

# Sustainability in Textile Design



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**Abstract** Textile designing is the process of creating novel designs for knitted, printed fabrics, or woven. Sustainability is delivering things required by humans without causing disturbance to natural balance and future generation and also to reproduce in beneficial ways. Sustainability in textile designing considers environmental issues. It identifies the environmental concerns and also the responsibility of a designer in showing the required modifications in designing. Since designers are in the main positions for handling, this chapter focuses on the qualities that constitute designing practices. This chapter also identifies the environmental design techniques so that designers may creatively develop performance strategies based on life cycle analysis methods. Natural return is the major aim of sustainability to produce eco-friendly products. The innovative designing results in the development of new designs with more variety of products than humans require. This results in damage to the ecosystem and humans. Thus, the products produced through sustainable design must possess better characteristics with improved quality. Designs must be created for the necessary need rather than to fashion.

**Keywords** Sustainability · Textile design · Eco-design · Circular economy · Life cycle analysis · Eco-friendly products

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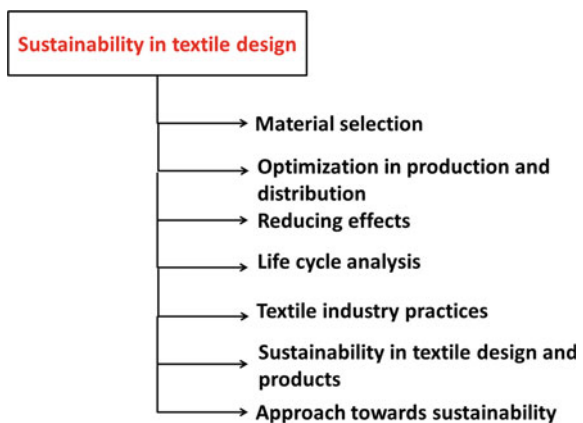
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# 1 Introduction

The primary objective in sustainability is to leave a sustainable world to the next generation, to rebalance the social, biological, and financial support, to make however many regular returns as feasible, to oversee assets appropriately, to sort out and to secure the biological equalization of the Earth. Sustainability is the only way in the current situation with modern creation today. Sustainability is stood up by the capacity in a focused creation condition, to work in a resource-restricted environment, to lessen natural effects, to diminish costs for a reasonable generation, and to continue their advantages by gathering client desires and concerns all zones including the administration area. The utilization of the idea of sustainability in the assembling area is the environmental change that is the outcome of the high carbon level in the air [9]. The start is the Industrial Revolution, which prompts the improvement and fast development of creation advancements. A definitive point in the life cycle of humans is a worldwide temperature alteration, environmental change, ozone layer exhaustion, acid rain, weakening of air quality, and corruption of ecological balance.

The premise of the Industrial Revolution is textile items. The improvement of automation, turning, and dyeing innovation, and other textile-related advancements in the modern transformation has additionally prompted the improvement of textile items. This improvement has changed the regular balance and harmed the maintainability of life. This improvement configuration factor also added to a wide scope of items, for example, product variety, customized structures with the main impetus of changing living conditions, and the impact of the design factor. Then again; the design is being turned to again rebuilding the characteristic equalization that has been crumbled by the quick improvement of innovation and to leave an economical world that can be experienced in the future. Various reactions, for example, feasible plan, biological structure, green plan, plan for economical living, eco-friendly design and also appears to reflect the complex nature of the concern [15]. Figure 1 represented the roadmap of this chapter and gives details about the sections explained in the chapter.

**Fig. 1** Roadmap of this chapter



## 2 Sustainability and Sustainable Development

Sustainability is a fundamental idea, identifying with the coherence of social, financial, institutional, and ecological parts of human culture. It is proposed to be a method for designing progress and human movement with the goal that society, its individuals, and its economies can address their issues and express their most prominent potential in the present while safeguarding biodiversity and common environments, arranging and representing the capacity to keep up these beliefs unspecifically [5]. Sustainability influences each degree of association, from the nearby neighborhood to the whole planet. Sustainability might be depicted as our duty which will enable the following generations to live easily in a clean and friendly world:

- respect individual rights and network obligations;
- recognize social, ecological, financial, and political frameworks to be associated;
- weigh expenses and advantages of choices completely, including long-term expenses and advantages to future generations; recognize that assets are limited and that there are points of confinement to development;
- assume control of their predeterminations;
- recognize that our capacity to see the necessities of things to come is constrained, and any endeavor to characterize sustainability ought to stay as open and adaptable as could reasonably be expected.

