



Flax



Cotton



Wool

Fibers such as flax (for linens), cotton, and wool are harvested from plants and animals.



Carding

Once the fibers are harvested and go through their unique processing steps, they are carded using carding brushes or a carding machine. This step detangles, cleans, and helps the fibers to become uniform.



Spinning

The spinning process is done on a wheel or a drop spindle. The fibers are stretched, pulled, and twisted around which helps strengthen and lengthen the fibers.



Thread



Yarn

The fibers can be spun into thread which can be used for embroidery, sewing, or weaving.

The fibers can be spun into yarn which can be used for knitting, crocheting, or weaving.



Embroidery



Sewing



Weaving



Knitting and Crocheting



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Drop spindles are used to spin fibers into yarn or thread

Spinning wheels are used to spin fibers into yarn or thread



Lazy Kates or Bobbin caddies are used to store yarn or for plying which is when multiple yarns are spun together



Yarn winders are used to turn loose yarn into a ball



Needles are used for hand sewing and embroidery



Knitting needles are used for knitting yarn



Crochet hooks are used for crocheting yarn



Shuttles are used to send yarn from one side of the loom to the other



Looms are used to weave yarn into blankets, rugs, and fabric