



The Thomas Hardy School

Summer Preparation Task

Textiles A Level

Purpose of task:

To consider a product that you will manufacture in September for a specific client.

Task:

After consultation with your client:

1. Print out four commercial pattern ideas of suitable products. You will be manufacturing one of these in September. It should demonstrate more skills than your GCSE product.
2. Obtain a minimum of three suitable fabric swatches for the product.
3. Draw an A4 illustration of your product and annotate it. You must use a fashion template for this. Your illustration can use a variety of media and I would recommend that you research fashion illustration techniques for inspiration.

Recommended resources:

1. A good website for commercial patterns is www.jaycotts.co.uk

2. Shops that you could get fabric swatches from are:

- So 'n' Sews – Weymouth
- Hanson Fabrics – Sturminster Newton
- Steve Bane Fabrics - Dorchester
- Livingstone Textiles – Bridport
- Fabric Land – Poole

3. To help with fashion illustration:

- Use the internet or library for fashion figure templates and fashion drawing techniques.

Additional information:



In order to achieve a high mark for this part of the portfolio you will need to;

- Ensure that the product is innovative, develops your skills from GCSE, allows you to work accurately to demonstrate a range of high level decorative and construction skills using a range of materials.
- Base the product on a commercial pattern and adapt it in some way.
- Higher level skills could be demonstrated in an adult garment.
- Show creativity in your drawing. Treat the page like a sketch book and include any preliminary sketches or development work.

Recommended reading & activities list:

- Textile Innovation; Interactive, contemporary and traditional materials by Ros Hibberd. This can be purchased from the textiles department for £3.00
- How to draw like a fashion designer by Celia Joicey
- Contemporary fashion illustration techniques by Naoki Watanabe
- Big book of fashion illustration by Martin Dawber

Deadline for Task: First lesson in week commencing 11th September 2017