

# Let's Learn About Clothes

*What do you think clothes are made of?*

**Clothes must be made from natural resources.**

You can find out what your clothes are made of by reading the *label* sewn into your clothes. All clothes that come from a store must have a label to tell you what materials were used to make them.

Some organic materials used to make clothes are **cotton**, **wool**, and special **animal skins**, like leather and fur. **Silk** is also an organic material used to make clothes. Things that are made from organic materials are called "Natural Materials."

Some inorganic materials are used in making clothes. Buttons, snaps, and zippers are made from **metals**. Metals are made from minerals. Minerals are inorganic natural resources.

Many clothes are made from special minerals that are inorganic. Cloth made from inorganic minerals is called **synthetic**. Synthetic materials are made by man. If the label on your clothes says "Man Made," it is synthetic.

*Polyester, Acrylic, Rayon, and Nylon* are names of "Man Made" materials that are used in clothes. So are Kevlar, Spandex, and Gor-Tex. All **plastics** are synthetic materials.

Look at your shoes. There are many different materials in your shoes. Do you think they are made of "*Natural Materials*" or "*Man Made*" materials? Or both?

With a friend, read the labels on your clothes. List the materials written on the labels. Are they natural or man made? Are they made from plants, animals, or minerals?

<b>Type of Material Used to Make Your Clothing</b> For a hint, see <b>bold</b> words above	<b>Plant, Animal, or Mineral</b> Some can be all three