
TEXTILES MATTER – the Neolithic revolution would not have taken place without them. Many of the common utensils used in prehistoric agricultural settlements were textile products. They were indispensable to carry out everyday tasks in the context of a sedentary lifestyle.

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