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FOREWORD

This handbook is one of a series dealing with small-scale textile production, from raw materials to finished products. Each handbook sets out to give some of the options available to existing or potential producers, where their aims could be to create employment or sustain existing textile production with the aim of generating income for the rural poor in developing countries. Needless to say, this slim volume does not pretend to be comprehensive. It is intended as an introduction to the topic which will stimulate further enquiry. Although each handbook is complete in itself and provides useful reference material on each specific area of production, the series, taken as a whole, does reveal the breadth of technology required to equip a small-scale textile industry. While being primarily technical, the series also covers the socio-economic, managerial, and marketing issues relevant to textile production in the rural areas of developing countries.

The author of this handbook has harnessed his own particular expertise and experience to produce a distillation of his technical knowledge applied to the developing world. While no single package of technology can be appropriate to all situations, he has produced a simple but logical progression covering all aspects of small-scale textile production. Production of this series of books has been sponsored by the Intermediate Technology Development Group (ITDG), as part of its efforts to help co-ordinate the most appropriate solution to particular development needs. This series forms part of the cycle of identifying the need, recognizing the problems, and developing strategies to alleviate the crisis of un- and under-employment in the Third World.

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