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**The following classification changes will be effected by this Notice of Changes:**

<u>Action</u>	<u>Subclass</u>	<u>Group(s)</u>
<b>DEFINITIONS:</b>		
Definitions Modified:	D06J	SUBCLASS

**This Notice of Changes includes the following** *[ Check the ones included ]*:

1. CLASSIFICATION SCHEME CHANGES

- ☐ A. New, Modified or Deleted Group(s)
- ☐ B. New, Modified or Deleted Warning(s)
- ☐ C. New, Modified or Deleted Note(s)
- ☐ D. New, Modified or Deleted Guidance Heading(s)

2. DEFINITIONS

- ☒ A. New or Modified Definitions (Full definition template)
- ☐ B. Modified or Deleted Definitions (Definitions Quick Fix)

3. ☐ REVISION CONCORDANCE LIST (RCL)

4. ☐ CHANGES TO THE CPC-TO-IPC CONCORDANCE LIST (CICL)

5. ☐ CHANGES TO THE CROSS-REFERENCE LIST (CRL)

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## 2. A. DEFINITIONS (modified)

D06J

### Definition statement

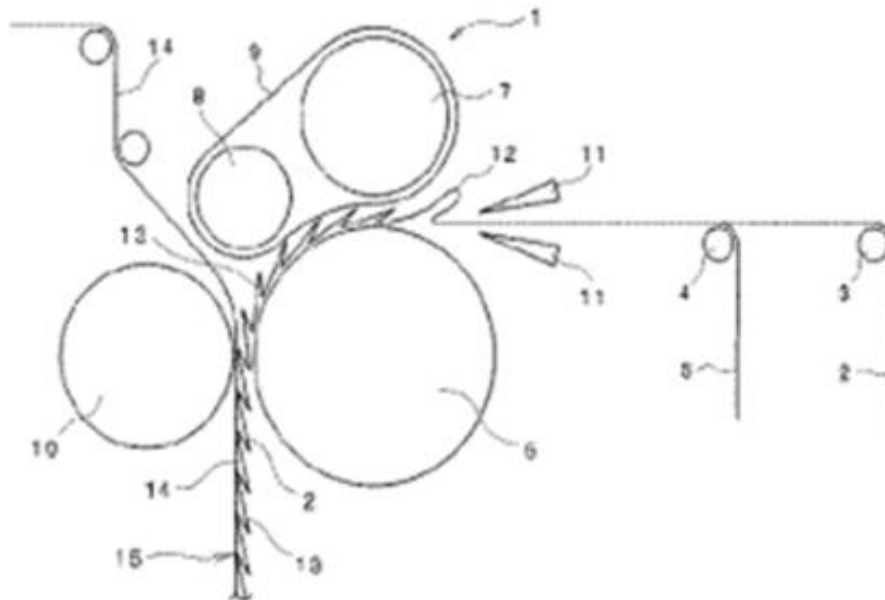
Replace: The existing Definition statement with the following updated statement.

Methods for pleating, kilting or goffering textile fabrics or wearing apparel including of mechanical or physical processing with or without using heat, steam or treatment composition and also the combination thereof.

Apparatus for pleating, kilting or goffering textile fabrics or wearing apparel such as fabric folding mechanisms, pleat forming devices, pleating machines, including kilting machines, pressing patterns, ironing devices specially adapted for forming goffers or pleats, e.g. fluting irons, pleating irons or goffers.

Illustrative examples of the subject matter classified in this place:

