

Design and Technology Year 6 Autumn 1 – A Child's War



As part of your 'A Child's War' learning, you will be upcycling a t-shirt or pillowcase into a new product of better quality and use.

Textiles- Textiles is using fabrics and fibres to create products. Designers of textile products need to think about the purpose (what does it do?) the user (who will use it?) and the aesthetic (what does it look like?).

What we know so far

- In Year 1 we joined fabric together using glue to create a dinosaur puppet.
- In Year 2, we used a running stitch to create a flag for a ship.
- In Year 5 we used cross stitch to create a Tudor Sampler.
- We have considered how to create a suitable product for the consumer and evaluated it.

Key Vocabulary

Recycle – to re-use items that have previously been used.

Upcycle– transforming unwanted products into new materials or products of better quality.

Seam Allowance – the area between the fabric edge and the stitching line between two or more pieces of material being sewn together.

Go through your wardrobe

New Knowledge

During WW2, clothes were rationed and people were encouraged to repair, reuse and reimagine their clothes. This was known as the 'Make Do and Mend' campaign.

Textiles can be joined with a combination of different stitches.

Backstitch can be used to create a seam.



A running stitch can be used to join two fabrics together.

A blanket stitch can be used to reinforce the edge of thick materials.



Different materials and stitches can be used to create different visual and tactile effects for the purpose of the product.