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noun

- 1 a cloth made by weaving, knitting, or felting fibers:
| *woolen fabrics.*
- 2 the texture of the woven, knitted, or felted material:
| *cloth of a soft, pliant fabric.*
- 3 framework; structure:
| *the fabric of society.*
- 4 a building; edifice.
- 5 the method of construction.
- 6 the act of constructing, especially of a church building.
- 7 the maintenance of such a building.
- 8 *Petrography.* the spatial arrangement and orientation of the constituents of a rock.

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Word History and Origins

Origin of **fabric**¹

1475–85; (< *Middle French fabrique*) < *Latin fabrica* craft, especially metalworking or building, workshop. See [forge](#)¹

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Example Sentences

Researchers largely concur that the power of rituals rests within a larger social fabric.

From [Science News](#)

The world of gravitons only becomes apparent when you zoom in to the fabric of space-time at the smallest possible scales, which requires a device that can harness truly extreme amounts of energy.

From [Quanta Magazine](#)

“The only way to add parks would be to destroy the historic fabric of the neighborhood and that’s never acceptable,” Torio said.

From [Voice of San Diego](#)

The effectiveness of fabric masks was in question early on, but studies now suggest that these masks can help curb transmission of the virus — if most people wear them.

From [Science News](#)

The structure of the molecules that make up those fabrics lets them attract electrons or give them up, Guha explains.

From [Science News For Students](#)

It's about the delicate fabric of the universe and how our fragile insides crumble when that fabric is torn.

From [The Daily Beast](#)

These are palpable, identifiable matters that are ingrained into the very fabric of *The Babadook*.

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The \$1,000 dress did not photograph particularly well, either, thanks to the mixture of sheer and non-sheer fabric.

From [The Daily Beast](#)

Galeria is a collage of quotations: columns, chrome black tables, panels with English paisley fabric.

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You even went out and bought the fabric for your own Oscar dress, which would be unthinkable for an actress to do today.

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The villain Longcluse, and the whole fabric of his machinations, may be dashed in pieces by a word.

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He knew that the whole fabric of crime was due to the human reading of His "revelation" to man.

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Such a theory is ridiculous; but upon it depends the entire fabric of Christian theology.

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Christianity is a fabric of impossibilities erected upon a foundation of error.

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