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Interesting notes about Pashmina or Cashmere by Laffaire Cashmere

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In modern times, the major parts of pashmina/cashmere goods are produced in China, Kashmir (india), Nepal, Scotland and Italy.

Whereas the products from each region have a special feel/look about them, one very interesting fact emerges that a lot of warmth, beauty and luxurious touch of this special fiber comes alive because of the quality of water of rivers, where these products are processed.

In the book "Pashmina" by Rizvi and Ahmed, they write, "the success of Scottish companies in processing this delicate material is attributed partly to old-established skills in working wool, and party to the soft water in most parts of the country - the same water that give incomparable flavour and zing to that other famous Scottish product, whisky - which enhances (if possible) the fiber's natural softness."

Much of the Italian luxury textile industry is centred on the small city of Biella in the foothills of the Italian Alps, not far from Quaroana Sesia. Biella is an old-established centre for the production of high quality textiles, its great advantage - in a curious parallel with Scotland and Kashmir - being the quality of water in Alpine rives, that flow through the region! Biella's counterpart in Scotland is Hawick, in the Border country, which is similarly serviced by the soft water of the river Teviot, and is home to most of Scotland's high end knitwear companies. This is where it all began, with Pringle's experiments in knitting cashmere in 1871.

In Kashmir and Nepal too, the proximity to great Himalayan Rivers lend the pashmina/cashmere shawls a superb touch and feel!

Many a products are still hand spun and hand woven there. The embroideries on these fine shawls and stoles are almost always done by hand....the 'karigar' craftsman weaves the motifs of the beauty around him on the beautiful pashminas, sometimes working for months on a single piece!.

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