

Traditionally children's clothing and fabric toys were well made and treasured and often handed down to other children in the family. This practice saved money and was good for the environment.



Design task 1

Innovative and unique children's learning toys are very popular as gifts. An exclusive craft shop has commissioned you to produce a range of original designs to appeal to their customers. Design and make a textile product that will be an educational toy for the 0-5 year age range.

Design task 2

You have been commissioned by a national supermarket chain to design a range of boys or girls clothes for the 5-8 year age range. They are keen to promote the current trend forecast. Design a range for the summer collection and make up one product.





Different cultures of the world provide textile designers with a wealth of inspiration. Whether it is through their artists, fashion designers, special occasions, music, festivals or seasonal celebrations they all provide pattern, colour and texture essential to the development of inspirational textile products.

Design task 1

A popular high street store has commissioned you to design a fashion garment or accessory to wear at a special occasion event. Your design is to be inspired by the colours, spirit, and pattern offered by another culture.

Design task 2

Many young people are keen to go to University. Student accommodation is often very basic and without the home comforts many are use to. A charity shop on a University campus has invited you to design a range of textile products that would prove popular with students. The shop is keen to promote decorative products that have been inspired by other cultures and make use of recycled fabrics. Make at least one product that could be sold at the University shop.





Popular tourist attractions such as Wildlife Sanctuaries, Art Galleries, Farms, National Gardens and Museums often promote their exhibits by selling limited range gifts in their craft shops. Textile products are always a popular feature.

Design task 1

A manufacturing company which supplies gift shops around the British Isles has commissioned you to design a range of textiles, decorative products. Design and make one of the products from the range that would be a best seller with visiting tourists.

Design task 2

You have been asked by a national Art Gallery to design a range of fashion accessories or home interior products inspired by the work of a featuring artist e.g. Gustav Klimt. Make up one item from your range with appeal to the gallery gift shop visitors.





Designers have a responsibility to design products that address environmental issues. It has become fashionable to design sustainable textile products, using recycled second hand products, re using fabrics and components as well as fabrics from other industrial sources e.g. hessian from rice sacks. The use of organic cotton, biodegradable fibres/fabrics has become a strong feature in the sale of many high street brands. Fair Trade textile products are becoming increasingly available and their sale helps to support developing countries.

Design task 1

'People Tree' is a company which supplies textile products for consumers who care about the environment and also wish to support international Fair Trade. You have been asked to design a new range of home furnishing products inspired by the cultural influences of a developing country. Make up at least one item from your range.

Design task 2

Design and make a promotional fashion garment, accessory or decorative product for the window display of a high street Oxfam shop. The product should be made from recycled, donated textiles.





Many young people choose to express their individuality through the clothes they wear and the accessories they use. Alternative, offbeat, unusual, out of the ordinary, crazy style fashion, the 'in thing', the rage, a new trend and hip are all words that inspire our nations up and coming fashion designers!

Design task 1

Current trend forecasts show that the Japanese Street Style is set to influence fashion in the near future. This trend lends itself to the creation of garments which make use of recycled textile products, materials and components. You have been commissioned by a popular High Street store to design a fashion garment or accessory which reflects this influence.

Design task 2

Design and make a fashion garment or accessory suitable for the 18-23 year age range taking your inspiration from either 'The Age of Punk' or the 'Swinging Sixties'. If the product is successful it will form part of a limited range to be sold at Music Festivals throughout the country.



Technological advances in both textiles fabric manufacture and electronics technology have seen an increase in the number of multi - functional, interactive textile products on the market.

Design task 1

A designer of uniforms has recognised a gap in the market for school uniform products that offer a child protection in the dark. Design and make a 'Sew and be Seen' school uniform product that incorporates either or both reflective 'glow in the dark' fabrics and a special sound or light feature.

Design task 2

The popular store 'Pets at Home' have asked you to design a product for a pet, such as a dog, cat or horse that would be practical for the animal, appealing to the pet owner and offer protection from the dangers that night time brings.