#### 1. Pleating

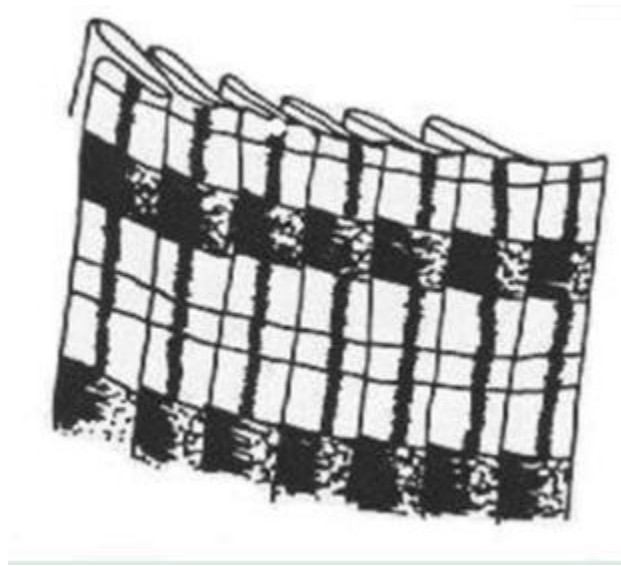


Pleating is a method of an arrangement of fold by doubling the material upon itself and then pressing it into place. The Figure illustrates pleats (13) were formed via rollers (6) and (10).

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## 2. Kilting

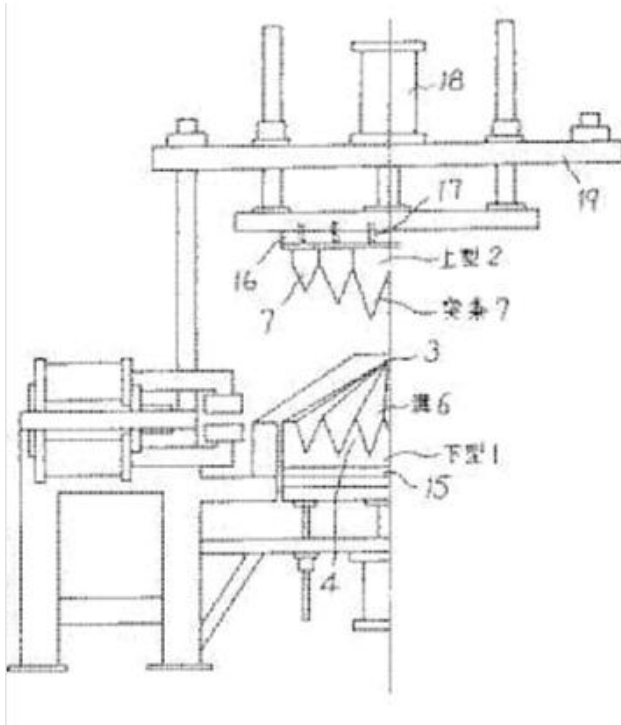


Kilting is a method of a perpendicular arrangement of flat, single plaits, each plait being folded so as to cover half the breadth of the preceding one (generally to make three thicknesses of stuff), as on kilt. A system of pleating a kilt in which one full set of the tartan pattern is taken up in each pleat, resulting in a reproduction of the pattern across the back of the kilt. Box pleats or knife pleats are used for pleating a kilt.

## 3. Goffering

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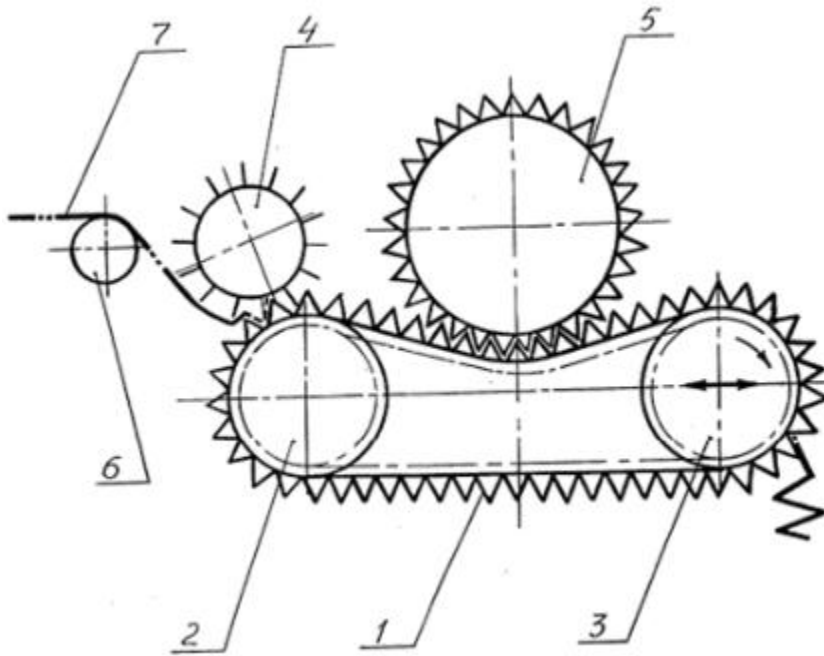


