

# CLOTHES - WHAT MATERIALS WERE USED TO MAKE THE CLOTHES?

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These are some of the materials used to make clothes.

1. Skins of animals.
2. Hair or wool of animals -

Goat's hair  
Camel's hair  
Sheep's wool

These animals were cared for by the family. Then the family cut the wool or hair, washed it, combed it, spun it into thread, and wove it into cloth. But that was just the beginning. They sometimes dyed it and made it into clothes.

3. Linen - Linen was made from the flax plant. Flax was grown in Canaan even before the Israelites came to the land. Rahab was drying flax on her roof in Jericho, when the first spies came to search the land.

This is how people made linen out of flax -

- (1) Flax plants were pulled
- (2) It was tied in bundles.
- (3) It was laid out in the sun to dry
- (4) Flax was covered with water for 10 days
- (5) It was softened and crushed. A wooden mallet separated the fibers from the woody bark.

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3. Cotton - Cotton came from the cotton plant. This was brought to Israel about the time Christ was born.
  
4. Silk - Silk was first imported from India and later from Persia. It was very expensive. It was used especially by kings and the very wealthy.