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n.

A fabric with contrasting horizontal stripes.

[French *bayadère*, from Portuguese *bailadeira*, dancer, from *bailar*, to dance, from Late Latin *ballāre*; see [BALL](#)².]

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