

Mood Board: Summer 2025- Cotton

Proposals due by: [April 1, 2025](#)

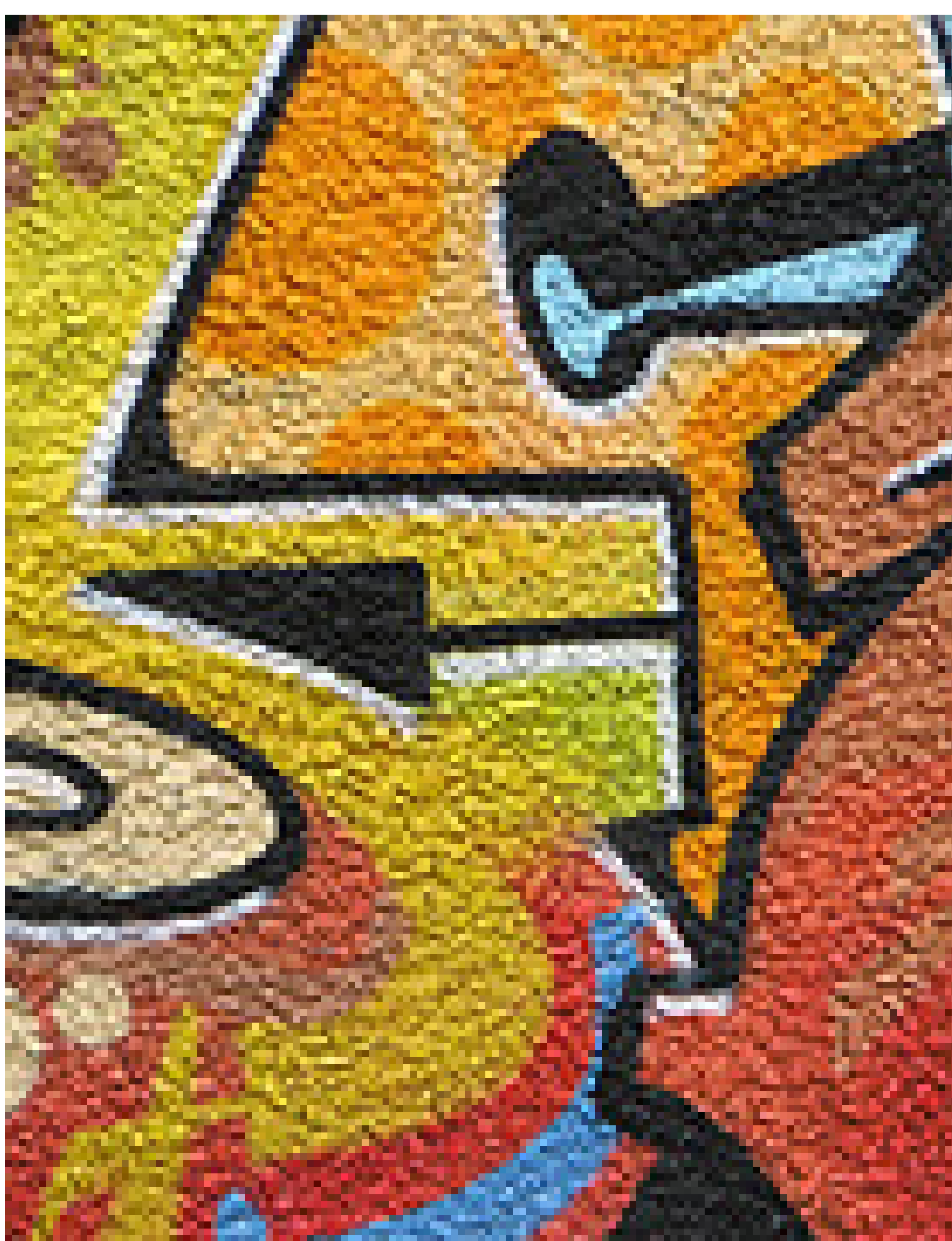
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There's a reason cotton is a go-to summer staple and for our summer 2026 issue, we want to know everything about this humble plant. We hope you're ready to share what you know, experiment with things you don't know, and design stunning cotton cloth.

Let's start with the cotton plant. How many species of cotton are there? How do they differ, and do those differences impact our weaving? Does cotton's staple length affect our cloth? How is cotton processed? What is mercerization? How does mercerized cotton compare to unmercerized cotton? Does one shrink less, take dye better, stand up to wear more, feel better against your skin? Should we care if the cotton we use is organic? What about how it's spun and different yarn structures? What's the difference between ring-spun and end-spun? Does it impact our cloth? Can you tell us about bouclé, seine twine, carpet warp, slub, or chenille? What are they for and how do we use them in our weaving? Are 8/4 and rug warp interchangeable? Many people are confused by the count of cotton – can you help clarify?

When we make cotton cloth, what can we expect? How does it compare to cloth made from other cellulose fibers like linen, cottolin, bamboo, Tencel, and hemp? Does it resist stains better than other fibers? Is it quicker to dry? More absorbent? Longer lasting? Is cotton really stronger when wet? Can our sett or structure change any of these qualities? Are there any structures that cotton is perfectly suited for, or ones that should be avoided? Do we need to hesitate when combining natural, bleached, and dyed cotton in the same project? Tell us how you finish your cotton cloth. How do you keep it in good shape? Do those instructions change if you use a blend yarn or several different fiber types in the project?

There is so much to explore with cotton! We want this issue to burst with explanatory articles, experimental articles, and gorgeous cotton projects!



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