Horseshoe Canyon Pictographs and Correlation to Textile Production:

The Clothes Make the Man
Horseshoe Canyon Rock Art

The rock art sites start at the foot of the trail. Different styles suggest different ages. Is the Alcove older than the Great Gallery?
Where is the genius? Where is the glamour?
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Textile Comparisons
Zig-zags

Original

Skull Cap
Pecos River
Horseshoe Cave, TX
1690-1940 BC

courtesy of S. Turpin and
Arizona State Museum

DStretch
LAB setting
Textile Comparisons
Fringe and Bands

Original

Great Gallery
DStretch LAB

Mummy Bags, White Dog Cave. Basketmaker II
Courtesy of PMAE

Fringed bag. Grand Gulch. Basketmaker II
Courtesy AMNH
Textile Comparisons
Spots and Bars

Original

Great Gallery
DStretch LDS

Weft-wrapped open-work. Post-AD 1100
courtesy of ASM
Map of Sites Mentioned
Textile Comparisons
Mortuary Bags

Mortuary Bags with 2 bags, one for the head and one for the body.
White Dog Cave. Basketmaker II
Courtesy PMAE
Textile Comparisons

Mortuary Wrappings

Mortuary wrapping. Artist conception after S. Turpin. AD 340, Moorehead Cave, Lower Pecos River, TX

Basket infant burial pouch. Artist conception after S. Turpin. 100 BC, Horseshoe Cave, Lower Pecos River, TX
Looking for answers.

Cowboy and Walters Caves in Horseshoe Canyon, up canyon 5 kilometers from Great Gallery
Weaving at Cowboy Cave. Sorry, no mats, no cloth, no burials. Yes there are baskets. Best of all are spindle whorls. Spindle whorls?

Cowboy Cave spindle whorls, from strata dating 6160 BC - AD 650
Spinning yarn or thread with a drop spindle. Then and now.

Aztec, Codex Mendoza

Romania
Spindle whorls

Forked Stick Alcove, ca AD 1130-1175
Basketmaker II

Old Woman, AD 700–1200
Fremont

Widows Ledge, Pueblo II-III

Sky House, Nine Mile Canyon, AD 950-1200
Whorls from Archaic precede Basketmaker. Did the Archaic teach the Basketmaker spinning?

Cowboy Cave, 6160 BC – AD 650, Archaic

Hogup Cave, 3890 – 1250 BC, Archaic

Sudden Shelter, 3970 - 3030 BC, Archaic
Jennings 1959 UUAP 43, Fig. 763

Crumbling Kiva, AD 1225-1250, BM
Old vs New Cloth

Hells Midden, CO. Fremont
Courtesy CO Natural History Museum

Modern Denim
Fibers for spinning

Yucca

Milkweed

Cotton

Dogbane (Indian Hemp)

Animal Hair
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Western vs Eastern Basketmaker II*

Classic = White Dog Cave
People migrated from the south
Basketry 2 rod and bundle
Atlatl – side notched darts
Cross woven yucca sandals

No classic site
Derived from indigenous Archaic
Basketry half rod and bundle
Late replacement of atlatl with bow and arrow
Twilled woven tule sandals

* Mower 2006, Basketmaker Mortuary Practices
Prehistoric Whorls of the Southwest Comparison

Whorls from sherds appeared first in Tehuacan, Mexico, 1500 – 900 BC and were later replaced by clay whorls.

Sherd whorls start in the Sonoran Desert ca. AD 500 – 700 and on the Colorado Plateau later with the arrival of cotton.

Clay whorls in the Southwest start AD 800.

Something strange is happening in the Archaic. Clay spindle whorls predate Greater Southwestern whorls by ~ 3000 years and sherd whorls in Mexico by ~ 1000 years!
The Wrap-Up