Sustainability is addressing the requirements of the things considered, having the option to do on a limited planet, for generations to come while guaranteeing some level of receptiveness and adaptability to adjust to evolving conditions. Sustainability depends on a basic guideline: everything that one requires for our survival and prosperity depends, either straightforwardly or by implication, on one's indigenous habitat. Sustainability makes and keeps up the conditions under which people and nature can exist in beneficial congruity, that grant satisfying the social, financial, and different prerequisites of present and future generations. Sustainability is critical to guarantee that one has and will keep on having the water, materials, and assets to ensure both human wellbeing and ecological condition [6].

Sustainable development is a difficult statement. It is an idea that constantly drives to change destinations and needs since it is an open procedure and it cannot become conclusively. Sustainable development is the improvement model that enables us to address present issues, without trading off the capacity of future generations to address their issues. The fundamental target of this advancement model is to raise personal satisfaction by long haul expansion of the beneficial capability of biological systems [1]. While accomplishing manageability is the objective of sustainable development, the word sustainability has a few implications and is decreased by connecting it with the ecosystem. Sustainable development is not just another idea, yet also, another worldview, and this expects to take a view at things in an unexpected way. It is a thought of the world unique about the one that

commands our present reasoning and incorporates fulfilling essential human needs, for example, equity, opportunity, and dignity. Sustainable improvement contains two key ideas:

- The basic needs of the world poor to which replacing need ought to be given;
- The confinements are forced by the condition of innovation and social association on the capacity of the earth to meet present and upcoming requirements.

Currently, the most significant investigations in sustainability are carbon footprint computation, biological footprint, LCA (life cycle analysis) for maintainable generation/life cycle evaluation considers. A carbon footprint is a proportion of the ecological effect of human exercises as far as the measure of ozone harming substance created, estimated in units of carbon dioxide. The environmental footprint is a technique for ascertaining the weight of a given populace of nature. It figures the zone that is expected to give sustainable assets to individuals, naturally prolific and watery. Simultaneously, the biological footprint is a method for a healthy life, more advantageous, sustainable textile items, creating characteristic crude materials for textiles, and leaving a bearable world for present and future generations [17].

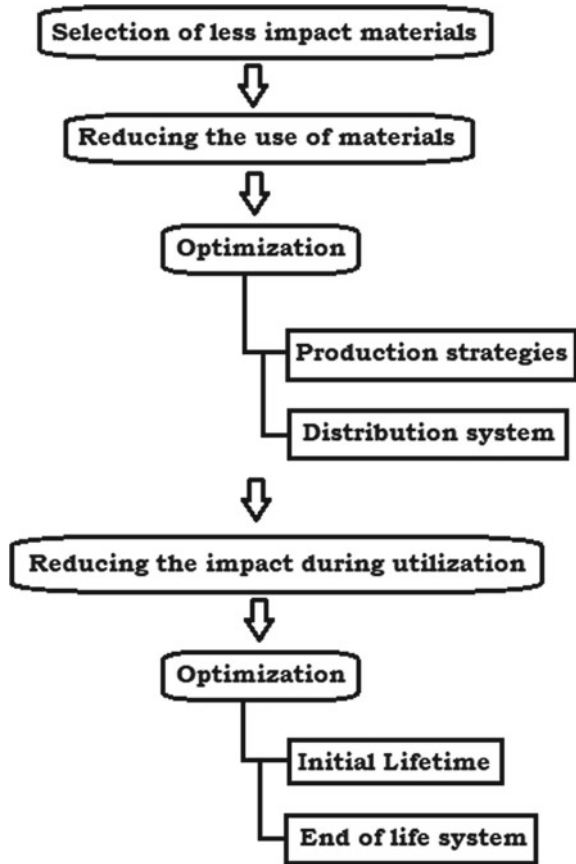
### **3 Sustainability Design**

There are the sustainability design rules that recognize the earth must be a basic thought alongside the customary measurements around financial matters and execution. These general and subjective rules are intended to be pursued during new item improvement and depend on learnings from the lifecycle analysis and other sustainability tools. The rules are obliged by-product execution prerequisites and end-user needs. The basic guidelines for sustainable design are shown in Fig. 2.

