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Massif is a USA-based manufacturer specializing in flame-retardent apparel for the military (see also, page 27). The company's founders wanted to improve military and government uniforms that had not kept up with the pace of the textile innovations familiar to users of outdoor and climbing gear. On pages 25–28, John McCurry looks at how Massif and other companies supplying the US military are coping with ongoing cuts in military spending.



Groz-Beckert has introduced a felting needle called EcoStar that the company from Albstadt, Germany, has designed to have a long service life and consume a low amount of energy in use page 38.





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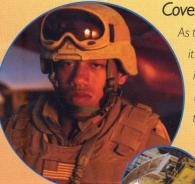
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As the US military significantly reduces the amount of fabric it is buying, mostly from domestic suppliers, John McCurry investigates how companies (such as Polartec) are responding to a loss of orders that have helped sustain their industry over many years pages 25–28.

> One-off special installations can spectacularly reveal the potential of digital printed textiles, but the impact of these materials on mass markets has been limited to date, writes Adrian Wilson pages 9–15.

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