Smooth as sik

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Being mentioned in so many poems, being the muse of the romantics, silk has a reputation to live up to. Everything, from the culturing to the fineness of the finished fabric, has an interesting story to tell.

The connotation of silk has also been borrowed into many metaphors. 'Smooth as silk', for instance, refers to any activity that has been undertaken, or will occur, very smoothly - a testament to the cloth's fineness.

Meanwhile, 'Zuo jian zi fu' in Chinese means to spin a cocoon around oneself, to enmesh oneself in a web of one's own spinning: to fall in one's own trap.

And such was the economic importance of the fabric that it paved the legendary Silk Road. Of course, silk was not the only commodity that travelled through the route - different goods, cultures and even maladies commuted to and fro. But the name reflects the enormous importance and popularity of silk.

The exquisiteness of silk has an unparalleled charm; the way silk feels on the skin and the way silk clings to a contour.

Alluring and splendid, it has always been a favourite; and has had secured a special place in the wardrobe.

