

Who used Osnaburg?

Upholsters used Osnaburg in furniture making. They usually bought larger amounts at a time to cover larger pieces of furniture.

Tailors and seamstresses used the cloth for various types of clothing made for people of all classes, from upper class to slaves. Usually bought from the Colchester store with needles and other sewing items.

What is Osnaburg?



Osnaburg Linen

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Scotland began to create imitation Osnaburg linen in the 1730s. Companies sent executives to Germany to learn how to make (imitate) the linen.

• Osnaburg Linen Dolls



Other uses of Osnaburg

Osnaburg was a form of linen originally created in Osnabrück, Germany, a town known for its textiles. The name comes from an old spelling of the town.

Lead to an economic revival in Scotland. By the 1750s, they were exporting millions of yard of linen to England which then exported to other parts of Europe.

• Napkins



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