

Past Crafts_Textiles LLC: The Costume and Textile Specialists

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Specialized Supplies for Textile Conservation and Stabilization

Conservation netting: a low heat set knitted nylon netting, similar to bridal illusion veiling, but softer and without the abrasion. Although expensive, (\$135 per meter, April 2012 price) this net is wonderful for clothing, quilts and upholstery as it has some elasticity and does not fray. It only comes in white but can be dyed to tints and blends in very well. It is used throughout Western Europe and at Winterthur Museum. It is 62" wide and is sold by the meter (39"). It is only available from:

Dukeries Textiles and Fancy Goods
Spencia House, 15A Melbourne Road
West Bradford, Nottingham NG2 5DJ
England
Dial direct from USA: 011-44-115-981-6330
Fax Direct from USA: 011-44-115-981-6440
aukeriestextiles@googlemail.com

Ask to speak to Lawrence and they have a US bank account for ease of payment

Silk Crepeline & Polyester TeTex: both are sheer, lightweight support fabrics used for under lays, over lays, and as a source for fine sewing threads. They come in limited colors from:

Talas
568 Broadway #107
New York, NY 10012
www.talas-nyc.com

Test Fabrics
415 Delaware Avenue
West Pittson, PA 18643
www.testfabrics.com

Orvus WA Paste: This is sodium laurel sulphate, a surfactant approved for cleaning cellulose museum textiles. It is made by Proctor and Gamble (the same chemical formula as *Ivory Snow* flakes, now discontinued) and was originally developed to bathe horses – who have very sensitive skin.

The cheapest source is from farm product stores such as Southern States.

Needles: Fine needles in size #10, #11, and #12 are readily available from quilt supply shops. Beading needles are available at craft supply stores.

Thread: If you look carefully you can sometimes still find #60 100% cotton sewing thread in the notions department. Heirloom sewing quilt shops carry #80 fine cotton sewing thread. One strand taken from a regular six strand length of embroidery floss is also a good option, as is unraveling thread from TeTex. Mail order sources include:

Lacis
Berkley, California
www.lacis.com

Chadwick Heirloom Sewing
Richmond, VA
www.chadwickheirloomsewing.com

Very fine silk sewing thread, often called "hair silk" because it is as fine as hair, comes in skeins and can be ordered from Talas. It can be dyed.

Fabrics: There are lots of fabric choices in good fabric shops. For conservation appropriate fabrics see *Test Fabrics* (above). For over 1,000 well documented reproduction cotton prints:

Reproduction Fabrics Co.
Bozeman, Montana
www.reproductionfabrics.com

Hancock's of Paducah (not affiliated with Hancock fabrics)
Paducah, KY
www.hancocksofpaducah.com