

# Shalloon in Colonial America

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**What is Shalloon?**

Shalloon is a fabric made from worsted twill that is easily dyed.

Shalloon was most commonly used as a lining for jackets, but was also used for home furnishings and blankets.

**Who wore Shalloon?**

**How did Shalloon get its interesting name?**

The name Shalloon is derived from the name of a town in France, Chalons-Sur-Marne.

**How was Shalloon used?**

Shalloon was a cloth used to line coats and was common in home decor. Due to the versatility of Shalloon it was used by many regardless of social standing.

**Interesting Shalloon facts**

- According to the Glassford and Henderson ledger for 1760-1761, the bulk of Shalloon purchases were during the winter months.
- By the 1760s weaving became an important social hobby. This led to a greater production of Shalloon and other fabrics throughout the New England colonies.



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