

SERGE

Like Bay, Serge is a cloth with a worsted warp and woollen weft, although in this case twill woven. The twill helps to maintain the stability whilst retaining enough flexibility to be used as a lining material.

It was used to line British Army coats and Greatcoats, Cavalry Cloaks and Hussar and Light Dragoon Trooper's Pelisses. In the infantry it was generally used white or Buff for Buff faced Regiments. For Light Dragoon jackets and Pelisses it appears to have been used the same colour as the facings.

Specifications:

Type:	Serge
Fibre:	Worsted Warp, Woollen Weft
Weave:	2 / 2 Twill
Finish:	Scoured, dyed.
Width:	54"
Weight:	9 oz per Yard ²

MILLED SERGE

The woollen weft in serge is sufficient to allow it to be milled to provide some degree of blind finish. Although it is insufficiently dense to provide substantial protection from the weather, it was used for applications where the appearance of a blind faced fabric was required but without the increased bulk of a second layer of Broadcloth. Consequently the main applications were for Turnbacks, but also for sleeves of Undress or Drill jackets (often referred to as Waistcoats as they were originally procured as such). This was possibly intended to allow them to be worn underneath the main coat as an extra layer if required.

Specifications:

Type:	Serge
Fibre:	Worsted Warp, Woollen Weft
Weave:	2 / 2 Twill
Finish:	Milled, raised, cropped.
Width:	54"
Weight:	9 oz per Yard ²