

Brown and Green Cotton

Naturally colored cottons were grown by the slaves prior to the Civil War.



In many instances, slaves on plantations were not permitted to grow the white cotton of their masters. Brown cotton was the most commonly grown, but there are other naturally colored cottons such as green, blue, yellow, and pink cottons, and they all have their own subtle beauty. These heirloom cottons are now difficult to find. They have fallen out of favor because the fibers are shorter and are not as suitable for spinning and dyeing as modern white cotton.

