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**ON BRANCH VOCABULARY DENOTING WEAVING  
AND KNITTING**

One of the significant factors for the thorough study of the Georgian language is the consideration of peculiarities of branch vocabulary. Lexical material reflecting handiwork demonstrates the close ties of the language and the public. The recording and study of units linked with one or another kind of handiwork in various dialects are especially important. Weaving and knitting are among the most common kinds of handiwork in Georgia. In the past only women were engaged in this activity, which is reflected in vocabulary.

Although every province of Georgia has its own leading branch of economy, weaving and knitting are widespread almost everywhere. The techniques of this branch are more or less similar, the implements being similar accordingly.

We have traced up to 1000 lexical units, of these 101 units denote thread with 300 dialectal forms, 76 denote hand-knitting, 47 - knitting at home, 100 - tools of knitting, 100 - knitting pattern.

Notably, the interest of the public in weaving and knitting is gradually fading, which causes the decrease of the number of words linked with this branch. Therefore, it is necessary to record them completely and trace parallels in the dialects, remote from one another. After carrying out this task, it turned out that some of these lexical units are identical in various provinces, however, mostly different stems are used to denote the same notions.