

WOVEN TEXTILES- BROCADE

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- ▶ Brocade is a woven fabric with an elaborate raised design, often using gold or silver threads. While originally made of only silk fibers, brocade fabrics can be found today woven from a variety of natural and synthetic fibers.

WHAT KIND OF FABRIC IS BROCADE?

BROCADE FABRICS

Brocade fabrics are a type of shuttle-woven textiles often made with metallic threads. Because of their decorative appearance, these fabrics are highly popular among fashion designers. Brocade is used to make special occasion garments and evening gowns. Originally it was made of silk, but today you can find it in all kinds of fibers.

Brocade fabrics are easily distinguished by their regal look. A supplementary weft creates an embossed or embroidered effect, though nothing is actually embossed or embroidered. The back side of the fabric usually has floating yarns, which is the reason why brocades are non-reversible. Such fabrics can be additionally decorated with sequins or beads, but even without this extra décor they are opulent.

TYPES OF BROCADE FABRIC

Brocade fabrics can be made of various fibers. At first, they were woven on draw looms which were operated by hand, but with the invention of the jacquard loom the manufacturing process got much simpler.

Many fabric shops offer silk and cotton brocades: 100% natural, they are good for your skin and look gorgeous no matter what you transform them into.

brocade is smooth and lustrous. Great for evening wear, wedding gowns, costumes and more.

brocade has a great soft texture. It can be used for semi-formal and informal wear, office suits, jackets and blazers.

All brocade fabrics are divided either into:

Continuous brocade, where weft threads are left floating on the back, or cut away.

Discontinuous brocade, where extra yarns are woven into the fabric to create a fancy pattern.

No matter what brocade is made of, it is bound to enliven your wardrobe. In general, this decorative material is used to make autumn/winter pieces, but lighter versions are worn with ease in summer.

Zari brocade is a type of silk brocade with silver, golden and copper threads. Originally zari threads were made of real silver and gold, but nowadays they are often substituted for metallic yarn. Zari brocade is a very popular material for traditional Indian sarees.

WHAT IS THE DIFFERENCE BETWEEN BROCADE AND JACQUARD FABRIC?

Brocades and jacquards are both produced on a jacquard loom (or with a jacquard head fitted on to a dobby loom). The revolutionary device invented in the 19 th century made it possible to weave elaborate patterns sparing extra effort.

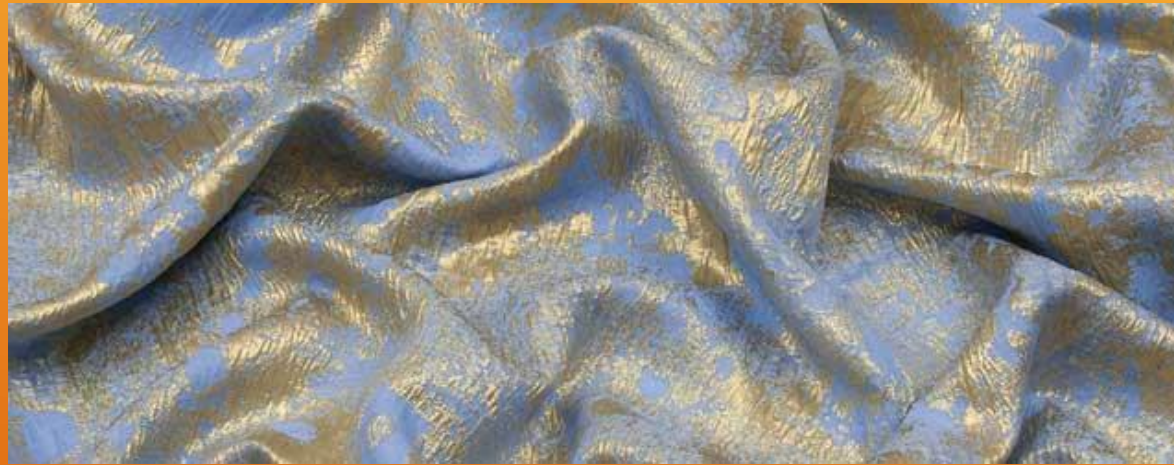
It is safe to say that all brocades are jacquards. However, it doesn't work the other way! Not all jacquard fabrics are brocades, because jacquard looms can be used to produce a number of other weaves.



THE DIFFERENCE BETWEEN BROCADE AND JACQUARD FABRICS

Type	Description	What to Sew
Brocade	A non-reversible patterned fabric with a lavish embossed effect. If it is woven with golden or silver colored threads, it is called Imperial Brocade.	Evening dresses, skirts, jackets, richly looking coats, bridal gowns
Damask	A fine patterned fabric made with several weaves – one for the ground, another one for the pattern. Reversible, the pattern is like a film negative on the back side.	Evening dresses, skirts, tops, blouses, ties
Tapestry	A patterned jacquard fabric that imitates vintage tapestries. Thicker than brocade or damask, it is non-reversible.	Outerwear, heavy jackets
Brocatelle	A jacquard fabric similar to brocade, but of a heavier weight and with a very raised pattern.	High fashion apparel

All these fabrics mentioned above are highly decorative and meant to take center stage. Wear one brocade piece at a time and try to keep everything else minimal. Even without metallic yarn, brocade attracts attention with its elaborate pattern.



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