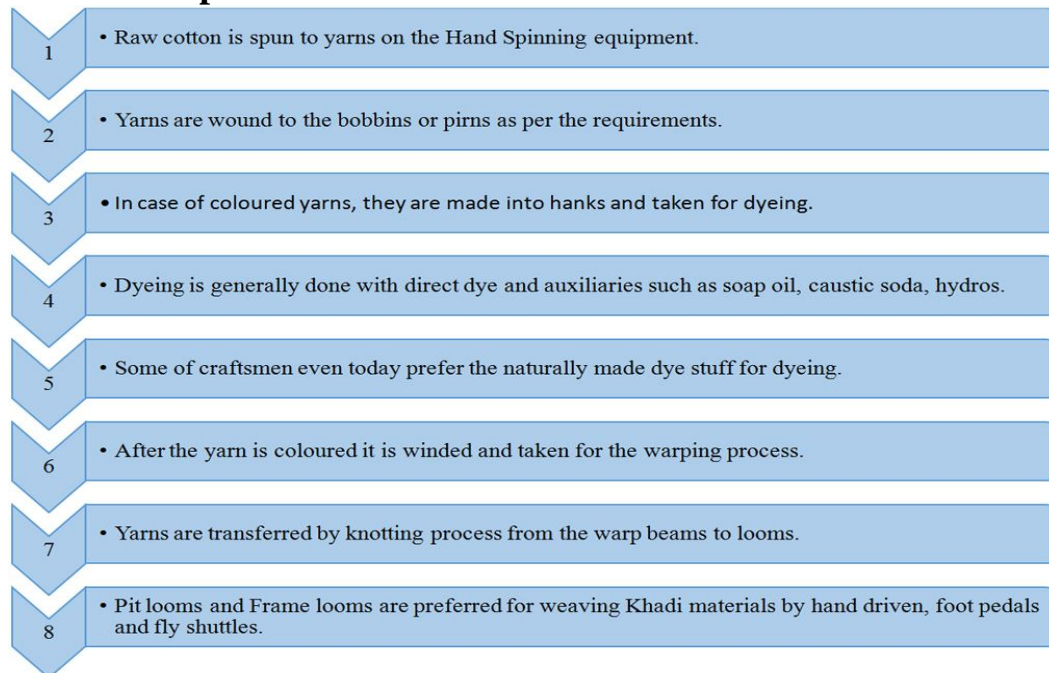
Cloth is one of the basic necessity of human being. Khadi is a term used for fabrics that are hand-spun and hand-woven, usually from cotton fiber. khadi is also manufactured from silk and wool, known as khadi silk or woolen khadi as on. The fabric is known for its rugged texture, comfortable feel and ability to keep people warm in winter while keeping them cool during the summer. Khadi is manufactured in two steps: processing of fiber into yarn using by spinning wheels (Charkha) and then weaving of fabric using looms. "The 'chakri' (spinning wheel) the symbol of the Nationalist movement. Initially the Indian flag was supposed to have a chakri, not the 'Ashoka wheel' at its centre. Mahatma Gandhi collected large sums of money to create a grass-roots organisation to encourage handloom weaving. This was called 'khaddar' or 'Khadi' movement. Mohandas Gandhi. The Khadi movement promoted a socio-cultural aesthetic, an idea that Indians could be self-reliant on cotton and be free from foreign cloth and clothing. In the 1920s in India, thus making khadi an integral part

and an icon of the Swadeshi movement. The freedom struggle revolved around the use of khadi fabrics and the dumping of foreign-made clothes.” People involved in the weaving of fabric are known as **bunkar**. In Rajasthan, the communities mostly involved in the process are **Meghwals and Zulahas**.

Materials used to produce khadi fabric

The main raw materials used in khadi such as cotton, wool and silk. Synthetic fiber polyester is also used to produce poly-Khadi fabric but it is produced in a smaller scale rather than the traditional Khadi fabrics. For cotton fabric the yarn ranges from 2/20s to 2/40s in the warp. For shirting fabrics – 2/20s and 2/32s are used; for suiting – 2/40s and 2/32s. For wool fabric the yarn used only handspun yarn is used which is not very even and fine. “Local desi wool gives a coarser yarn; when imported merino is used, a finer yarn can be obtained. In woolen Khadi from 2nm to 10nm woolen yarn is used”.

Production process of khadi



Khadi in fashion: Khadi fabric started a new journey on the path of fashion world. And as the time passes day by day khadi fabric comes into the limelight of fashion circle, because designers presents a new styles, exclusive range in the different garments of khadi, new design pattern, color etc. Over the years ago khadi represents an image of patriotic fabric, but now it's time to change the image of khadi and give a new name in the world of fashion. Now in fashion in world khadi also known as eco friendly fabric, cool and comfortable fabric, there are several names which represents khadi in fashion world, and it shows the royal aspects of khadi in this world.



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