Goffering is the process of creating frills in textile fabrics or wearing apparel so that they are evenly and finely gathered, e.g. make wavy by means of heated goffering iron, or other forms of goffers by pressing or stamping with patterned tools as shown.

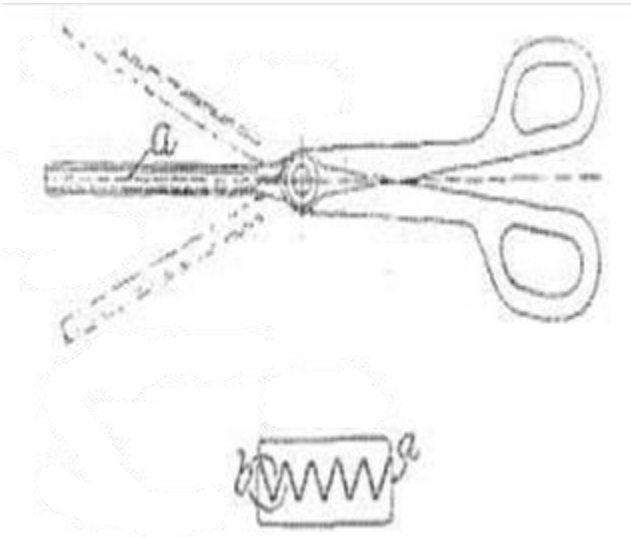
#### 4. Pressing or stamping device

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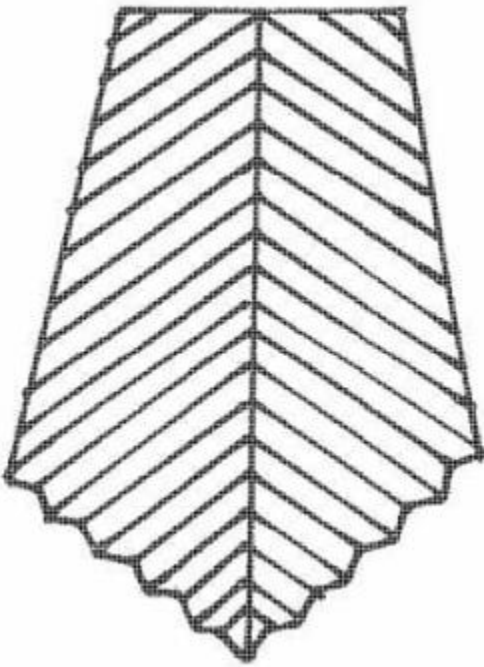
#### 5. Goffering scissors



