

VELVET (from the French word *velours*, and that from *velu*, any thing covered with hair), a silk stuff covered on the outside with a close, short, fine, and soft shag. The nap, shag, or velveting of this stuff is formed of part of the threads of the warp, which the workman puts on a long channelled ruler, or needle, and which he afterwards cuts by drawing a sharp steel tool along the channel of the needle, to the ends of the warp. The best manufactories of velvet are in France and Italy.