

**Dam'ask**, *n.* [It. *dommasco*, from *Damascus*.] (*Manuf.*)

A kind of wrought linen chiefly made in Flanders, so called because its large flowers resemble those of damasks, which were a sort of silk stuff, having some parts raised above the ground, representing flowers or other figures. They obtained this appellation from their having been invented at Damascus. *D.* linen is chiefly used for tables. A table-cloth and a dozen of napkins of this material are called a *damask service*.

—*a.* Of the color of damask, or of the rose so called; as, a "*damask cheek*." (*Shaks.*) — Pertaining or relating to the city of Damascus, or to its textile productions.

—*v. a.* To form flowers or foliage on woven stuffs.