



The Cutting Edge

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The “Cutting Edge” of fibers and fabrics can be very dramatic as seen in the fashion industry. Fabrics can come from natural sources (plant and animal) or synthetic sources produced by industry. Even though there are many new fibers and discoveries occur all the time, natural fibers are still preferred for many uses and may be the only source for a certain purpose.

Natural fibers come from either plants or animals. Cotton and linen are plant fibers, while wool and silk come from animals. Synthetic fibers belong to certain “generic” names or “families.” Some synthetic fibers are: nylon, polyester, rayon, acrylic and acetate.

Actors or actresses are chosen if they fit a “part.” When choosing clothing it’s important to choose the best fabric for the “part,” too. See if you can find which fibers are used to make play/sport clothes and which ones are used for dressy clothes. Read the labels on your clothes (or other family members’ clothes) or use a catalog.

Garment	Type of Fiber by Percent (%)	Where Do I Wear It?

What did you discover? _____

