

Textile Manufacturing Museums

This somewhat surprisingly long list of museums focus on the production of textiles, from cleaning and spinning fibers to Jacquard looms to more contemporary processes. Most of them are housed in old textile mills and highlight the history of the local textile production. Many of them have exhibitions or host classes and symposiums that focus on textiles.

Museums in the US & Canada:

- Boot Cotton Mill and Museum (Lowell, MA)
 - website: www.lowell.com/museums/boott-cotton-mills-museum
- Mission Mill Museum (Salem, OR)
 - website: www.willametteheritage.org
- Museum of Work & Culture (Woonsocket, RI)
 - website: www.rihs.org/museums/museum-of-work-and-culture
- Slater Mill (Pawtucket, RI)
 - website: www.slatermill.org
- Windham Textile and History Museum (Willimantic, CT)
 - website: www.millmuseum.org
- The Cotton Museum (Memphis, TN)
 - website: www.memphiscottonmuseum.org
- Mississippi Valley Textile Museum (Almonte, Ontario, Canada)
 - website: www.mvtm.ca

Museums in the UK:

- Helmshore Mills Textile Museum - Helmshore, Lancashire, UK
 - website: www.lancashire.gov.uk
- Queen Street Mill - Burnley, Lancashire, UK
 - website: www.lancashire.gov.uk
- Museum of Ayrshire Country Life & Costume - Kilwinning, Scotland
 - website: www.kilwinning.org
- Nottingham Industrial Museum – Nottinghamshire UK
 - website: www.nottinghamindustrialmuseum.co.uk
- Quarry Bank Mill - Cheshire, UK
 - website: www.nationaltrust.org.uk

Museums in Europe:

- Almgren Silk Museum (Almgren Sidenväveri) - Stockholm, Sweden
 - website: www.kasiden.se
- Sjølingstad Woollen Mill (Sjølingstad Uldvarefabrik) - Lindenes, Norway
 - website: www.vestagdermuseet.no
- Bielsko-Biala Museum and Castle - Bielsko-Biala, Poland
 - website: <http://www.muzeum.bielsko.pl>
- Central Museum of Textiles (Centralne Muzeum Włókiennictwa) - Łódź, Poland
 - website: www.muzeumwlokiennictwa.pl

For links, photos and descriptions, see www.fashionandtextilemuseums.com

I'm always looking for more museums – please contact me via the website to let me know of any that I've missed!