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Museum Tuch + Technik
2000 years of textile history

How is wool spun to garn? How are fabrics woven? In the Museum “Tuch + Technik” visitors can undergo a journey through time, experiencing the main principles of cloth manufacture and learning how they have remained unchanged from the Iron Age to the present day. 2,000 years of textile history are represented in the museum “Tuch + Technik”: making it unique in Germany. The museum opened its doors on 13th October 2007.

In the museum “Tuch + Technik” the exhibits are in working order with live demonstrations of spinning-wheels and looms. The machines used for making cloth during the industrial age are particularly impressive. More than 20 meters in length and three meters in height, the “Dreikrempelsatz” (triple unit carding set) is the machine upon which wool flocks were woven into loose threads. On the old industrial looms, located within the museum’s walls, the shuttles can be seen dashing backwards and forwards making the soft plaids which visitors can later purchase in the museum’s shop.

“Tuch + Technik” intertwines the story of textile production with the history of the town of Neumünster, which grew from humble village to the largest industrial site in Holstein. Media points with contemporary witness interviews and educational films turn a museum visit into a fascinating experience. Visitors, whether young or old, can try their hand at being clothworkers: weaving wool, analyzing fibers through a microscope or designing new patterns.

Special activities, themed tours and workshops are geared towards all age groups. Guided tours, adapted according to individual needs and thematic preferences, can also be booked through a member of the museum’s staff.

The museum “Tuch + Technik” offers 2,000 square meters of exhibition space, 300 of which are dedicated to special annual exhibitions. Furthermore, the museum houses exhibitions of both art and photography and is used as a venue for concerts, readings and talks. Special family occasions and children’s birthday parties can also be celebrated in the museum.