

Textiles: The Art of Fabric

Get Creative with Cloth: Join, Stitch, and Design!

- Textiles are materials made from natural or synthetic fibres. When choosing fabric, we must consider its properties, such as whether it is stretchy, waterproof, or soft to touch.
- A template is a physical pattern used to ensure your fabric pieces are exactly the right size and shape before you begin to cut your material.
- Joining fabrics together can be done in many ways. You might use a simple running stitch, a strong overstitch, or even fabric glue for temporary decorations.
- Appliqué is a brilliant technique where you sew smaller pieces of fabric onto a larger base fabric to create colourful patterns or pictures.
- Always remember your seam allowance! This is the extra space between the edge of your fabric and your stitch line, which stops the material from fraying.

Did you know? Did you know? The word 'textile' comes from the Latin word 'texere', which means 'to weave'. Before we had sewing machines, every piece of fabric was joined together by hand using needles made from bone or wood!

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