

Project glossary

appliqué

Decorative needlework where small pieces of fabric are sewn or stuck onto a larger piece to form a pattern.

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block printing

A technique used to make printed patterns with engraved wooden blocks.

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breathable

Allowing air to pass through.

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colour palette

The range of colours used in a piece of artwork.

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cotton

A light, soft, natural fabric used to make clothing.

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denim

A woven fabric made from cotton that is used to make jeans, jackets and dresses.

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design criteria

The goals that a project must achieve to be successful.

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durable

Lasting for a long time without becoming damaged.

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embellishment

A decorative detail or feature added to something to make it more attractive.

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embroider

To sew patterns or pictures onto fabric using thread.

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fabric

A material made from intertwining yarns or threads.

Gore-Tex

A tough, synthetic fabric designed to repel water that is used to make items such as waterproof hiking jackets.

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The edge of an item of clothing that is folded over and sewn to prevent fraying.

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industry

The people and activities involved in making particular kinds of goods.

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lace

A delicate fabric made from silk, linen, cotton or synthetic fibres that is used to make luxury items, such as bridal gowns.

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leather

A natural material made from animal skin that is used to make items such as shoes, jackets and handbags.

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Lycra

A lightweight, synthetic material used to make sportswear and swimwear.

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motif

An image or design that can be repeated to make a pattern.

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natural fabric

A fabric obtained from plants or animals, such as cotton and silk.

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nylon

A synthetic or human-made fibre used to make outerwear, such as jackets and parkas.

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polyester

A human-made synthetic fabric made from petrol that is used to make sportswear.

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synthetic fabric

A fabric made by human or manufacturing processes, such as polyester and nylon.

versatile

Able to be used for many different purposes.

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wool

A natural material with antibacterial properties used to make warm clothing.

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woven

A fabric that has been made by interlacing vertical and horizontal threads.