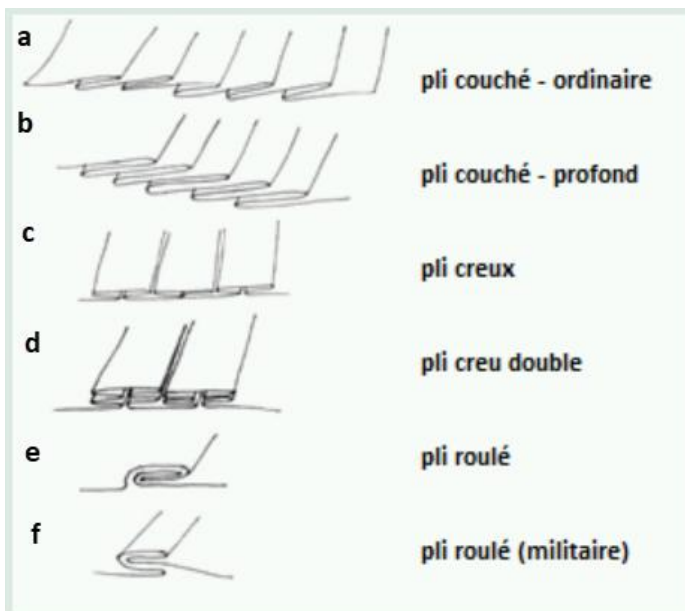
#### 6. Herringbone goffer pattern

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7. Forms of pleats or the like, e.g. accordion pleats, kilt pleats, box pleats or goffers



In Figure 7: (a) plain folds or pleats, (b) double folds or pleats, (c) box pleats, (d) double box pleats, (e) rolled pleats and (f) military rolled pleats.

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Insert: The following new Relationships section.

### **Relationships with other classification places**

Between subclass **D06J** and subclasses **D06B**, **D06C**, **D06F** and **D06M**, multiple classification can be used.

When classifying methods or apparatus for pleating, kilting or goffering textile fabrics or wearing apparel, subclass **D06J** can be used together with other subclasses:

- **D06B** or **D06M** if different kinds of particular treatment of textile fabrics or wearing apparel are applied before or during making pleats;
- **D06C** if the treatment of textile fabrics or wearing apparel is applied after making pleats, e.g. such finishing treatment as setting covered by group **D06C7/02** or pressing or ironing covered by group **D06C15/00**; and
- Main group **D06F71/00** that partially covers apparatus for forming pleats or goffers since the part of subclass **D06F** under the Guidance heading "Ironing; Pressing" (**D06F61/00** - **D06F79/00**) covers general aspects of ironing or pressing apparatus, mostly used for smoothing or removing wrinkles from clothes, linen or other textile articles but as well the aspects of special purpose, e.g. for forming pleats or goffers (group **D06F71/00**).

Pleating or kilting textile fabrics or wearing apparel, by weaving, is classified in subclass **D03D**.

### **References**

#### **Limiting references**

Replace: The existing Limiting references table with the following updated table.

Pleating or kilting textile fabrics or wearing apparel, by sewing	<b>D05B</b>
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#### **Informative references**

Replace: The existing Informative references table with the following updated table.

Processes or apparatuses for shaping plastics by folding	<b>B29C53/00</b>
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Corrugating or creasing paper, or material worked in a manner analogous to paper, without removing material	B31F
Folding thin materials	B65H45/00
Pleating or kilting textile fabrics or wearing apparel, by weaving	D03D
Treating textile fabrics or wearing apparel after forming pleats or goffers	D06C
Apparatus for hot-pressing or cold-pressing clothes, linen or other textile fabrics for forming pleats or goffers	D06F71/00

Delete: The entire Special rules section.

### **Glossary of terms**

Replace: The existing Glossary of terms table with the following updated table.

goffer (also gauffer)	an iron or a heated tool used for pressing ridges or narrow pleats; to make wavy, flute or crimp with a heated iron. An ornamental frill made by pressing pleats; a series of pleats, crimps or flutes.
kilt pleat	a perpendicular arrangement of flat, single plaits, each plait being folded so as to cover half the breadth of the preceding one
kilt	a garment with pleats
kilting	providing a garment with kilt pleats
pleat	a fold in cloth made by doubling the material upon itself and then pressing it into place. Pleats can be pressed (i.e. ironed), non-pressed for round folds or heat-set for sharp creases.
textile fabrics	woven, knitted and non-woven textile fabrics



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## Synonyms and Keywords

Replace: The existing Synonyms and Keywords section with the following updated text and table.

*In patent documents, the following words/expressions are often used as synonyms:*

- “pleat”, “flute”, “crimp”, “fold”, “plait” and “crease”

*In patent documents, the following words/expression are often used with the meaning indicated:*

dart	tapered tuck stitched in a garment in order to shape it
goffering	corrugating
pleating	folding