

ACTIVITY 3

Made from Cotton



REPRODUCIBLE MASTER

Cotton is famous for its versatility. This means it can be used many ways. For example, cotton fibers are used to make jeans, dress shirts, t-shirts, sweatshirts, towels, bedsheets, and more. But why stop there? Scientists at a cotton lab in North Carolina are finding new ways to use cotton and new kinds of cotton fabric. In fact, the lab has a collection of more than 7,500 "recipes" for creative new ways to make types of cotton fabrics.

Part 1: Complete the sentences using the underlined words in the paragraph.

1. Scientists are working to discover new kinds of cotton _____.
2. Cotton is famous for its _____.
3. Cotton is used to make _____ and much more.
4. A North Carolina cotton lab has more than 7,500 _____ for new ways to make cotton fabrics.



Part 2: Imagine that you are a scientist at the cotton lab. Is there a new type of cotton fabric that you could create?

Read about some of the different types of cotton fabrics shown at <https://thefabricoffourlives.com/cotton-fabrics#alpha>.

Then use your imagination to come up with a whole new type of cotton fabric. Use this space to name your fabric, describe your fabric, and tell how to use or wear your fabric. Then draw a picture of what it looks like in the box at right.

Name your fabric: _____

Describe your fabric: _____

Tell how to use or wear your fabric: _____



Families! Look around your home and find some ways you use cotton. Take a photo of your favorite and bring it in to share with your child's classmates!