



EXCLUSIVE RITZ® TEXTILE GLOSSARY

Absorbency	The amount of liquid that a textile material is able to absorb
Antimicrobial	An agent that inhibits the growth of bacterial odors and extends the useful life of the article by controlling deterioration caused by mildew
Applique	Ornamental needlework in which pieces of fabric are sewn or stuck onto a large piece of fabric to form pictures or patterns
Bar Mop	A thick, absorbent towel that is often used for wiping up spills and cleaning glasses or dishes
Batting	Cotton, wool, or synthetic fiber wadded into rolls or sheets that is used for stuffing or lining
Combed Cotton	Cotton is combed after thread is made to make it softer
Combing	During the combing process, the fibers are arranged in a highly parallel form and additional short fibers are removed, producing high quality yarn with excellent strength, fineness, and uniformity. Only the best grades of cotton may be combed.
Dual Towel	A 2-sided kitchen towel with absorbent cotton terry loops on one side and a lint-free flat weave on the other side
Durability	The ability of a fabric to resist wear through continual use
Fiber Reactive	A chemical reaction between the dye and the molecules of the fabric, effectively making the dye a part of the fabric. Fiber reactive dye is permanent and can withstand many washings while retaining the same vibrant color.
Embroidery	An embellishment of a fabric or garment in which colored threads are sewn onto the fabric to create a design. Embroidery may be done by hand or machine.
Flour Sack	Sheets of fabric made of very thin, gauzy cotton threads. Traditionally flour sacks were used to hold flour, but they have a variety of uses.
Hand	A quality or characteristic of fabrics perceived by sense of touch, i.e. softness, firmness, drapeability, fineness, and resilience
Hang Loop	The loop that is sewn on a towel that makes it easy to hang up to dry quickly
Jacquard	Woven fabrics manufactured by using the Jacquard attachment on the loom. The attachment provides versatility in designs and permits individual control of each of the warp yarns.

Metallic Printed Foil	Towels that are printed with a metallic foil coating on top
Microfiber	Extremely fine synthetic filament used to produce very lightweight, soft fabrics
Performance Fabric	Fabrics made for a variety of end-use applications, which provide functional qualities such as antimicrobial, stain-resistance and silicone applications
Piece Dye	A towel is put into water and the dye sticks to the exposed cotton threads only
Polyester	A man-made synthetic fiber in which polymer units are linked by ester groups used chiefly to make synthetic textile fibers
Polyester/Polyamide Blend	Both polyester and polyamide are polymers and are moisture-resistant. Microfiber towels are typically a blend of 80% polyester and 20% polyamide.
Pre-shrunk	Of a fabric or garment, means that it has undergone a shrinking process during manufacture to prevent further shrinking in use
Pile	The raised surface or nap of a fabric, consisting of upright loops or strands of yarn
Repellency	Processing the property of resistance. Special finishes impart various types of repellency to textiles: stains, soil, and water.
Ring Spinning	Short raw fiber goes through a series of machines that transform it into a continuous strand of yarn, which produce high strength and soft hand. This is one of several spinning processes available and is considered one of the best.
Stain Resistant	Topical treatment applied to the finished fabric processing the ability to resist soil or stains
Staple	The fiber of cotton or wool considered with regard to its length and degree of fineness
Tea Towel	A thin kitchen towel often used for drying dishes, utensils, and glasses. Printed tea towels are often used for decorative purposes on oven doors and more.
Terry Loops	Uncut loops of fabric that are found on terry cloth fabric
Terry Towel	Made of a woven fabric with long loops that can absorb large amounts of water. Its content is usually 100% cotton.
Turkish Cotton	Premium cotton that has extra-long fibers grown exclusively in the Turkish region. Turkish cotton is soft and luxurious, making it a great material for towels. Turkish cotton becomes even softer, fluffier, and more absorbent with successive washings.
Twill Weave	A weave that is characterized by a diagonal line on the face and often on the back of the fabric
Yarn Dyed	The application of color to the yarns prior to weaving