



Western Hemisphere Textile History: Some Sources for Research

Reference Books

Applied and Decorative Arts: A Bibliographic Guide. Donald L. Ehresmann. 2d ed. Englewood, CO: Libraries Unlimited, 1993.

Detailed annotated bibliography. See chapter 18: Textiles, pp. 450-509.

REF NK1110 E47 1993

The Dictionary of Art. 34 vol. London: Macmillan, 1996.

REF N31 D5 1996

The Dictionary of Needlework: An Encyclopedia of Artistic, Plain, and Fancy Needlework. (Facsimile of 1882 edition) New York: Arno, 1972.

REF TT750 C35 1972

Encyclopedia of Textiles. 3d ed. Englewood Cliffs, NJ: Prentice Hall, 1980.

REF TS1445 A18 1980

Databases for Journal Articles

Anthropological Literature. 1890s –

Useful for textiles from societies other than European or industrialized societies of the Americas.

Use through “Electronic Resources”, then Visual Arts, on library’s Web page:

<http://www.umassd.edu/reference/eresources.shtml>

Art Index. 1984-

Coverage of more than 200 core journals in all areas of art.

Use through “Electronic Resources,” then Visual Arts, on library’s Web page:

<http://www.umassd.edu/reference/eresources.shtml>

1929-1983 on CD-ROM; ask at reference desk.

BHA: Bibliography of the History of Art. 1975- .

Extensive coverage of Western art history (that is European and Europeanized America), from the end of the ancient world to modern times. Includes books, exhibition catalogs, and dissertations as well as journal articles.

Use through “Electronic Resources” on library’s Web page:

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DAAI: Design and Applied Arts Index. 1979-.

Use through “Electronic Resources,” then Visual Arts, on library’s Web page:

<http://www.umassd.edu/reference/eresources.shtml>

Excellent source for articles in all areas other than “fine arts.”

Humanities Index. 1984 - . Backfiles in paper only.

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<http://www.umassd.edu/reference/eresources.shtml>

Check the *UMD Journal Locator* for the journals you need.
Look for it on the Library's Home page.
<http://www.lib.umassd.edu/>

In the 2nd Floor Reference Collection

Art Index, 1929-1984. On CD-ROM; ask at reference desk.

EthnoArts Index, 1985-1990
REF N5301.7 T74

Index to Craft Journals. 1979-1990.
Australian publication with international coverage.
REF NK1 I5

Textile Arts Index. 1950-1987.
Highly idiosyncratic index to selected journals.
REF NK8804 T48 1950-1987

Web Sites

Metasites

ADAM.
(selective limited area search engine for visual arts. Project has been suspended, but still very useful).
<http://www.adam.ac.uk>

Costumer's Manifesto: Costume and Textile Museums & Societies.
Extensive and excellent list of links. Some are to books for sale.
<http://www.costumes.org/history/100pages/MUSEELNX.HTM>

Textiles Through Time.
Long list of textile links, some no longer active.
<http://www.dfm.com.tw/dhtml/site-link/tac-museum.htm>

Textile and Costume Collections on the Internet Webography.
(Document prepared for history course at Ohio State University, 2000, extensive, but not updated)
<http://isthmia.ohio-state.edu/teg/hist787/textiles.htm>

Museum sites with significant content

Antonio Ratti Textile Center, Metropolitan Museum of Art.
<http://www.metmuseum.org/collections/department.asp?dep=20>

Helen Louise Allen Textile Collection, University of Wisconsin.
<http://www.sohe.wisc.edu/depts/hlatc>

Musées des Tissus et des Arts Decoratifs de Lyon.

Note English-language option and that site does not allow use of “back” key.

<http://www.lyon.cci.fr/musee-des-tissus>

You can also search and view thumbnail images from the museum’s collection at

<http://www.banque-images.com>. Click on the tiny Union Jack image above the eye for an

English-language search form. Searching, however, must be done in French (*soie* for silk, *dentelle* for lace, etc.) Access to large, high-resolution images by individual subscription only.

The Textile Museum, Washington DC.

Museum devoted to “nonwestern” textiles. Includes examples from the indigenous peoples of the Americas.

<http://www.textilemuseum.org>

Textiles from the Index of American Design, National Gallery of Art.

Digitized reproductions of detailed water-color paintings of historic American textiles, with explanatory text. Dates are the date of the painting! Choose textiles tour.

http://www.nga.gov/collection/iad/tour_index/index.htm

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