#### ***3.1 Selection of Materials***

Choosing low-effect materials and diminishing the measure of materials utilized is a very powerful approach to lessen an item's ecological effects. Removing parts are not required and enhance the structure to lessen material utilization, which diminishes transportation impacts. Additionally, increment the measure of reused materials utilized in the item, and use materials that can be promptly reused at the end of life or product transfer.

Fig. 2 Sustainability design guidelines [11]



### 3.2 Optimization of Production and Distribution Techniques

There are numerous approaches to upgrade creation procedures including joining the design for assembly standards to decrease generation steps, enhancing the structure to diminish the energy utilized during assembling, dispensing with or lessening surface medicines, for example, powder coatings, and limiting assembling waste and item scrap reusing. There is an unmistakable chain of command about the ecological effects of various transportation modes. Moving by compartment ship and the train is ecologically recommended over the truck, which is desirable over airship cargo. Different approaches to advance the dispersion framework incorporate the utilization of reusable mass bundling, for example, beds, limiting volumes and weight of bundling, and guaranteeing that all bundling is basic to work. Also, at every possible opportunity, items can be delivered to decrease transportation volume.

### ***3.3 Reducing Its Impact Using the Utilization***

Approaches to lessen effects during use incorporate diminishing energy utilization, making the default express the most alluring from an ecological angle, ensuring utilizing the product does not bring about covered up and destructive outflows and wastes, limiting consumables required, and decreasing generation of scrap.

### ***3.4 Optimization of Initial and End of Life System***

Initial lifetime product optimization incorporates keeping away from feeble connections that lead to a decreased life expectancy and require continuity; structuring so that the item can be fixed and redesigned, just as meet end-client requirements for quite a while; expanding the usefulness of the item and planning the item's appearance to build tasteful life. End of life system optimization incorporates planning considering reusing—through material determination and structures that can be dismantled—just as reuse of item and maintaining a strategic distance from untimely out of date quality. Different alternatives to optimize the end of life incorporate surveying the likelihood of reclaim programs and minimizing dangerous components to lessen air contamination when burned.

## **4 Life Cycle Analysis (LCA)**

Life cycle assessment/life cycle analysis is a framework that surveys every single ecological measurement, from the crude material of a produced item to its normal origin, from all loss to return to the earth. The Life Cycle Analysis is utilized to decide and quantify both direct i.e., discharges created during generation and vitality use, etc., and indirect i.e., crude material disposal, product transfer, buyer use, and transfer, etc. In the life cycle assessment, the producer is relied upon to assume liability for the contamination that emerges from the procedure of configuration to fabricate and to deliver so that it will not make any damage to the earth in any event. Also, deterioration of biological balance ought to be controlled and eco-awareness ought to be created on the planet. Sustainable designs ought to be made to evacuate expanding ecological and medical issues. Sustainable design and generation must be made a social obligation. For feasible design, it is important to concentrate on life cycle investigation to deliver and create suitable designs. During the design and generation period of the item, the effect on the earth should be examined and recognized in detail [2].

## 5 Textile Industry

The textile industry is a differing and heterogeneous industry covering a huge scope of practices from the change of strands to yarns and textures and from these to dress, which might be either design or non-style garments. The textile sector has high-esteem included sections where configuration, innovative work are significant focused components. Textiles give a significant contribution to the dress industry, making vertical linkages between the two. At the small-scale level, the two segments are progressively incorporated through vertical supply chains that likewise include the circulation and deals practices. The retailers in the clothing section progressively deal with the inventory network of the textile industry [4].

