

Controlled Assessment Tasks: Textiles

Designers have a responsibility to design products that address environmental issues.

It has become fashionable to design sustainable textiles 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 textiles 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.

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.

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 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

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.