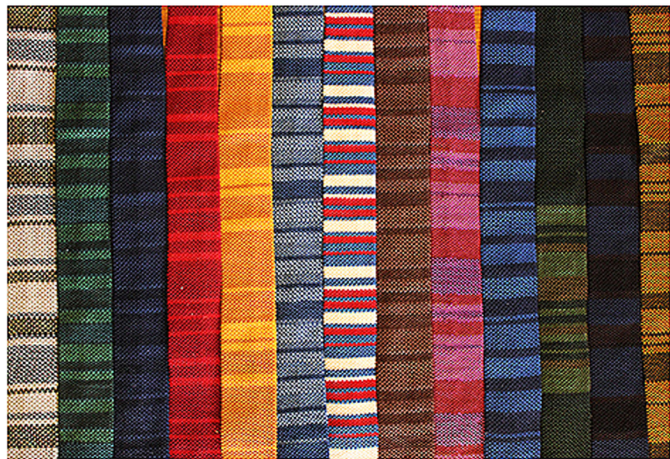


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Wool and rayon acetate ties gained in popularity during World War II primarily because of the shortage of silk and also because of their adaptability for printing and hand screening. The panel tie originated in America when hand-blocked print imports were cut off. The elimination of the vest by WPB and the repopularization of the Windsor knot contributed to the popularity of panels. Manufacturing was complicated by the need for planned patterns and precision cutting.