The textile industry incorporates:

- Obtaining and handling crude materials, for example, the planning and generation of fiber materials.

Natural fibers—cotton, fleece, silk, flax, and hemp.

Manufactured fibers—cellulosic filaments, modular, Lyocell.

Engineered polymers—polyester, nylon, acrylic, polypropylene.

Inorganic materials fibers—glass.

- Production of yarns and fabrics
- Finishing practices that give materials visual, physical, and aesthetic properties that buyers request, for example, fading, printing, dyeing, and covering.
- Transformation of materials into pieces of clothing that can be either design or non-style clothing so-called the clothing or apparel industry.

## 6 Demand for Far Vision in the Textile Sector

Sustainability concern in textile requires considering the impacts rising out of outside the limits of the ordinary textile industry. These ‘outside’ impacts—extending from rural practices to global vitality approaches, going through utilization examples and levels of environmental ideas of society—affect the sustainability of the part in general. Environmental and social frameworks reach out the limits of organizations and individual sectors; subsequently, to build up an increasingly reasonable textile industry one has to submit with these issues at the level they compare to and associate with different sectors, industries, and other groups, past their very own limits [3].

## 7 Sustainability in Textile Design

Sustainable design is legitimately influenced by ecological conditions. The creator serves direct sustainability for a healthy condition when planning from common sources. It is plan and generation produced using characteristic, inexhaustible and recyclable materials that come initially as far as sustainability through designing. The second is to plan and create ecologically agreeable items while keeping up the balance between ecological conditions, society, and economy. The third is to design and create durable solid items with natural materials, durable products with inexhaustible and recyclable materials, inventive multi-useful items by assessing waste materials.

Sustainable design empowers inventive and innovative design and preparations of products to live in a certified, reasonable condition. Inventive items that make increased worth and, in particular, sustainable products will develop [14]. In sustainable design, the material to be utilized gives the creation procedures that are helpful by making upgrades and developments in the generation procedure and less or no damage to the earth. Diminish or control item advancement costs by lessening danger and risk issues. It assesses the destructive consequences for the ecosystem and people and gives design and production toward this path. To this end, it energizes advancement, expands the proficiency of design and creation, diminishes costs, builds product productivity, expands the overall value of the industry by presenting high-worth included items from a commercial perspective. Plan through sustainability, recycling, sustainable materials, re-use, and customary generation can be cultivated by utilizing four unique strategies, individually [10].

## 8 Sustainable Design in Textile Products

The objective of the Sustainable textile study is the enthusiasm for fit and fine living, the improvement of awareness in the environment with social obligation, the designing, ensuring, and verifying of things to come deliberately, however much as could be expected to delete the carbon footprints in the planet. Sustainable design, additionally called ecological style or eco-fashion, is the new pattern of the design with the broadest meaning of eco-friendly, recyclable and products with high quality [12]. The focus of sustainable fashion is to make reasonable frameworks, to secure the earth, to build social obligation, to make cognizant buyers, to lessen the cash spent for the textiles, to slow the design patterns expanded rapidly, to recover the regard for nature and earth. Sustainable fashion is rapidly reaching consumers and is found to be critical for competitive success in the future. Sustainability in fashion is one of the major themes in the textile industries but it is complex and multifaceted. The fashion industry adopts sustainable materials, practices throughout the designs and developments which represents a sizable portion of the market. Various tools and benchmarks were developed in the fashion industries to



eliminate the environmental impacts of materials and processes. The success of the fashion industry depends on cultivating and producing textile fibres like cotton and polyester fibre types. The manufacture of cotton and polyester fibres cause environmental effects and also give its ubiquity in apparel manufacture. Fashion industries depicted that sustainability has many elements and issues based on society, environment and plays a major role in the ethics and standards of companies. The most common issues of fashion sustainability are production cost and consumption practices on a natural source like air and water.

