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- n.*
1. A soft tufted cord traditionally of silk, cotton, or worsted used in embroidery or for fringing.
 2. Fabric made of or resembling this cord, commonly used for bedspreads or rugs.

[French *chenille*, caterpillar, chenille, from Latin *canīcula*, diminutive of *canis*, dog; see **kwon-** [in the Appendix of Indo-European roots](#).]

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