



### Job Situation

Work at and around large moving machinery. noisy and dusty atmosphere. Some overtime. Reporting to Supervisor.

### Weekly Hours of Work

40

### Overtime

As required

### Monthly Salary

\$2,100

### Student Loan – Owing

### Student Loan – Monthly Payment

### Duties

Operate and feed fibre and yarn preparation machinery. Set up and operate looms and knitters. Investigate machine stoppages. Notify supervisor or mechanic of defective equipment. Maintain safety and tidiness in work areas.

### Prospects

Other production work involving machinery. Textile machinery mechanics. Supervisory positions.

### Job Title

## Textiles Mill Worker

### National Occupational Classification (NOC)

5245

### Job Description

Textile mills workers are the people who actually make the thousands of miles of cloth that we use everywhere in our lives. Raw natural fibres such as wool, cotton, linen, hemp, and silk, and a huge variety of synthetic fibers such as nylon, polyester and even recycled plastic pop bottles are used in many different products. These products are often custom-made.

You supply raw material to machines that wash, untangle and prepare the fibres for spinning, then operate the machines that twist the fibres into threads and yarns and reel them onto spools. This is heavy, sometimes dusty work, involving tons of raw materials. It requires effort to start the machines up and get them running smoothly, so need to keep the supply of materials steady and consistent, tie broken threads quickly, recognize sounds when a machine is not happy.

Some workers find certain machines suit them and stay with those. You have ability and can be moved around the plant as the supervisor finds necessary. Not calling the supervisor or mechanic for every little problem gets you assigned to the more finicky and interesting machines, like the looms and the knitters, making cloth or carpets from the giant spools of yarns and threads. You are even able to fill out the complex paper work that follow fixing a machine. This saves your supervisor some grief which they are always grateful for.

The atmosphere is definitely industrial—everything is large and noisy. Eye and ear protection is a necessity, and you need both strength and endurance. People who choose this work get their job satisfaction from making something from scratch and from working with a team towards clear goals. When the day is done, you don't have to think about work again until your next shift begins. There are opportunities at work to learn first aid, and to take short courses in basic computer skills. You enjoy these courses and they will be an asset if you hope to move into supervisory positions.