



**LINEN AND HEMP SPINNER
100% MADE IN FRANCE AND EUROPE**





HERITAGE
PRESERVED OVER
MORE THAN
200 YEARS

« **Linen is to the couturier
as marble is to the sculptor:
a cherished material.** »

Christian Dior, 1949

Christian Dior evokes the beauty and refinement of linen in this phrase. Used since antiquity, this material inspires creators and dresses icons all over the world. In almost two and a half centuries, Safilin has acquired invaluable linen processing experience and offers to its clients an unprecedented yarn quality, which has remained stable over the years.

Originally based in the North of France, Safilin is ideally located to access the historical land of linen farming, in French-speaking Flanders, Normandy, Belgium and the Netherlands, and spins only the finest European fibers.

Excellence and innovation drive Safilin's 400 employees every day. Passionate and conscious of their responsibility, they devote their know-how to make your creative dreams come true.

Olivier Guillaume
Président de Safilin

1778 The first Salmon family company is founded in Armentières, North of France, the birthplace of linen. Since then, Safilin has used its experience and know-how of its workers to produce exceptional linen yarn.

1995 Safilin goes 1500 km East to Poland, a country which has a rich linen history, to establish a wet and dry spinning factories.

2007 Safilin teams up with knitters and combines the creativity and innovation of both partners to develop a 100% linen yarn for circular knitting.

2017 More than 200 years after its foundation, Safilin continues to master its know-how and offers a complete range for each use of the flax. The company always grows and innovates by offering a range of products for composite.

2022 A new chapter begins, following opening of the third wet and dry spinning factory in France, in Béthune, heart of our historical region, as close to flax fields as possible.



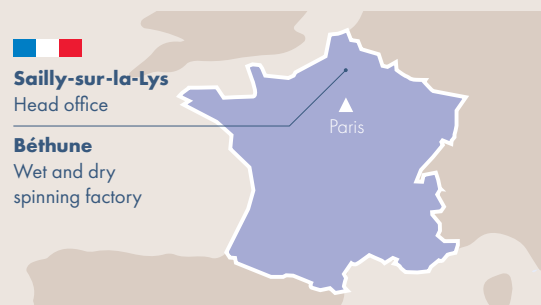
Quality is key

Safilin uses only the French and European fibers to produce a yarn of unparalleled quality. Being close to the cultivation and processing hubs guarantees reliable high-quality yarn that you can depend on.



Poland, a strong linen tradition

Poland has a special history of linen tradition, recognised know-how in the sector and a strong historical link with France. This is why Safilin chose this country in 1995 to share its linen passion and to base its two factories there.

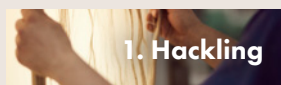


France the cradle of linen

France is the world's largest grower of flax fibre. Spinning in France allows to recreate the supply chain and achieve 100% French production, from seed to finished product.

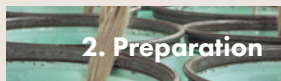
Constantly innovating

Safilin is the only spinner in the world to use wet, dry and open end processes.



1. Hackling

This first processing step is a key one in determining yarn quality. We have internal hackling capabilities, enabling us to carefully convert scutched linen into hackled silver. Our hackling tow is retained and processed in our dry-spinning facility.



2. Preparation

Quality also depends on preparation. Up to 32 hackled silvers are assembled to create a roving. Depending on requirements, rovings can undergo a range of treatments such as washing and pre-bleaching.



3. Spinning and twisting

Our products are adapted to match individual client requirements, for example wet yarns for fineness and dry and open-end yarns for rustic style.



4. Winding

Weaving cones, preparation for dyeing, carton tube, without tubes, inside unwinding, spools... Our winding adapts to all technical requirements and constraints. Winding is the last key step in an uncompromising approach to quality.

Safilin yarn benefits

- A 10 to 12 months in-house supply of raw material, guaranteeing consistent quality yarn.
- Storage of several vintages to mitigate against crop variations.
- Standard yarn storage service, so that Safilin can react quickly.
- Large range of dry- and wet-spun yarn.
- 100% French and European fibers and yarn; traceable and certified.

The balance between tradition and innovation

Safilin selects the best European flax fibers to make high-quality yarn with counts of Nm 1.8 to 50 for weaving and knitting production .



Linen and hemp yarn

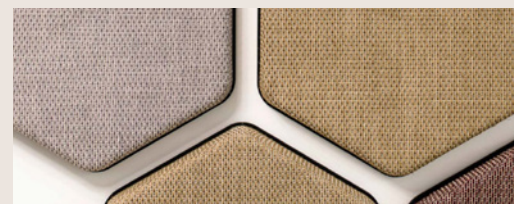
Safilin offers a large range of yarn that meets the CSR and traceability requirements of fashion, home textiles and furniture companies. Safilin yarn can be used in warp and weft, knitting or lace.

100% European, Safilin linen yarn is the perfect eco-friendly alternative. Safilin is also working on hemp yarn developments to meet increasing demand for this material.



Strings

This product is suitable for all sorts of applications in many sectors such as DIY, trimmings and the food industry, with a range of products certified for food contact. Polished, unpolished, natural, one or two-tone strings, sold in balls or rolls, with one or several ply — everything is possible.



