

# 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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**hem**

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.