The beginning stage and the most significant factor in the design and generation of sustainable textiles is the material. The fundamental reason for existing is to utilize biological equalization of entire natural material and to make the creation of characteristic materials sustainable. With this objective, the primary crude materials are cotton, cloth, silk, ramie, jute, rabbit hair, fleece, bamboo, goat hair, camel hair. The fibers that are on the motivation in the extent of creative common materials and analyzed inside the extent of the advancement of sustainable characteristic materials today are espresso fiber, soy fiber, pineapple fiber, banana fiber, coconut fiber. Expanding the decent variety of recently delivered fibers is an important work regarding sustainable textiles [16].

Recycled natural fibers were acknowledged in exchange fairs, industry magazines/segment magazines during the 1990s. In the mid-2000s, natural sustainable fibers have the spot as the creative thought in plan and have turned into the pioneer. Numerous organizations have utilized normal and sustainable, biological elective materials in their items. Natural fibers are eco-friendly fibers acceptable for reusing and recycling. They are low thickness, healthy and solid. Reusing makes the generation of natural materials perpetual and can change over the texture into reusable fibers and yarn. Reused fibers, yarns, materials from garments, or home materials can be utilized as secondary materials. Just as petroleum-based manufactured and cellulosic crude materials are utilized in the textile sector, a wide range of new advances have been grown, for example, glass fiber, steel, silver, and so on the crude materials can be made usable once more.

This procedure must be acknowledged by methods for synthetic compounds and generation techniques that won't damage nature. New results of the equivalent or distinctive usefulness can be created and delivered from unfashionable garments and textile products. Generating textile materials by reusing fiber, yarn and texture evacuate numerous performance dependent on energy utilization that is a wellspring of contamination. During generation, it doesn't have to work, for example, cleaning. There is no compelling reason to wash with huge amounts of water as in preparing crude yarn. Interest in finishes and fixatives are decreased. Another strategy for sustainability is the utilization of inexhaustible materials.

Rather than oil-based fibers, inexhaustible fibers that can be delivered persistently in nature, for example, soybean fibers, and banana fiber, wool-like reused filaments, materials produced using corn starch-like materials decrease reliance on oil. Another strategy is re-use. Day-to-day utilized materials such as bed covers, drapes, covers, etc. that are in a usable condition might be offered for reuse. Clothing that can't be worn and unused inside and outside home materials can be

utilized for various purposes, for example, vehicle filling material, sound protection, board covering. Non-reusable clothing and home material items can be structured and made for various purposes [7].

The fourth sustainability technique is the traditional generation. Traditional generation of characteristic materials, for example, cotton, cloth, jute, silk, wool will diminish chemical utilization and water utilization in huge amounts. The pattern in the present material and texture decisions is to present creative, assorted items with numerous highlights that are impervious to microscopic organisms, take out terrible odor, and upgrade the advantage of the item, for example, providing security to the sun's rays. These new items are delivered from fake material fibers got from petroleum. Such properties bring about an enormous number of substance utilizes, progressively waste, and more energy utilization. Nonetheless, all characteristic materials, for example, cotton, bamboo, silk, wool, cloth, natural fibers, for example, recently created soy fiber, banana fiber, pineapple leaf fiber, and coconut fiber, etc. have properties like resistance against microbes, assurance against sunrays, and obliteration of terrible odors.

One model for reusing is Soya fiber, a recently created common fiber, which is a protein-based inexhaustible natural lifting. It is 100% natural eco-friendly. Wastes that are discharged during fiber generation can be utilized as soybean oil and creature feed. Soya fiber has comparable properties to silk and is less expensive than they are. The soya fiber is antibacterial due to the presence of amino acids present in its structure. Amino groups empower the enactment of collagen proteins in human skin. Simultaneously, it elevates air take-up to its unrivaled air penetrability. Soybean fiber, which is a bioengineering outcome, has luxurious fineness, low thickness, and high quality and extension properties.

Another method for accomplishing sustainability through design is to design and create new items that will give sustainability by impersonating nature or motivating from nature inside the setting of biomimesis, biomimetic, and biomimicry ideas. Biomimicry is a way to deal with the advancement that looks for feasible answers for human difficulties by imitating nature's dependable examples and techniques. The objective is to make items, procedures, and strategies better approaches for a living that are very much adjusted to life on earth as time goes on. The outcome is bio-design. Designing and delivering by assessing waste materials is another design sustainability analysis. The reuse of unused wool cover as rug and carpet is a genuine case of sustainability design.

