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A JUMP START FOR US TEXTILES AND LOCAL ECONOMIES

Hem Mills in Concorde, NC represents the convergence of major trends in the world that demand immediate action. Textiles made with hemp brings new meaning to the word sustainable because it includes massive economic opportunity for rural communities in the US and around the world.

In the hemp industry, US-made textiles have long been the ambition, yet the obstacles of importing technology and methods from China and Eastern Europe have seemed insurmountable. Hem Mills has solved that.

For the world of fashion a global effort is under way to redefine how apparel is designed, produced and re-used, to bring benefit up and down the supply chain, while proving a net positive for the environment. Hem Mills is ready to make it happen.

For industrial textiles as well, the demand is enormous for alternatives to cotton, synthetics, fiberglass, even plastics and metals. There is no doubt that hemp can easily compete at scale, as a truly renewable resource.

This is the opening chapter of a new era that will prove what is possible with this amazing plant, and the people committed to positive change for everyone.



In 2018 Madison was a boxer at the Spartan Boxing Gym in Medford, OR. Her fighting spirit has brought together the hemp and textile industries.



IT STARTED IN A GYM...

Madison Sexton, 28, launched Hem Mills about two years ago because, as a boxer, she needed better hand wrapping than cotton, which is not durable and supports staph infections. Hemp turned out to be an ideal solution. However, she soon learned that no manufacturer had any interest in producing it. The US textile industry is far behind other countries and lacks the motivation to switch from cotton and synthetics. Yet the momentum of the hemp industry gave Madison the fresh energy to connect the dots, as if the world depended on it.



In 2020 she's set up her prototype factory, bringing on board veterans from the hemp and cotton industries, building partnerships and booking orders from across the board.

NOW SHE'S NAILING IT!



First-to-market for US hemp & textiles

Producing now for 25 Brands

Global demand in place

Proven prototype factory

Scalable from Farm to Showroom



Young and innovative

100 Years of team textile experience

Industry leader partnerships

Woman-owned

Community values



Yarns
Knits
Broadweaves
Samples
Cut & Sew

Apparel
Industrial
Medical
Military
Nonwovens



TECHNICALLY SPEAKING, WITH CEO MADISON SEXTON

“We built Hem Mills from the ground up. That allows us to take an aggressive and innovative approach to textile process technology and methods, borrowing from old traditions and the latest machinery. We might be small but we’re designed to scale up quickly. And it’s safe to say we’re already leading in US textiles. We figured out how to retrofit old cotton machinery, gathering dust, to work with hemp. We’ll be using the amazing Shima Seiki **WHOLEGARMENT™** technology platform that is like 3D printing on demand for designers. Best of all, we’ve got an exclusive partnership with a Romanian master of processing hemp, and within a few months we’ll be able to do wet spinning for the massive demand in hemp yarns, in the US and beyond.

“We’ll be scaling up with our own plants and partnering with established mills as well. The opportunity is so big that the idea is more on cooperation than competition.”



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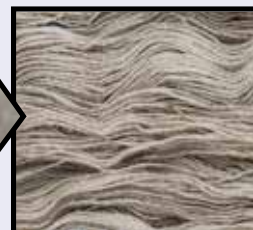
DECORTICATING



DEGUMMING



CARDED SLIVER



COMBED FIBERS



ROVING



YARN



TEAM. NETWORKS. PARTNERS.

“The industry is wide open right now, both hemp and textiles, so we’re having no problem finding interested customers and partners. Hemp has been so focused on CBD/marijuana that it’s easy to forget fiber, which is real core of the industry, going back hundreds of years, and going forward with so many eco-friendly values.

“Our in-house team includes Emmet Hylton, Former President of R&D at Cotton inc for 15 years. He developed knits of organic cotton for Ralph Lauren and helped many brands patent knits for socks and developed a number of knits on the market today. We also work with William Gunner, former head of spinning R&D at Cotton Inc for 20 years.

“Then there’s Cristi, our Romanian partner. He’s probably the world’s leading expert on converting raw hemp in the field to finished yarns. We are distributing his yarns as we develop our own US supply chain and his process will be integrated into our mills within a year.

“Partnerships are forming all the time, we connect with nonprofits related to sustainable industry, community development and trade groups.”



ALIGNED WITH PLANETARY VALUES

The timing could not be better for Hem Mills to put into action what so many groups have set into place. Here is a sample of those we already work with or getting aligned with.



Sustainable Fashion Standards



Making Fashion Circular



Sustainable Textile Processes



Improving women’s wellbeing, preserving cultural traditions



The Grand Central of the hemp industry



American heartland agriculture

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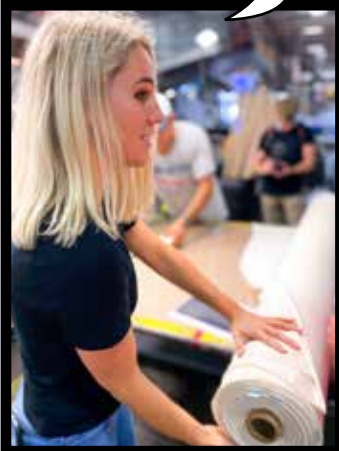
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Sustainable fashion? There's no such thing

The industry's marketing may be ultra-green but the reality is very different



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