Composites

After 10 years of R&D in the Flax Lab, Safilin has developed «Low Twist» technology to produce 100% flax rovings, a fiber with exceptional and exclusive properties.



Transparency

Safilin has developed an additional offer for linen yarn including a traceability certificate, calculation of the environmental footprint and marketing documentation to add value to your 100% French and European products offer.

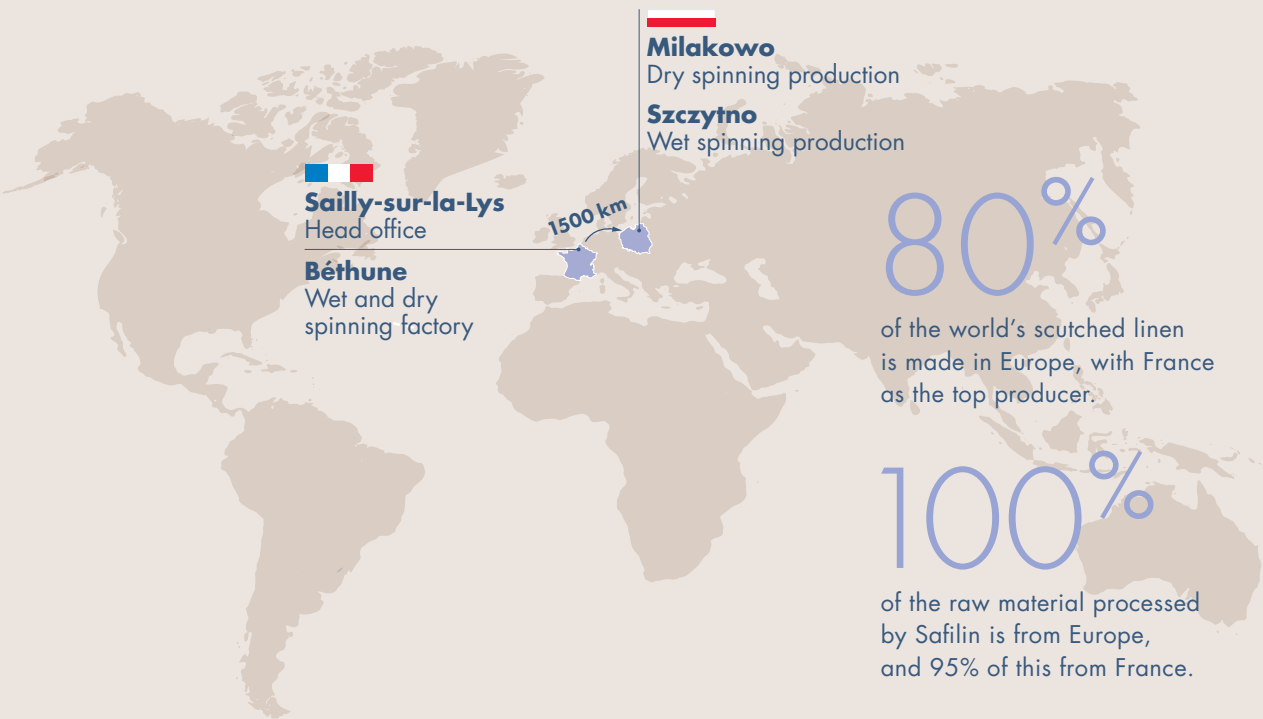
Linen benefits

- **Natural material** • **100% vegan**
- Heat-regulating, insulating, hypoallergenic
- A primarily European material, with 80% of world production coming from the area between Caen in France and Amsterdam in the Netherlands.
- Linen cultivation relies only on the weather: linen does not require water for irrigation and the linen grower seeks to limit the inputs into its cultivation.

Naturally eco-friendly

Safilin is the oldest processing specialist for linen, a natural and eco-friendly material. Our flax (linen) grows in the coastal area that runs from Caen to Amsterdam, and is cultivated following sustainable or organic farming principles. Processing is fully mechanical.

Linen is used in a variety of applications and research has given us a glimpse into further areas in which it could replace more polluting materials.



ZERO WASTE

At Safilin, all linen processing by-products are recovered.

Employees take an active part in CSR

- LED lighting introduced.
- Building insulation enhanced.
- Heating systems optimised.
- Control of water consumption and wastewater treatment boosted.
- Workshops humidified.
- Dust evacuation/collection improved for our teams' safety.
- Energy recovery system.
- Lower-energy systems installed.

Excellent client feedback

« Safilin, is an extremely reliable partner »

Safilin professionally manages orders, keeps us informed of production progress and delivers goods on time. In terms of the quality of the yarn supplied, I can confidently say that I have never had any problems during our long-term collaboration.

Fabrizio Dall'ò
Fabrics Planning Manager
LORO PIANA

« Safilin as supplied Libeco with yarn for decades »

The company's great strength is the wide array of yarns, which range from the finest wet-spun to rustic large dry-spun yarn. The quality and service that Safilin offers are the key cornerstones of our long-term cooperation. I appreciate being able to engage in constructive dialogue about developments and to strengthen our development.

Raymond Libeert
Managing Director
LIBECO



CERTIFICATIONS





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