Generation of print configuration designs utilizing advanced and move printing strategies rather than traditional printing techniques, for example, rolls and formats is a genuine case of designing and creating ecologically beneficial practical items while keeping up a harmony between condition, society, and economy. Designing and delivering printed materials adds to sustainability as it implies less paint use, less contamination, less water utilization. With advanced printing, the designing of the materials brings about less contamination and less water utilization because less color is utilized and spray dyeing is finished. Since the computerized printing procedure is being developed stage, it is reasonable for fabric coloring and imprinting in lower amounts. Since characteristic stains just paint natural materials,

water-based fabric dyeing ought to be favored as they are both natural materials such as fiber, yarn, texture.

With an ecologically friendly methodology, reactive dyestuffs with the low salt substance have been created. In sustainability through design, during the time spent change from design to generation precise creation estimations must be made. The utilization of superfluous yarns that cause more yarn coloring or more balls coloring ought to be evaded. It is important to keep away from unnecessary fabric creation, which means unnecessary stock accumulation and energy utilization [13].

## 9 Sustainable Design Approaches

Sustainable design techniques in three phases: product engaged design, result-based design, and prerequisites driven design. The product engaged design is to design items that are multifunctional, enduring, out of style, and to make existing items progressively proficient with inventive thoughts and to diminish negative impacts to the earth. Result-based design is to put out designs for a particular reason. Prerequisite-driven design is to design items that invigorate utilization by distinguishing genuine needs to have any kind of effect.

Designing and designing of items by using designing techniques, as one continually notices, requires less energy utilization, less water utilization, less compound, less destructive gas, and so forth distributing. It is conceivable to decrease ecological toxins and wastes, to utilize eco-friendly natural filaments and materials and sources, to support moderate style rather than quick design, to energize the reuse of sustainability textile items, to design and deliver products through designing methodologies [8].

## 10 Case Study—The Borbonese Company

Borbonese Company is a historic Made-in-Italy rand company created in Turin, 1910 as a jewelry accessory label and soon becomes the leading name in Italian luxury with products. He used precious materials and refined methods for crafting purposes to explore the details and characteristics. This research has created new ways for the historic Occhio di Pernice texture. This company created sustainable bags and accessories using the available articles with different kinds of stored leather containing metal clasps and shoulder straps. These sustainable bags and accessories have been designed to reduce wastes. The utilization of waste materials in the production of original products showed the company's thought towards sustainability. The products created from the wastes have a special kind of appeal to the market place.

## 11 Conclusion

The diversity of products and complex processes are the barriers in the textile and apparel industries. Higher consumption of raw materials and disposal of fashion products creates environmental issues worldwide. Products created through economic design need to be delivered as eco-friendly products that do not harm nature. The subsequent items should have the highlights, for example, being multi-useful, improved items instead of the products created in a typical manner. The sustainable design intention is to decrease common asset utilization and limit the destruction to the earth during the time of production and utilization. In the design and generation stage, energy sources, for example, water, wind need to be favored rather than non-renewable sources. In textiles, materials that do not harm the environment ought to be utilized in the dyeing of the yarns and textures, in dyes to be utilized in printing design products, and in synthetic compounds to be utilized in completing operations. The balance among utilization and generation can be given by making upgrades in quality, cost, and product conveyance techniques. The items intended for the genuine needs of the buyer can be designed and made multifunctional, utilizing fewer resources in the generation stage and less harm to nature, by making quick and errorless creation in a shorter time. Accordingly, the fundamental highlights anticipated from design are manufacturability, usefulness, visual intrigue speaking to buyers preferring, and attractiveness, that is, acceptable and affordable for the customer. One of the basic highlights of design must be sustainable to design and secure the future deliberately. Future research should focus on managing sustainable methods to balance the socio, economic and environmental developments. A sustainable process should be based on the complete consultation with the consumers and products because sustainability develops from consumer's cooperation. Hence the textile industries need to seek new approaches in case of design conceptualization.

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